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New SGA president: 'I want to help you'

BY ADAM GENTILE
Editor-in-Chief

A wide-eyed freshman wants to find an extracurricular outlet where she can continue to live her creed of trying to help as many people as she can. Luckily for her, CCM has volunteer-based clubs in abundance. However, she decided to ask herself a question: "where can I go to have a platform that can truly make a difference?" The answer that she arrived at was the Student Government Association (SGA), a platform that can enable her to help the entire student body and the surrounding communities. Fast forward to June of 2020 and now she finds herself as the new SGA president, Jenna Curran.

Curran comes from Den-ville and is studying political science. Curran mentioned that throughout her life her parents have helped to instill her values of helping as many people as she can.

"I have always been someone who loves to help people," Curran said. "My family raised me to always help somebody no matter who it is. If there is something that you can do to help them you help them, because you don't know what they've been through."

Curran mentions that during her first semester as a student senator she found that she had an

affinity for government.

"I was a senator for the student affairs committee the first semester and I loved it," Curran said. "So after I get my associates at CCM I'm planning on studying political science and I'm on a pre-law track. I was really just planning on going into law and becoming an attorney, but I didn't realize how much I would love government. But now that I'm in it and have worked on all of these projects, which unfortunately didn't happen due to COVID, I really got to understand the potential of what government can do."

One of Curran's canceled projects included the Escape the Vape event that was planned for May 1, however, Curran mentions that she plans on hosting anti-vaping style events when organized events can be reintroduced to campus.

Since becoming president, Curran mentioned she has been in meetings with several of CCM's deans, along with the vice president of student development and enrollment management Dr. Bette Simmons, and CCM president Dr. Anthony Iacono, and hopes that with these connections she can be more effective at organizing projects that can help the students.

Curran mentions that she believes that the role of SGA as a group is to act as an intermediary between the students and the



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New SGA president Jenna Curran.

administration of CCM.

"The students are not given as great of a platform as we are," Curran said. "For example, I have had constant contact with Dr. Iacono. I know that if I send him an email right now he will respond to me, but maybe if a student who was not involved in student government did they might not receive the same response that

I would get, and because of that a big part of my campaign was to improve communication between us [SGA] and the students, because if they are not telling us what needs to be done, then how can we help them get their message to whoever needs to hear it? And I really want to make sure that I can do whatever I can to help people no matter what prob-

lem they're facing. I want to help them."

Curran mentions that she believes that the best way for improving communication between SGA and the students of CCM involves making the organization feel more personal and by being the friendly face of the organization.

"This is a personal preference but I think people will be more responsive if a single person had control over the social media," Curran said. "They'd say 'Oh, Jenna Curran is running this I know who is behind the screen,' because the alternative is if someone reaches out to say the SGA on Instagram, and you don't know who's on the other side you may feel a little uncomfortable and not reach out."

Along with the @sga_ccm Instagram account, Curran has an alternative account currently named @curran_for_ccm_sga_president where she has a link in her bio that allows anyone from CCM to send to her comments, concerns, or complaints onto a google docs page.

Due to the current pandemic, it is uncertain whether or not the CCM campus will be open in the fall. However, if CCM is open, Curran's communication improvements will not only be

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Protests against police brutality spring up in Morris County

BY LUNA WROBLEWSKI
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Since George Floyd was killed by a white Minneapolis police officer, named Derek Chauvin, on May 25, 2020, all 50 states have witnessed protests, according to USA Today. While some of the protests have turned into riots, many of the demonstrations have been peaceful. One peaceful protest happened in Morris County June 7, 2020.

The protest was in Kinnelon NJ, a small town in the county with a police force of 16 full-time officers. The 2018 census says that about 81% of Kinnelon is white, and black members of the community are claiming that they have faced racism in their small town.

According to one of the speakers at the protest, a social media account run by students at Kinnelon High School targets



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Protesters knelt for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, the length of time Officer Chauvin was on George Floyd's neck.

Editorial: Get Published

If you always wanted to get published and never had the time until now, there are plenty of online opportunities with the Youngtown Edition. Students of all majors are welcome to get involved, and professors, faculty, staff and CCM community members can as well. Here's how you can get involved with us:

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Student journalists are looking for students, professors, faculty, staff and administrative members to interview for their articles. By participating, you answer a set of questions from a student journalist, where you get to answer and provide your opinions. Your statements can be published in an article about the Coronavirus, online classes, cancelled events, community

news and more. If you are interested in taking part in an interview, either through email or over the phone, please contact youngtownedition@gmail.com.

2. Write a Letter to the Editor

As always, the Youngtown accepts Letters to the Editor, which allows everyone at CCM to write to the newspaper. You may have read an article that was interesting and that you want to reflect on, or perhaps you have an opinion about an article, or an event, or even just current happenings and want to share it. Maybe you want to write about your experience transitioning online, or how you have more time than you expected and don't know what to do with it because of the quarantine. Send your letter signed with your full name to our email.

3. Draw a cartoon or comic

If you are an art major or just really like to draw, consider creating and drawing your own

cartoon and comics. Design your own characters and storyline. Any medium, including hand drawn and digital drawn, are acceptable. Cartoons can either be in black or white or color. Be creative and have fun with it. Be sure to scan in and send your cartoon as either a JPEG, PNG or PDF to youngtownedition@gmail.com.

4. Participate in Roving Reporter

Usually, student journalists and photographers search the halls of CCM looking for people to participate in Roving Reporter. This almost always requires providing a name, major, answer to a question and a photo. However, with the CCM campus being closed, the photo requirement has been lifted. If you have ever wanted to participate in Roving Reporter, but didn't want your photo taken, now is your chance. Follow @youngtownccm on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to partici-

pate in biweekly online Roving Reporter questions. Just send a direct message with your first and last name, major and answer to the question.

5. Create a puzzle

If you ever wanted to design your own word search, crossword puzzle, maze, riddle or any other type of puzzle, now is your chance. Create your own puzzle, design a theme for it if you so choose, and be creative. Also, be sure to include a copy of the answers to your puzzle. Please scan in and send your puzzle as a PDF or PNG to our email.

6. Share a recipe

If you enjoy cooking and baking, share a recipe for others to try at home. Either create your own recipe, share a family recipe, or provide a favorite recipe. If your recipe is not your own, please include what website or book you found it in. Please send your recipe typed out in either a word document or just in the email. Also, take

some photos of what you made and send as JPEGs. Send everything to youngtownedition@gmail.com.

7. Offer recommendations

If you have any recommendations on TV shows to watch, movies to stream, video games to play, apps to download, YouTubers to follow, music to listen to and more, write a recommendation of things you enjoy for others to check out. Send your recommendations to our email.

8. Write an article

Perhaps you have always wanted to write an article for the Youngtown. Write about any topic of your choice, and make it at least 200 words. Please remember bylines will only not be given if the student is a member of a club or organization mentioned in his or her own article. Send your article to youngtownedition@gmail.com by Sunday, April 5, to be considered for the next edition of the Youngtown.

Carrying on: juggling pregnancy with these uncertain times

BY DIANA IBARRA
Contributor

Pregnancy is supposed to be one of the most beautiful times in a woman's life. If you are currently expecting, we can agree that it has been a unique experience. Especially considering the times we are living in. The current pandemic has affected

every single person in the world, and it seems like it is only going to get worse before it gets better. What does that mean for those of us who are going to bring a new life into the world?

Everything was going smoothly up until a month ago, when I started hearing news reports about the Coronavirus. At the time, I was getting ready

to start a new job at a medical center. I was excited to be able to work a little before having my baby. That all came to a halt when I noticed that the virus was making its way to the U.S. My gut instinct kept telling me not to continue with the hiring process, and I am glad I didn't. So many soon-to-be mothers are still working because they are considered essential workers.

"I am in constant fear because I am in my first trimester," said Jennifer Farina, an essential

worker. "I have no choice but to continue to go into work and pray for the best."

This pandemic has meant that I have not been able to go to any of my scheduled prenatal appointments or ultrasound screenings. These appointments are what give us soon-to-be mothers peace of mind that everything is going well with our baby's health. I have had telephone conversations with the nurses and doctors at Morristown Medical Center (MMC)

who remind me that everything is going well thus far. I have been told that my birthing experience is going to be different due to the current circumstances.

"Mothers are only allowed to have one person with them during delivery and after birth," said Stephanie Gonzales, a nurse at MMC. "No visitors will be allowed to visit mother and baby and mother will be asked to wear a mask during her time in the hospital."

I was alarmed to hear the new rules that are being implemented, but I have come to terms with the decision and that it is the best course of action given the current crisis.

I was looking forward to having a baby shower, but that will not be possible because everyone is practicing social distancing. I was also considering an at-home newborn photoshoot for my baby once he is born, but I am going to pass on that as well. It is hard not to focus on everything I am missing out on during this pregnancy and to be resentful. I remind myself that the most important thing right now is to remain calm and healthy so that I can deliver a healthy baby boy. I firmly believe everything in life happens for a reason and that this all has its purpose, even though I may not see it right now. A quote from the author Margaret Mitchell says, "Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect." This experience is teaching me to let go of expectations and to be grateful for what I do have and to remain hopeful through adversity.

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College staff informs students on possible reopening and economic relief

BY ADAM GENTILE
Editor-in-Chief

CCM hosted an open virtual meeting that included members from the college's administration, faculty, and students Thursday, June 4. The meeting covered a variety of topics, including the status of CCM reopening in the fall, and how to collect further financial aid from the CARES act.

CCM President Dr. Anthony Iacono mentioned that the status of CCM reopening in the fall is up to Trenton, and that a factor in making that decision is whether or not the number of COVID-19 cases in New Jersey continues to lower.

"It is our hope to reopen the campus in the fall," Iacono said. "We are waiting for the governor to remove the executive order, and that will really as Trenton tells us remains contingent on what stage we are in, if the numbers keep going down, and other criteria are met then it's likely that we can return on campus. At the moment we have not received the green light yet."

Iacono mentioned that if the campus is reopened in the fall changes will most likely be in effect in order to prevent students from contracting COVID-19.

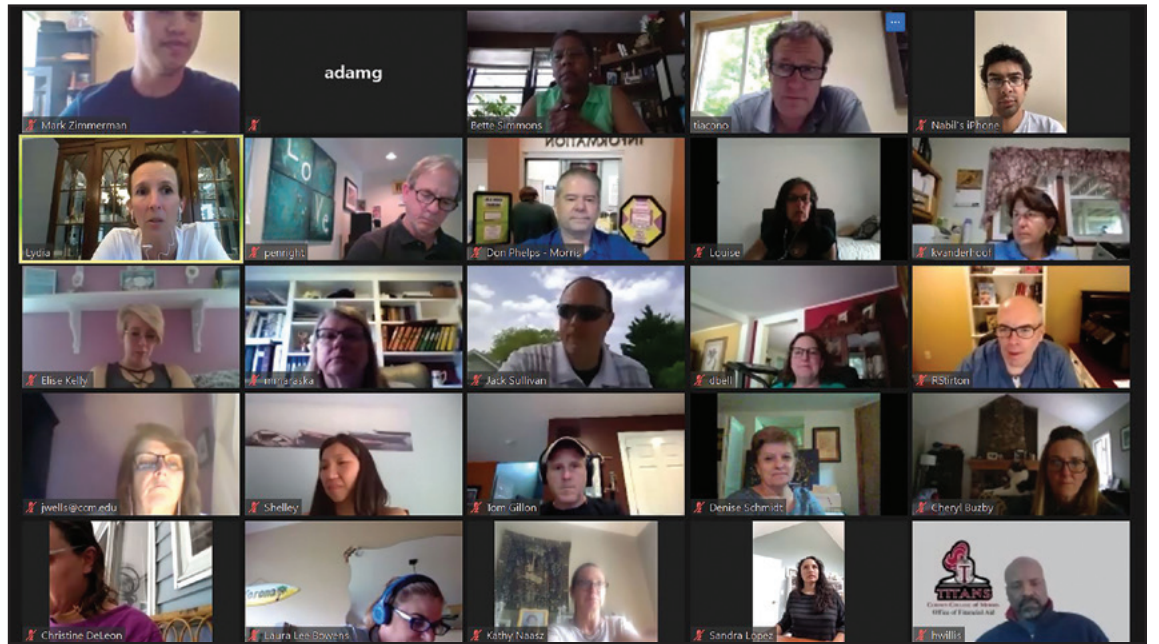
"Let's assume we reopen in September," Iacono said. "Most likely what we're looking at is

limited courses being offered on the campus and that's for safety's sake. So I would imagine that when we finish planning I'm sure we'll have it wrapped up shortly. We'll probably see something like 25 or less than 50% of courses being offered lived on the campus. And certain courses will be prioritized. If they can, health programs will be prioritized because they require a hands-on component, science labs will be prioritized, manufacturing courses, or really any class with a hands-on component."

Iacono mentioned that if a course is prioritized does not mean that there will be a guarantee that it will be offered live on campus.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 3, the act expanded unemployment benefits, provided aid and resources to hospitals, and provided places of higher education money in order to assist students who had difficulties transitioning to remote learning, or have been economically hurt due to COVID-19.

Harvey Willis, Director of financial aid, mentioned that students who already received support from the CARES act, but still need additional support and can contact the financial aid office through email.



CCM students, faculty, and administration participated in a virtual meeting June 4.

PHOTO BY ADAM GENTILE

"As far as the continuance of funding needed for CARES, we are going to request that for students who have already requested CARES dollars we are not going to ask you to fill out an application we are requesting that you send us an additional email that says in the subject line CARES funding and write a small paragraph. That is if you have already applied [for CARES], and you're enrolled for the fall, and you are still experienced financial hardship and give a quick summary as to what the hardship is"

Willis mentioned that stu-

students who have not already submitted a CARES application can still apply for the program, and that money for the relief could reach them within two weeks of submitting the application.

"If the student did complete the application and provided the supporting documents I would say that in three to four days that we are trying to turn this around," Willis said. "I will give caution to the students to be just a little bit patient, because remember those dollars are coming by you through the U.S postal service. It also needs to go through an ac-

counting office to process it, so I'm just asking students to just remain patient when you are waiting for the check. When it's all said and done it could take somewhere between a week and a week and a half for everything to go through the process."

Willis noted that students can still apply for FAFSA on top of applying for the CARES act.

For more information on the CARES act as it is related to CCM, visit: <https://www.ccm.edu/admissions/financialaid/ccmcares-studentemergencygrant/>, or contact ccmcares@ccm.edu.

Insulin prices continues to plummet during quarantine Seniors and uninsured afforded price cuts saving \$446

BY ANTHONY INGHAM
Fmr. News Editor

Resources such as insulin have become much harder for people to access during quarantine due to a lack of consumer income. However, insulin prices have been continually going down since March in an attempt to make it more affordable.

An article by the New York Times titled "Insulin Costs May Be Capped in a Medicare Program,"

published on March 11, discussed a recent recommendation from the Trump administration proposing a new Medicare pilot program to start in 2021. This would allow Americans aged 65 and older to have insulin for \$31 a month, which could save them an average of \$446, according to Medicare officials.

A few states have already decided to force insurers to limit personal spending on insulin, which include New Mexico, Colorado

and Virginia.

"We're hoping that manufacturers and the plans will do the right thing here and come together with a plan that will lower out-of-pocket costs for insulin," Seema Verma, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said in an interview to the NYT. "I think this is pretty significant."

Over 3 million Medicare beneficiaries take some form of insulin, with more than 34 million Americans being affected by diabetes. Some in the US have taken to rationing their insulin due to a lack of affordability.

According to an Access to Insulin and Supplies Survey by T1International, an organization that advocates for those affected by type 1 diabetes, insulin users in the United Kingdom, Brazil, India, Chile and Japan, among other countries, pay considerably less for many insulins than U.S. patients, even though the same insulins are provided by the same producers that supply the United States.

Eli Lilly, a pharmaceutical company and one of the three insulin manufacturers in the US market, announced April 7 that they will cap the co-pay cost for insulin

to \$35 dollars per vial for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. This deal will not be available to those with "government insurance," like Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Part D or any State Patient or Pharmaceutical Assistance Program, according to the CNBC article, "Eli Lilly lowers insulin costs as coronavirus crisis deepens."

American pharmaceutical company and another one of the insulin manufacturers, Novo Nordisk, announced April 14 that those who have lost health insurance coverage because of a change in job status due to the COVID-19 pandemic may now be eligible for enrollment in their Diabetes Patient Assistance Program (PAP) and receive insulin for the next 90 days. People applying for this program must have a valid prescription for a Novo Nordisk insulin and must provide documentation that shows they have lost health-care coverage or that they are being offered Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) benefits. If you can't access those documents, the company said that they will provide an immediate supply option.

The free insulin offer is only

for 90 days. If any person is denied Medicaid benefits, however, Novo Nordisk also said that they may apply to receive free insulin up until the end of the year.

Many have been critical of these moves, with claims from the public that these companies artificially inflated the price of insulin, and that the price should've been lowered long ago.

"People are dead because Eli Lilly refused to lower the cost of insulin all along, instead price gouging us and raising prices year after year for no reason other than greed," said Colby College professor Laura Seay. "They don't get a PR coup for doing the right thing."

Insulin is also available through Walmart for \$25 to patients with and without healthcare, so people have been frustrated with its expensive pricing for many years. Irish journalist Carl Kinsella is one of those very upset with the lack of assistance prior to a global pandemic.

"Good of them to help diabetics who will die without insulin while their lives at risk from coronavirus," he said. "Unlike all those other times when their lives are simply at risk from harmless diabetes."

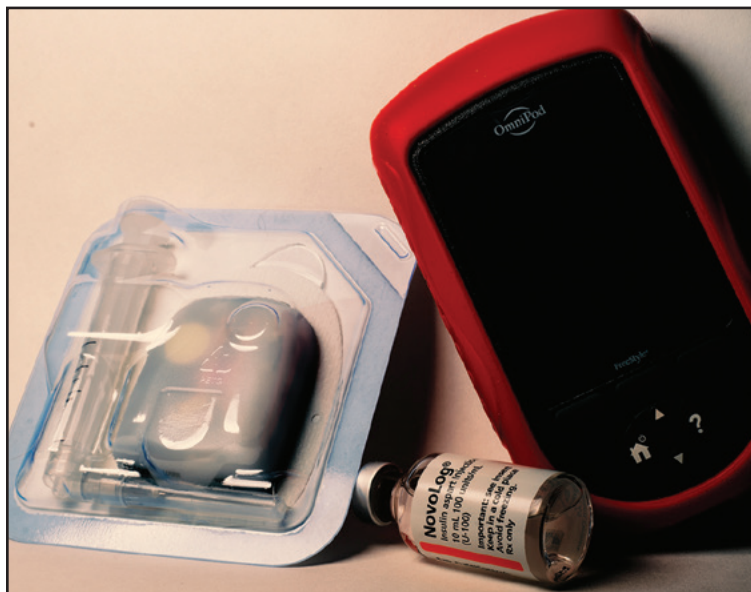


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Additional supplies are required to take insulin.

COVID-19 cuts semester abroad short

BY ANTHONY INGHAM
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Careers, education, and travel have all been cut short by the sudden rise of COVID-19, as well as the self-quarantine people are having to do due to it. On an international level, traveling has been stopped entirely and some people have been forced into a two-week quarantine at the airports. One especially interesting instance of the travel bans concerns students who have been taking semesters abroad, such as student Gabriella Bracciale.

Gabriella Bracciale is a student at a four year public university who said that she started her semester abroad this January, where she was studying at a university in Scotland. She went on this trip with a friend who wanted to tour all of Europe while they were there. Thanks to COVID-19, however, their semester was cut off three weeks before its ending.

"We had set plans to visit Gdansk (Poland), Brussels (Belgium), and the Isle of Skye (Scotland), but those had to be canceled so we could come home," she said. "We were also hoping to visit some cities in Italy, some islands in Greece, maybe Croatia (Game of Thrones was filmed there), and Dublin again before leaving, but we never had a chance to plan those."

Bracciale said that a part of her was disappointed that she could no longer continue her studies and touring abroad, but she understood the gravity of the situation and was home within two weeks of the announcement. Her university told her to self-quarantine for the time that she was there until they all got on their plane home.

Bracciale says that the only change to her everyday life was a couple of posters around campus asking those who had traveled to Wuhan recently to self-quarantine.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GABRIELLA BRACCIALE

Gabriella Bracciale in Parc Güell, Barcelona, during her semester abroad.

However, this did not stop her from worrying about her family back in New Jersey, which hindered her ability to do work for her classes.

"From the announcement of the travel ban from Europe (Wednesday night for me) until I came home, I was just running off anxiety and stress," she said. "I stopped doing all school work,

and it wasn't until I came home and saw that everything was (relatively) fine that I felt like I could finally relax."

Bracciale also says that during her time there, her transportation around Europe and back to the US was completely unaffected.

"I came home the last day my college offered to pay for it, Mon-

day, the 16th, and I think the ban against the UK went into effect on the 17th, so the global team really knew what they were doing," she said.

She went into self-quarantine for 14 days after returning home from Scotland. Bracciale is still quarantining herself and advises others to do the same.

"What about the people I could spread it to? The average person is two to three contacts away from someone in an at-risk group for serious complications from COVID-19," she said. "I know staying home all day is boring, but it's the most important and selfless thing you can do right now."

After returning home, Bracciale still had three weeks of classes left. All of her college's remaining classes were moved online for the remainder of the semester, and any international travel sponsored by the college for this semester and the summer semester was cancelled.

PROTESTS

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black students and black members of the community in Kinnelon.

While the protest in Kinnelon went without any incidents, many of the protests in cities across the country have been met with riot police and use of force. Videos have shown police using force against protesters, as well as against journalists there to report on the events. Officers have been seen using tear gas, pepper spray, mace, rubber bullets, and their fists to try and stop people from protesting. Other videos show police using a tactic known as false surrender, in which they pretend to be standing down, only to open fire at protesters as they get closer.

In a statement issued by the mayor of Kinnelon, James Freda, he said that "Kinnelon is a welcoming town so let's put our best foot forward."

Marcelo Fernandez Fauste, a CCM History student who attended a protest in Brooklyn, NY says "this government has failed us time and time again" and that he isn't just fighting for black people, but other minorities as well. Being Hispanic himself, he said that he has faced racism despite being seen as "white Hispanic." Fernandez Fauste also said that it worries him how militarized the police in the U.S. have become.



PHOTO BY LUNA WROBLEWSKI

Kinnelon resident speaks out about discrimination she faces as a black woman in town.

At the protest, Fernandez Fauste says that it was peaceful before the police came and made it violent.

"I saw a young girl with a sign. She was like 15-16 [years old], 5 foot [tall], she was no threat," Fernandez Fauste said. "Police grabbed her by the hair and yanked her to the ground."

Others were furious and ran to aid her, including myself. They pepper-sprayed us. Shortly after, they tear-gassed the crowd and started beating people with sticks. We tried to be peaceful and they attacked us."

Fernandez Fauste mentioned that this issue will divide CCM

and that a lot of people, mostly from Randolph, are now "showing their true colors".

"Racism is closer than we thought," Fernandez Fauste said. "It will be you versus them mentality. I'm not for it. I feel like this is more of a revolutionary time."

Fernandez Fauste mentioned that racists on campus usually say things behind your back, but they have been more vocal on social media lately.

CCM President, Dr. Anthony Iacono sent the student body a "Message of Unity" on June 3 where he states, "CCM is a college that embraces a community of unity for every student, em-

ployee and community member, regardless of race, color, age, sex-

ual orientation, gender, economic class, and other factors."

Iacono goes on to acknowledge that students and staff have faced discrimination and to announce an online discussion that will be shared by Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Bette Simmons. The meeting was held on June 16 and provided an open forum to all students to discuss the recent turmoil occurring in this country.

A statement issued by the Randolph Police Department said, "Although we are deeply saddened and troubled by these most recent incidents across our Country we will not let them erode our mission which is to work hard each and every day to earn both your trust and respect."

The Kinnelon Police Department has been contacted for comment; however, at the moment the department has not returned a statement on the matter.

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focused on social media improvement but on also being available for real-world conversations with any student who wishes to speak to her. Curran mentioned that a possible way that she will do this is by implementing office hours for students to come by and bring up their issues to her.

Another main part of Curran's platform was to raise overall awareness of the SGA to CCM students as a whole, however, at the moment she is unsure how to implement that goal

"That's the little problem we have. We aren't sure how to get more people involved in our meetings and see how we're voting and what we're voting on so people can understand what we do," Curran said. "We don't just vote yes or no on things. We talk,

we give reasoning, if we can get people to come to our meetings then they can see what we are doing and how the process works for us in order to do something."

Curran mentions that at the end of her tenure she hopes that the SGA will become a group that all students know about, a group that all students approachable to all students, and a group that is known for helping members of the CCM campus and the community as a whole.

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