

**CCM Has Gone BIG with a New Website & New Titus the Titan!**

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Thank you to everyone who attended the website pre-launch party held earlier this week, which also included the reveal of our all-new Titus the Titan mascot who is bigger and better than ever. The celebration was all about CCM going BIG! After a year and a half of interviews, input, ideation and collaboration dedicated to creating the new website, we now have a fully redesigned, easy to navigate website that has new features to make your CCM experience better. The new website rolled out on Wednesday and we encourage all faculty and staff to spend some time exploring it.

If you were unable to attend the event, you can watch it [here](#). If you'd like to see photos from the event, you can view the Flickr album [here](#).



**Campus Events**

- Open House**  
April 20, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Honors Student Showcase**  
April 23, 12:30 – 2 p.m.  
Davidson Rooms
- College Council Meeting**  
April 25 at 12:30 p.m.  
Zoom
- LHT Spring Plant Sale**  
April 29-30 and May 1, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
LHT Greenhouses
- MSCHE Representative Open Meeting**  
April 30, 2 – 3 p.m.  
Dragonetti Auditorium
- Free Faculty & Staff Fusion Exercise Class**  
Now – May 6  
Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., HPE 120  
Fridays, 5-6 p.m., Remote Webex
- Titans Take It Outside**  
May 10, 12:30 – 2 p.m.  
LRC Patio and Walkway
- Teen Arts Festival**  
May 13, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Various locations on campus



Congrats to **Marielaine Mammon** who was celebrated on April 13 at the performance of Carousel! She has received both national and local recognition for her longtime dedication and service to the college and the department. Mammon was first presented with a prestigious national award from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). She received the 2024 Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award, which was established to recognize individuals making a difference in the classroom. Mammon was among only 36 faculty across the nation who were selected to receive this tremendous honor. In addition to the national award, Mammon was also celebrated by local and state officials, as well as the college. President Iacono announced the department would be renamed the Marielaine Mammon Department of Music, Performing Arts and Music Technologies. Additionally, the Black Box Theater at the college has been renamed as the Marielaine Mammon Black Box Theater. Congratulations to Professor Mammon!



- Commencement**  
May 16, 10 a.m. – Noon  
Mennen Arena
- Employee Picnic**  
June 7, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

CCM's **Fine Arts Associate Degree program** has received top state and national rankings! College Factual ranked CCM #1 for [Best Fine and Studio Arts Associate Degree Schools](#) in New Jersey. In addition to the top ranking in the state, CCM was ranked [#8 in the United States](#) on College Factual's list of the best colleges and universities for pursuing an Associate Degree in Fine and Studio Arts. Additionally, Best-Art-Colleges.com ranked 13 New Jersey schools in 2024 that offer Associate Degree programs in Fine Arts, and CCM was ranked at the top of the [list](#). Congratulations to the Department of Art and Humanities!



## Titan's Time Out

Join the Foundation and Special Events in their initiative of employee appreciation and community.

### Upcoming Events:

**Friday, April 19: Walking History: Stroll through Campus on a CCM Historic Guided Tour**

- 12:30 – 2 p.m.
- Meet at the Titus statue!

**Friday, May 10: Titans Take It Outside**

- 12:30 – 2 p.m., LRC Patio and Walkway
- Jenga, kan jam, bucket ball, ladder ball, spike ball and cornhole
- Play with colleagues to freshen up your games for summer!
- Brown bag lunch – treats will be provided
- \*Rain Date - May 17

**Friday, June 7: Employee Picnic**

- 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- Location to be announced
- BBQ lunch, lawn games, 50/50 raffle and the annual egg toss!

Thank you to all who participated this semester. Stay tuned for more **Titan's Time Out** events coming this fall!

## April 2024 College Council Meeting

Please join this month's College Council Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, April 25 at 12:30 p.m. on [Zoom](#). Meeting ID: 949 0566 3950; Passcode: 332211

## Spring Performances Presented by the Department of Music, Performing Arts and Music Technologies

### Spring Music Concert

Friday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m.  
Dragonetti Auditorium  
Free Admission

### Cabaret: Give My Regards to Broadway

Monday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m.  
Performance Lab (MTC 105)  
Free Admission

### Spotlight on Music: Give My Regards to Broadway

Tuesday, April 30 at 12:30 p.m.  
Dragonetti Auditorium  
Free Admission

### Dance Theatre Showcase

Friday, May 3 at 12:30 p.m. – Free Admission  
Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. – General Admission \$10.00  
Dragonetti Auditorium

## Share Your Titan Spirit! Open House – April 20

Share your Titan spirit with friends, family and your community and invite them to CCM's Open House this Saturday, April 20. For additional details about the Open House, visit the website [here](#).



## Student Showcase Hosted by CCM Honors

Come support our students at the Student Showcase on Tuesday, April 23 from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the Davidson Rooms. Students from across the college will display various academic projects that they have completed in and out of the classroom. We hope to see you there!



*Pictured - Nitya Makkapati presenting on "Diffusing Bombs... with Words?" for which she won the Intriguing Title Award. This project was part of the work she completed in Dr. Matthew Ayres' English Composition I Honors Class.*

## Landscape and Horticultural Technology Spring Plant Sale

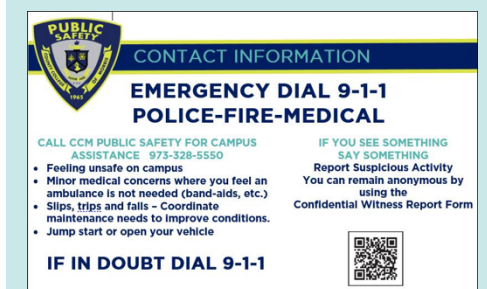
The Landscape and Horticultural Technology Spring plant sale will take place at the LHT greenhouses located beside parking Lot 1.

**Dates:** April 29, April 30 and May 1  
**Time:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Public Safety

**Emergencies: Dial 9-1-1**  
Police, Fire, Medical

**Campus Assistance:**  
Call Public Safety at 973-328-5550



### Resources:

[Emergency Response Guide](#)

[Evacuation Procedure](#)

[Visitor Registration](#)

[Food Warmer Safety](#)

[Off-Campus Trip Reporting](#)

## STUDENT SERVICES



Student Mental Health & Wellness

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The Library  
[In-Person and Remote Service](#)

Tutoring Center  
For more information, click [here](#).

## Accessibility Services Presentations

The Accessibility Services Office has an upcoming presentation on **Tuesday, April 30** planned for faculty and staff.

### ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES SPRING PRESENTATIONS

#### HOW TO TELL A STUDENT NO

Maintaining Empathy, Firmness, and Clarity in a Difficult Discussion  
Presented by AHEAD

04/30

Location: CTL Time: 1pm-2:30pm

aso@ccm.edu  
973-328-5284

## You're Invited!

The CCM Foundation hopes you can join them for this year's exciting event, *Energizing the Future...an evening in support of County College of Morris College Promise Programs*. They are honoring some incredible partners while raising much needed funds to support the College Promise Programs, an innovative college readiness and college path program, specifically designed for the needs of first-generation/low-income high school students.

#### Honorees:

##### Philanthropy Awards

Impact100 Garden State  
Mimi Washington Starrett Foundation

##### Community Partnership Awards

Dover Public Schools  
Morris School District

##### Dr. Edward J. Yaw Leadership Award

Dr. Joseph P. Nazzaro

Please use the link [here](#) to register online and to see additional details. An invitation was also mailed to you. The CCM Foundation team hopes to see you on May 2!



## Construction Updates

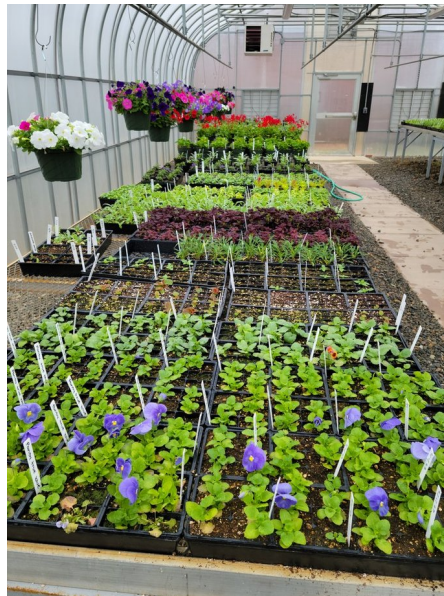
### Academic Complex Elevators and Third Floor Walkway

With the new DeMare and Sheffield Hall elevators approved by the State of New Jersey, the final stage of removing the old elevators and converting them to storage closets and gender-neutral restrooms will begin. The DeMare Hall elevator decommissioning has begun, and the Sheffield Hall elevator decommissioning will begin soon. There will be intermittent noise and minor odors throughout the

**Items for Sale:** Annual and perennial flowers, hanging baskets, vegetable and herb plants

All plants are grown by the CCM Landscape and Horticultural Technology students.

Questions? Reach out to Brian Oleksak at [boleksak@ccm.edu](mailto:boleksak@ccm.edu)



## Celebrate Deaf History Month

There are a number of events planned throughout the month of April in celebration of Deaf History Month. We hope you can join some of them.



## Volunteers Needed for Commencement Ceremony

The college would like to offer the opportunity for staff and faculty to assist as volunteers for this year's commencement ceremony, which takes place at Mennen Arena at 10 a.m. on **Thursday, May 16**. Volunteers should arrive at Mennen by 8 a.m. If you would like to volunteer, email [knorberg@ccm.edu](mailto:knorberg@ccm.edu) or [rgrant@ccm.edu](mailto:rgrant@ccm.edu).

Faculty members should don a cap and gown to be part of the commencement ceremony but may also wish to assist at the candidate sign-in tables. This is a wonderful opportunity to speak with the students and congratulate them prior to the ceremony.



## MSCHE Representative Open Meeting

On Tuesday, April 30, a representative from CCM's accreditor, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) will be on campus to help CCM prepare for our upcoming self-study. An open meeting for all students and employees will be held in Dragonetti Auditorium from 2-3 p.m. This meeting

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Empower (formerly MassMutual/Hartford) representative Kenneth Quarnaccio is available for individual appointments, contact him at 848-248-4313 or by email at [kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com](mailto:kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com).

Empower (formerly Prudential) representative Robert Rooyakkers is available for individual appointments for the ABP or the DCRP plans, contact him at 732-587-8331 or by email at [bob.rooyakkers@empower.com](mailto:bob.rooyakkers@empower.com).

Equitable representative Marc Sheridan is available for individual appointments, contact him at 908-230-2042 or by email at [Marc.Sheridan@equitable.com](mailto:Marc.Sheridan@equitable.com).

MetLife/Brighthouse representative David Sharpe is available for individual appointments, contact him at 973-575-3254 or by email at [dsharpe@financialguide.com](mailto:dsharpe@financialguide.com).

Contact the TIAA Individual Advisory Center to schedule an appointment with a TIAA representative at 855-728-8422 or [www.tiaa.org/schedulenow](http://www.tiaa.org/schedulenow).

Voya Financial Services representative Anthony DiPietro is available for individual appointments, contact him at 609-415-5530 or by email at [adjpietro@voyafa.com](mailto:adjpietro@voyafa.com)

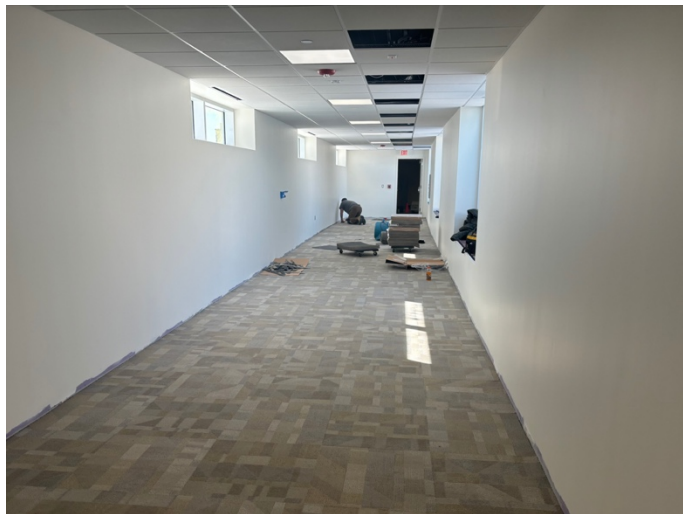
## NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to [CCMemo@ccm.edu](mailto:CCMemo@ccm.edu)

**Submissions must be received by 3 p.m. Wednesday.**

Looking for past issues of the CCMemo? [Find them here.](#)

coming months. Please reach out to Plant & Maintenance ext. 5500 if you find you have a partial loss of power, or the HVAC system is not acting as you would normally expect. We have been able to restore systems relatively quickly, but the sooner Plant knows the sooner they can get things restored.



Public Safety and Plant are continuing to work daily on updating caution and detour signage as the work shifts within the buildings. If you have any concerns, please call Business & Finance at ext. 5012 and they will direct the questions or concerns to the correct department/person.

To keep informed of the construction progress throughout the Spring Semester, please check the CCMemo for regular updates. We again thank the campus community for their assistance with preparing for the spring construction schedule. As communicated over the last few years, the completed project will provide much-needed accessibility (ADA) access to the third floors of Cohen, Sheffield and DeMare halls with larger elevator cabs and a connection between the buildings' third floors. The third-floor connections will improve circulation and provide additional options for emergency egress. The old elevators and equipment rooms will be converted to fully ADA-compliant gender-neutral (all gender) single-stall restrooms and additional building storage. This project is funded through the College's Chapter 12 appropriation and was approved by Morris County.

### **Morris County Vocational School Career Technical Education Center**

The backfilling of the soil stockpile in the parking lot will continue into next week. The section of Parking Lot 9 near the Tennis Court stairs will remain open for parking and entry/exit. Parking Lot 7 and 8 will also be available for parking of students, faculty and staff. The sidewalk near the fence heading towards the AMEC building from Parking Lot 9 will remain open for use. The new facility will focus on workforce development learning opportunities and will operate on a share-time model for high school juniors and seniors. The project expands and supports the partnership between MCVSD and CCM. This project is funded through Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act.



will give our campus community the opportunity to learn about the accreditation process. We encourage you to attend!

## **Health and Safety is Everyone's Concern**

CCM places a high priority on the health and safety of its employees and students. Toward that end, the college has a Safety Committee in place. Anyone with a concern or suggestion to help keep the CCM community safe and healthy can reach out to Co-Chairs Frank Pietropollo or Maureen Stivala or any member of the committee.

## **Latest OUCH! Newsletter**

OUCH! is the world's leading, free security awareness newsletter designed for everyone. Published every month, each edition is carefully researched and developed by the SANS Security Awareness team, instructors and community members. See the latest issue of OUCH! [here](#) for expert tips.

## **CCM's Parks Program Returns**

Join the Parks Program for a semester of events focused on preserved lands in New Jersey. Students, staff, faculty and community members are welcome!

### **Q&A SESSION: Appreciating Paterson's Hinchliffe Stadium with Bob Kendrick**

Zoom Q&A session with **Bob Kendrick on Tuesday, April 23, at 4 p.m.**

This unique event will feature a talk by Bob Kendrick, president of the [NLBM](#), a museum dedicated to the important history of the African American community and the game of baseball. Particular mention will be made of Hinchliffe Stadium, which still stands in Paterson, New Jersey, and is part of the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park.

Founded in 1990 and located in Kansas City, the NLBM is the world's only museum dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich history of African American baseball and its profound impact on the social advancement of America, according to Kendrick's biography.

### **ECO-CRUISE: Explore the Hackensack River**

Morning eco-cruise on the Hackensack River on **Wednesday, May 1, at 10 a.m. Limited seats remain!**

In partnership with the non-profit organization Hackensack Riverkeeper, join us as we travel along the Hackensack River learning about marshes, wildlife, urbanization, the Meadowlands, and the impacts we, as humans, have had on this aquatic system. There are 20 seats for each time slot, so be sure to reserve your place today!



These eco-cruises are FREE, but individual participants must provide their own transportation to the launch site in Secaucus, New Jersey. Directions will be provided.

### Coming Soon! Center for Entrepreneurship & Culinary Science

The scope of work includes constructing a 13,000 square foot addition to the Student Community Center (SCC) where the current outdoor patio resides. The infrastructure will house space for the Entrepreneurship program and expand learning space for the Culinary Science programs. The permit review process is underway. This project is funded through the College's Chapter 12 appropriation.



### The Center for Health Professions

The Architect/Engineer (RSC Architects) was awarded at the February Board Meeting and the design process has started. The current schedule is to have the construction project out for bid in mid Fall and awarded before the end of the year.

For questions and to RSVP to any of the events, please email [parksprogram@ccm.edu](mailto:parksprogram@ccm.edu).

### Save the Date – Golf Classic!



### Free Exercise Classes

Free Faculty & Staff Fusion Exercise Class: Yoga/Light Cardio/Strengthening & Stretching with HES adjunct professor Trayer Run-Kowzun

**Where:** HPE 120  
**When:** Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. through May 6



**Where:** Remote Webex  
(email [trunkowzun@ccm.edu](mailto:trunkowzun@ccm.edu) if interested; CCM email needed to join the class)  
**When:** Friday, 5 - 6 p.m.; ongoing

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