

THE YOUNGTOWN EDITION

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS' AWARD-WINNING STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Student government hopefuls campaigning across campus

BY ANTHONY INGHAM
Sports Editor

The race for positions on the Student Government Association is on as prospective campus leaders are campaigning around campus for votes.

The positions currently vacant are the vice president, Inter-Club Council president, treasurer, secretary, and 20 senators are also needed. The senators serve as representatives to committees within the campus, including the Academic Standards Committee, Accessibility Awareness Committee, Curriculum Committee, Diversity Committee, Safety Committee and Student Affairs.

Student Elections take place from Thursday, Oct. 11, to Friday, Oct. 12 via Blackboard. The current president is Emely Herrera.

CCM's club listing says that

the SGA is the governing body for all students enrolled. It's mission is to further the well-being of the student body by representing students on various college committees.

"I hope that the SGA can have a stronger presence on campus this year," said Natalie Otero, SGA senator. "It's never a bad thing to have more members informing more people about the well-being of our students."

Individual positions have their own responsibilities, powers, and duties, such as the senators having the ability to enact any by-laws and rules that are deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the SGA, or even the president being the official representative of the student body to the college community and the public.

"It's an extremely important



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SGA vice presidential candidate Emma Mendoza and Senator Natalie Otero.

process that the members have to take, something almost like a tradition," said Don Phelps, di-

rector of campus life and faculty adviser to the SGA. "We've been doing things this way for the last

25 years, and so far it's worked pretty well."

In order for the students to be elected, they must complete a section of the SGA's Election Brochure, part of which involves obtaining signatures from 25 students to inform the students that the candidate is running, getting an interview with the Nomination Committee, and receiving at least two-thirds approval from them.

"Everyone should know that we are open to them, and we want to hear from the people so we can present these issues to the student body and make them more aware," said SGA Senator and Black Student Union President Henry Agyei. "Student support is the lifeblood of the SGA, and without it, our club and CCM would definitely have more problems than they would have otherwise."

CCM applies for increased state aid College denied for this year, optimistic for fall 2019

BY BRETT FRIEDENSOHN
Editor-in-Chief

County College of Morris President Dr. Anthony Iacono, along with representatives from all 18 other community colleges in New Jersey, met Governor Phil Murphy at Union County Community College Thursday, Sept. 27 to vie for acceptance into Murphy's new tax-funded scholarship program.

The effort, called "Community College Opportunity Grants," is intended to cover costs for community college students who have exhausted all other need-based federal and state grants. The pilot version of this program is set to begin for the spring 2019 semester in 13 community colleges whose counties' residents, on average, make lower incomes. As Morris County is on average a more affluent area, CCM will not be one of the pilot colleges. However, Iacono said that he hopes that all 19 community colleges receive these benefits by the fall 2019 semester. Murphy will try to increase the amount of money allocated to community colleges for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

"Here's the thing people misunderstand, that colleges are getting money; the colleges don't see any money," Iacono said. "So I think that's a very positive thing because the intent is to really help students, and I think there's a couple of really positive things about this. Clearly, the Murphy administration really sees community colleges as a part of a solution



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Governor Phil Murphy celebrates Quest Diagnostics' Seattle office headquarters opening.

to really strengthening New Jersey's innovation economy. Two is he really believes in community colleges."

Prior to his election in November 2017, Murphy made it one of his campaign promises to establish free community college in the state, and in July, Murphy's budget allocated \$25 million to community college. Each eligible college will receive \$250,000 for their students, and qualify for this aid, a student must come from a household whose earnings are

\$45,000 or less per year.

"There's a recognition that to have a great workforce, you need to have an educated workforce," Iacono said. "And we should not be losing people because they lack a little bit of money, and I always argue if you help them get their jobs, they're going to pay that money back in taxes ten-fold over. So it's a smart, smart economic investment, and that's what he's after. So we feel really excited about it. We really appreciate what the governor is doing."

CCM Financial Aid Director Harvey Willis said that he is confident in fall 2019 as a goal for receiving this aid.

"It will benefit a lot of students because it will benefit primarily the needy students because their family income has to be at least \$45,000 or less to qualify," Willis said. "So again, we're very hopeful that it will launch for the next school year, but I just want to make it clear that the prerequisite for qualification is that they complete the FAFSA which is the free application for federal student aid. That's a requirement for pretty much a majority of the aid. Whether they qualify for the grant or not, it's still beneficial to complete the FAFSA. And I also want to mention that eligibility is for tuition and fees after, and I stress, after all other federal and state moneys are factored in."

Willis said that the covered fees are only college-prescribed fees such as the college fee and

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Students still undecided as midterms approach

BY ADAM GENTILE
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As the midterm elections are approaching Tuesday, Nov. 6, some County College of Morris students are vying for one specific party while others are unsure or not planning to vote at all.

New Jersey has one Senate seat up for election, with incumbent Democrat Bob Menendez defending his position against his Republican counterpart Bob Hugin, who is within two percentage points of Menendez in a Stockton University poll released Monday, Oct. 1. Also in the race is Madelyn Hoffman of the Green Party and Murray Sabrin of the Libertarian Party.

In the House of Representatives, voters in all of New Jersey's 12 Congressional districts will elect a representative.

The 11th District encompasses CCM's campus and takes up most of Morris County as well as some municipalities in Essex, Bergen, Union, Sussex, and Passaic counties. In its race, the incumbent Republican Rodney Frelinghuysen has decided to not seek reelection, thus guaranteeing a new representative for the first time since he took office in 1994. Mikie Sherrill, a former navy pilot and federal prosecutor, who won the Democratic primary will challenge Republican Jay Webber, who is currently serving as an assemblyman for New Jersey's 26th district.

The other district in Morris County is the seventh district which includes western Morris municipalities such as Roxbury,

Wharton, Chester, and Mount Olive; while also encompassing parts of Warren, Somerset, and Union counties and all of Hunterdon County.

That seat has been held since 2009 by Leonard Lance, another Republican, who is challenged by Democrat Tom Malinowski, who served as assistant secretary of state for human rights under President Barack Obama, and worked on the Human Rights Council under President Bill Clinton.

Muhammad Akhter, an engineering science major, said that he has not followed the election as much as he has wanted.

"I've been using up whatever free time I have to look into whose running and what their issues are," Akhter said.

Akhter said that he will be voting for Democrats "mainly because of the issues, not really the people."

Lisa Foran, a graphic design student, said she is a registered voter and is planning on casting a ballot in the upcoming election. She said that she hasn't been keeping up to date with the election, but would prefer that the Republicans maintain control of the house and senate and gain more local seats.

Jessica Johnson, a fine arts major, said she is not planning on voting this year because she has not been following any of the elections and does not want to make an uninformed decision.

"It's kind of messed that its a vote for one party or the other," she said. "It's either black or white for voting."

Johnson said that there should

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The Youngtown Way Back When

BY DR. NOEL ROBINSON
Professor Emerita, 1970-2011

I was a member of the English department from 1970, the third year the school opened, until 2011 when I retired. My very earliest memories of the Youngtown center on Professor Mary Hires, the first adviser. Mary was a diminutive blond, always smiling and a firehouse of energy. She had come to the English department from California where she had taught for a number of years and had far more experience than many of us. She was completely devoted to the Youngtown. No matter what time I left campus, she was always in her office, chain-smoking, surrounded by the Youngtown students, plugging away to put out the best Youngtown possible.

Honestly, I don’t recall much about the intervening years until I took over as adviser in 1997 and began teaching journalism as coordinator of the program. I continued to advise the Youngtown for 10 years and greatly enjoyed it although it was hard work. The most difficult task for me was learning to use the publication software to get the paper into print. Not only did I have to learn QuarkXPress, but I had to be able

to teach it in my editing and publication design class.

Student Augustine Adda, editor of the paper, was an incredible help to me. Augustine was an amazing young man, incredibly intelligent, a voracious reader and thrilled to be enrolled at CCM. He arrived from Ghana, where he was actually a prince of his tribe, and adapted very well to life as a college student here. He very patiently taught me the software, and, believe me, it was no easy job. After a semester or so, I was finally comfortable with Quark. In later years, we switched to Adobe InDesign, so there was another learning curve for that.

For many years, Campus Life hired Wilma Martin, a professional technical editor, to help teach the publication software and to help with the layout of the Youngtown. While I was adviser, every other Friday beginning about 2 p.m. the Youngtown staff, Wilma, and I would gather in the journalism classroom and computer lab to lay out the paper. Many Friday evenings, it was as late as 7 or 8 p.m. when the hard-working young editors and writers would finally put the paper to bed.

The quality of the articles and the overall Youngtown itself had been good for years, but it got even better when I received

permission from the vice president to require all students in the journalism classes to work a few hours during the semester on the paper and to submit articles. The requirement was included in the course descriptions for the classes. Beginning then, for each edition of the paper, there were quality articles and usually enough students showing up to help the editors with the layout and design.

In the late 1990’s I also began encouraging my students to submit the Youngtown for the Columbia Scholastic Press Awards and for the New Jersey Press Association awards. Over the years, I am proud to say, we did very well. The paper itself was recognized by both groups with highest honors a number of times. I was even happier when individual students received awards, and there were many. How terrific that the Youngtown has continued to be an award-winning student newspaper in recent years, too.

Of course, my fondest memories of the Youngtown center on the outstanding students who wrote for it and/or worked on publication. Chief among those are the super-dedicated editors. Here are just a handful, and I know for sure I’m leaving others out.

When the tragedy of 9 /11 struck, our Youngtown staff hit

the ground running under editor Will Hagerty. They sought out local angles, including the story of a daughter of an employee who barely escaped with her life. It’s not easy to churn out a good quality edition under pressure of a deadline. Will had the additional obligation of being asked to address remarks at a college-wide observance of the tragedy.

Mindy Drexel, who is still a friend, was editor or managing editor for five semesters and did an outstanding job both as a writer and in layout and design, which she loved. Under her leadership, the paper achieved Gold Medal status from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Mindy herself received four first-place awards from the NJ Press Association and a number of other students were recognized also.

Like a number of other students who were serious about journalism, Mindy is now pursuing a career in journalism or communications. She served as a copy production editor at the Record and Herald News and is now returning to graduate school.

Students Diego Ortiz and Shawn Aiken, also very memorable editors, both always loved writing and in recent years have been pursuing writing other than journalism. Brendan Kutty, who al-

ways could make everyone laugh or smile, now has his dream job covering the Yankees for NJ.com. Dave Danzis is also a mighty happy camper. He was a reporter at the New Jersey Herald for a number of years where he was recognized with a number of prestigious awards and is now a reporter for the Press of Atlantic City.

Although the Youngtown always involved very hard work for both me and the editors in the 10 years I served as adviser, it was an incredibly rewarding experience, and I believe for the students. At a community college where students are only with us for two years, it’s not usually possible for professors to get to know students as well as I did my Youngtown editors. That was one of the best parts of the work.

Also, I know that the Youngtown students firmly believed in the importance of what they were doing, reporting on events in and outside the college, covering sports, writing opinion pieces and editorials, all to keep their fellow students informed and to foster a sense of community. In our current environment, good journalism is more important than it’s ever been.

Congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the Youngtown, and keep up the good work!

AID

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technology fee, not external fees such as a personal laptop. Also, he said that he thinks it will have an impact on enrollment.

“It’s a good thing; we’re very excited about the program, and as far as I’m concerned, as an aide administrator, it’s way overdue,” he said. “I think it will have an impact, and really addressing, primarily let’s say, the independent students that are really returning to college, you know, past CCM students that never completed, and they’re coming back. Because of financial reasons, that’ll definitely attract those students again. Most importantly, now that we can start awarding certificate students financial aid. Those students that are returning for, let’s say, jobs retraining, things like that, part of a career development program, et cetera.”

More than 46 percent of CCM stu-

dents benefit from need-based financial aid, according to Iacono.

“There are plenty of individuals who are smart, who are talented, but do need the financial support,” Iacono said. “You guys build our future, and any time we don’t help you as much as we can, it clips that future. So it hurts you, and ultimately, it hurts all of us.”

On the day of the meeting, Murphy said in a press release that tuition-free community college is crucial to the state’s economy.

“NJ’s community colleges play a critical role in preparing students for the workforce & meeting the demands of a growing economy,” Murphy wrote. “Over 13,000 students will benefit from our first-ever CC Opportunity Grants, as we seek to make community college tuition-free.

FAFSA applications opened Monday, Oct. 1; students can fill out the application at the CCM Financial Aid Office.

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be less tribalism in political discourse.

“Everyone is really angry right now, and nobody knows what to put their anger towards,” Johnson said. “People are just lashing out at each other, and it’s kind of scary... I feel that people really need to come together cause then people are just fighting each other.”

Kymber Hinkling, an engineering science major, said she is still undecided as to whether or not she wants to vote this year.

“I don’t agree with either party or the party system and think that it’s fundamentally limiting to our democratic freedoms,” she said. “If we don’t abandon the red vs. blue politics we are going to see a lot more

tribalism.”

However, she said that she is aware of her local candidates.

“An official came to my house and gave me an overview of the candidates who were running,” she said.

Caleb Doherty, a mathematics education specialization major, also said that two-sided politics obstructs civilized dialogue.


“Nationally we have a lot of problems in our system. I feel that polarization where if people are on different sides where we can’t have civil discussion is a big problem”

If you haven’t registered to vote yet and want to participate in the midterm elections, you can register at <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information.html>. The mail-in voter registration deadline for New Jersey is Tuesday, Oct. 16.

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Pumpkin spice and everything nice about fall come to CCM

BY GIANNA PEREIRA
Contributor

As fall ramps up, many County College of Morris students have expressed appreciation for the season with cold weather and Halloween celebrations.

“I’m excited that I don’t have to deal with bugs anymore,” said Jessica Haines, a liberal arts major at CCM. “I like the season because of my birthday.”

During the fall season, fashion trends change like the weather does, and Haines said that fall fashion has always been considered comfortable clothing. Sweatshirts, jeans, and sneakers are the articles of clothing Haines said that she wears during the fall season.

“I like wearing it,” Haines said. “This is my normal style, so I like it a lot.”

A common trend during the fall season is the liking of pumpkin spice or anything pumpkin related. As several people during this time of year follow up the trend with all of the pumpkin, Haines completely disagrees and disregards pumpkin spice.

“I hate anything to do with pumpkin spice,” Haines said. “It is disgusting and it needs to stop.”

According to the National Retail Federation, this year more than 175 million Americans are planning on participating in the Halloween celebration.

“I love Halloween and am so excited for it to come,” Haines said. “My Halloween plans are to dress up and go to school, where I have three classes this semester.”

Haines said that there are a few characters she will need to decide from regarding how she will dress.

“I haven’t fully decided yet on what I am going to be,” she said. “90 percent sure a redhead, so I’m stuck between Kim Possible, Black Widow, and Jessica Rabbit.”

As several people love the season because of pumpkin spice and Halloween, many enjoy the start of the football season, but



PHOTO BY NACHI ALLAH

Students gather in the Learning Resource Center cafeteria which sells Starbucks products.

Haines said that she is not a dedicated fan to any team.

“Football is ok, the fights my family has over it is hilarious though,” Haines said. “But if I were to root for someone, it would be for the Cowboys, so go Cowboys.”

Similar to Haines, other students are not as fond of football like others during this time of year.

“I am all right with football, don’t really watch it that much,” said Gibbons, a game design major. “I guess I will say the Eagles are my favorite team.”

Gibbons said that he is excited for fall weather and enjoys wearing jackets, sweatpants, and sneakers.

“I like dressing this way,” Gibbons said. “It is a casual outfit for fall weather.”

Knowing how popular pumpkin spice is during this season, Gibbons expressed his thoughts on it.

“I enjoy having pumpkin spice,” Gibbons said. “I will have it when it’s around.”

This year, Starbucks launched their seasonal pump-

kin spice latte Aug. 28 instead, according to Forbes, instead of Sept. 1, its usual launch date.

“Not a big Halloween person, I mean I enjoy it but not as much like I don’t go out trick or treating or anything,” Gibbons said. “I don’t have anything planned on the day, just probably going to stay home and watch movies.”

Joe Radwan, an information technology major, said that fall weather helps him dress more comfortably for work.

“I am mainly looking to get passed fall, I play a lot of winter sports like ski and snowboard,” he said. “I do a lot of manual labor at my job, so I usually wear jeans or maybe even a long sleeve flannel with the sleeves rolled ... I like dressing like that.”

Unlike Haines, Radwan said that he loves the trend of pumpkin spice, not caring who else likes or dislikes it.

“I love pumpkin spice,” Radwan said. “You can call me white all you want, but I love pumpkin, like pumpkin in hot chocolate.”

Halloween is a popular holiday that is loved by many, especially by Radwan, as he ex-

pressed how much he loves the day and why.

Radwan said that during Halloween, he gets to spend time with long-time friends.

“Halloween is one of my all time favorite holidays,” he said. “My friend and I have been growing up together for the longest time now and we put together props and see if we can display them in places.”

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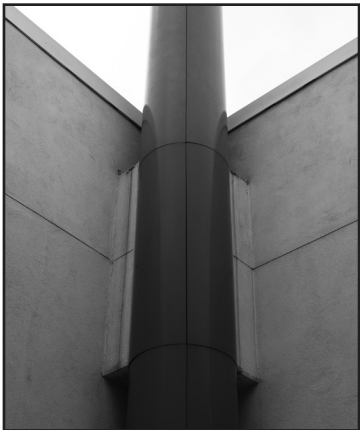


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Men’s soccer drops to 1-4 with loss to Brookdale

BY ANTHONY INGHAM
Sports Editor

The men’s soccer team at County College of Morris suffered a 2-0 loss at the hands of Brookdale Community College on Thursday, Sept. 27 regional home game.

This put the Titans, at 3-6 wins in their current season, with a record of 1-4 in region play.

Since that game, they have registered a region win and a loss which have put their record, at presstime, of 2-4 in the region and 4-7 overall. This places the Titans in 13th out of 17 total National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIX Division III teams. Ending the regular season with a .500 record will automatically earn them a seed in the Region XIX championship tournament.

Against Brookdale, they were coming off a three-game losing streak, with two of the games being in Region XIX competition, by beating Ocean Community College Saturday, Sept. 22.

“We were coming into this game pretty hyped, especially cause we felt like we won our last game against Ocean pretty convincingly,” said captain Kevin Pratt. “Especially since it was a



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Titans fight for control of the ball after going down 0-2 in the first half.

home game, so we wanted to show how good we can be.”

At presstime, Pratt has registered three goals and one assist, placing him in second place in goals among Titans players as Forward Mike Lauria has earned 5. With seven in the points column, he is tied with center Chris Rubio and trails only forward Mike Lauria who has recorded 10.

“We’re not done yet,” said Pratt. “We’ve had a rough start, and our current record might not

show our success, but it’s coming. And we’re only halfway through the season, so there’s a lot to come.”

Brookdale broke through the Titans solid defense and scored two crucial goals within the first 15 minutes of the game. They held this lead until the end of the game with some impressive passes and great communication between both teams and some excellent saves by both goalies.

“It’s pretty calm after games

like this,” said Mario Vieira, captain and center back. “We just talk about our mistakes and try to make them better before the next game.”

Vieira said that the team’s current record didn’t demonstrate how good the team actually was.

“We made a lot of mistakes today, so no one is too happy with our performance as a whole,” said Vieira. “But we know what we did wrong, and we’ll play better next game.”

Gabe Lazarre, forward and

captain, said that the season has been incredibly hectic and filled with unexpected detours.

“We’ve had our ups and downs; it’s been a rollercoaster,” he said. “We’ve had some tough games, we’ve had some crazy games, and I would definitely call this one of the tough ones ... We have talent, we just gotta go get it.”

The men’s next home game will be a regional contest against Union County College at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15.

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