



Spring/Summer 2017

Meet Our Students

Philippe Clesca '18

Computer Science

Raised in West Orange, Philippe Clesca showed an early proficiency in technology, beginning his own online project at 16, connecting gamers from around the world in one place to interact, share and compete with one another.

"I fell in love with the challenge as well as the concept of computer science," says Philippe. "The challenge is what hooked me, because rather than running from challenges, I run into them head on and try to overcome them."

When it came time to attend college, Philippe chose CCM initially for financial reasons but was soon impressed with the college's faculty and academic offerings. "The professors inspired me to really apply myself and reach beyond my expectations," he says.

Philippe is the recipient of the *Glenbrook Technologies Scholarship*, which supports students in engineering and technology. As part of the scholarship, Philippe began working as an

intern at Glenbrook Technologies Inc. in Randolph in March.

The scholarship was established in 2005 by Glenbrook founder Gil Zweig (a CCM Foundation board member) and his wife, Claire. "We formed a scholarship because much of our futures will require talented young adults to design and build devices that will create and ensure the quality of all our lives," said Gil Zweig.

He also feels it is essential for students to get hands-on business experience to augment their academic work. "To quote the great engineer Theodore von Karmen, "The scientist studies what is, the engineer creates what never was,"" said Zweig. "Creating what never was requires both academic and vocational knowledge. CCM provides the initial academic knowledge; our scholarship provides the initial vocational knowledge."



After graduating from CCM in 2018, Philippe plans to pursue a degree in Computer Science at a four-year institution – the next step toward realizing his dream.



CCM Named National Center of Excellence for Cyber Security Education

CCM has become the first community college in New Jersey to gain designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education through a program sponsored jointly by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security.

The designation, offered through the National IA Education and Training Programs (NIETP), recognizes CCM as an institution with a proven track record for information security education and awareness. Only 41 community colleges across the country, or less than 3 percent, hold the same designation, according to the NIETP program office.

Patricia Tamburelli, professor of information technologies, at CCM's Center for Cyber Security.

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College and Foundation President Tour UPS Hub

It wasn't "Hail to the Chief" but hail to the new CCM chief Dr. Anthony J. Iacono as he and Foundation President Joseph Vitale toured UPS's transportation hub in Parsippany in December.

Transportation Manager Tom Roy and Feeder Supervisor Kevin Colpaert gave an informative tour of the company's systematic distribution of packages. Also taking part in the tour was Human Resources Part-Time Supervisor (and CCM Foundation Board member) Carol Fitzpatrick, who has represented UPS on the Foundation board for more than 25 years. Fitzpatrick, a CCM alumna, heads UPS's recruiting efforts at the college.

Last year, the company hired 253 CCM students and those students worked in both the Parsippany and Mt. Olive locations.

"We have a long-standing relationship with CCM and having Dr. Iacono and Mr. Vitale tour our facility and see our operations is important to us," said Colpaert, who is also an alumnus. "I received a great education from CCM and having them here will hopefully interest more students in looking into UPS as a career option.



(From Left) Kevin Colpaert, UPS feeder supervisor; Carol Fitzpatrick, Human Resources supervisor; Joseph Vitale, CCM Foundation president; and Dr. Anthony J. Iacono, CCM president, visit the UPS Center in Parsippany

"CCM's tuition is affordable and the students working in our operations can gain three credits in a Business elective from the college," said Fitzpatrick.

"We truly appreciate the great relationship we've been able to forge with UPS through the years," said Vitale. "UPS is one of our country's most respected companies and its commitment to the community is reflected in everything it does."

CORRECTION

In the Fall/Winter 2016-17 issue of our newsletter, Professor Joan Monaghan should have been listed in our Honor Roll of 2015-16 donors as a CCM retiree. We regret the error.



ConnectOne Affinity Program: Marlene Caprio (right), vice president and relationship manager with ConnectOne Bank, presents a check to Foundation President Joseph Vitale and Alumni Relations Director Barbara Capsouras. ConnectOne's affinity program allows the bank to partner with CCM and offer everyone affiliated with the college the opportunity to support it through their accounts. ConnectOne, on an annual basis, donates a percentage of the total balances that CCM's alumni, employees, students and supporters have on deposit with the bank.

Alumna Finds Nursing Scholarship

Trish Colucci '85, a CCM trained registered nurse, used her experience to expand the world of care management by founding Peace Aging Care Experts, LLC. She and her team of nurses and social workers act as dedicated advocates for vulnerable adults. In each distinctive situation she and her team work with the families to create a road-map of care for their loved one.



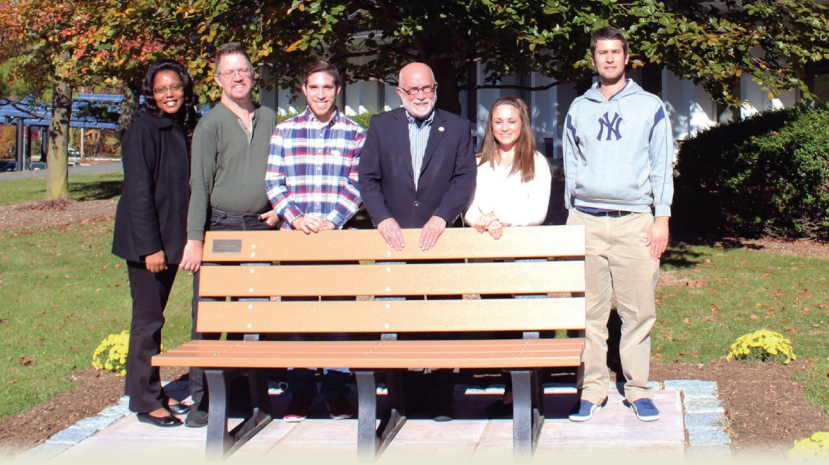
With geriatric-care management needs on the rise, Colucci chose to support the next generation of CCM nurses by creating the *Peace Aging Care Experts, LLC. Small Business Scholarship* for nursing students.

The scholarship is for a nursing student in the professional phase of the program with a 3.0 GPA.

"The educational foundation I received at CCM expertly prepared me to be a nurse as well as a member of the Morris County community as a business owner and employer," Colucci said. "Throughout its history, CCM has prepared students to be successful in their future careers and as contributing members of their community. Therefore, I am thrilled to continue my association with CCM by offering this scholarship to recognize hard-working nursing students as they craft their futures at CCM."

Peace Aging Care Experts, LLC is an example of a small business in our community making an impact in the lives of its residents. This scholarship is a perfect model of a successful and grateful alumna whose generosity will soon be making a difference in the lives of a new generation of CCM students.

For more information on establishing a scholarship, call 973-328-5058, email us at foundation@ccm.edu or visit the Small Business Scholarship page on the CCM Foundation website at: www.ccm.edu/foundation/smallbus.aspx.



Bench Dedicated to Dr. Yaw: Members of the Student Government Association joined Dr. Edward J. Yaw, president emeritus of CCM, at the dedication of his bench outside Henderson Hall on November 8. Joining Dr. Yaw (from left) were: Shakeedah White, student affairs representative; Walter Yurcik, Organization AIM president; Michael Gosden, Phi Theta Kappa president; Dr. Yaw; Marcelle Caruso, Student Government Association president 2015-2016; and Nicholas Porfirio, Student Government Association senator. The Student Government Association raised funds for the bench to commemorate and honor Dr. Yaw for his 30 years as president of CCM. Dr. Yaw retired in August 2016.

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"We are deeply grateful to Professor Patricia Tamburelli, who with her husband and adjunct professor, Joseph Tamburelli, had the foresight and undertook the hard work to ensure CCM was able to obtain this designation," said Dr. Anthony J. Iacono, CCM president. "Their expertise, exceptional work and dedication to students are the reason CCM stands out in higher education. Students who choose CCM can expect to receive a high-quality education and opportunities that they will not find elsewhere.

"Joe and I are so pleased and honored that CCM has earned this designation," said Professor Patricia Tamburelli, who, along with her husband, teaches information technology at the college. "We also are deeply grateful to Nancy Binowski who has been a true champion for making this vision a reality."

To obtain the designation, CCM needed to demonstrate that its cyber security curriculum is aligned with national standards, that the college contributes to providing a pipeline of professionals who can assist with protecting against cyber attacks, and that it is a resource for the community in the area of information security.

For more information on cyber security at CCM, visit <http://www.ccm.edu/academics/divdep/BMET/infotech/cyberSecCenter>.

Why I Give to CCM



Name: Michael Gosden '17
Student

Where are your future plans?

I graduate in May and plan to transfer to an undergraduate program in Exercise Science and/or Nutritional Science.

What Clubs or Student Activities are you a part of?

I am the active serving president for the Alpha Kappa Kappa of Phi Theta Kappa at CCM. I have also been a member of Active Minds, SGA's Judicial Board and Women in S.T.E.M.

What do you value most about your CCM experience?

It will always be the academic and extra-curricular activities that I was fortunate to participate in. The school offers a variety of academic and interest clubs on campus that not only enhance student knowledge on a particular subject or hobby, but give students the opportunity to grow as leaders, scholars and overall as people. On top of all of that, everyone here is very kind.

What is your favorite CCM Memory? My favorite memories at CCM are going to be the days when I met some of my closest friends, professors and other faculty members. The bonds I have made at this school are some that will last a lifetime and hold a special place in my thoughts and heart.

Why do you give to CCM? I give to the CCM Foundation simply because CCM has given so much to me. I am incredibly fortunate for all the knowledge, experiences and life skills that CCM has instilled in me. Receiving an award for academic success is significant because students begin to realize that the hard work and effort put into their studies are beginning to "pay" (haha that's a pun) off. To help another student achieve that feeling by simply giving what I can is a wonderful feeling of its own.

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Meet Our Students

Douglas DeAndrea '17

Landscape Management and Design

Occasionally, some students discover their career passion even before they enter the doors of higher learning. Douglas DeAndrea, of Brookside, is one such student.

"I started doing landscaping in high school," he says. "I began with small mulching jobs and then did fall cleanups." The type of work he did was limited until he received his driver's license in his junior year.

"In the spring of my junior year, I jumped into the venture of lawn maintenance," he says. Today, he is working on his Associate in Science in Landscape Management and Design while maintaining the properties of 30 clients year-round.

Douglas was the recipient of the *Dr. Philip Edgecomb Scholarship* in landscape and horticultural technology at CCM and the *Dr. Benjamin C. Blackburn Scholarship* awarded by Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

"Last year was the first year that I was a registered, insured and licensed business," he adds. "I do everything from basic lawn and property maintenance to landscape design and hardscaping (masonry)."



He was attracted to horticulture because he enjoys the outdoors and running his own business. He enrolled at CCM because he wanted to continue working while he learned. If he went directly to a four-year college, he would have had to close down his business.

"I wanted an education that would help me expand my services and teach me about the industry that I was in," he says. "CCM offers a very hands-on program rather than book-based learning. You're laying pavers and trimming bushes outside with the instructors."

Douglas says his professors inspire him to attain the highest horticultural standards in his work. "That's what I would like to be known by," he says. "I want to learn more, do things the right way and be known for excellence."

When he graduates in May, he will be at a crossroads. "I'm torn," he says. "I still have the option of continuing my education at a four-year school, but I don't want to temporarily close my business. I may end up commuting part-time to Rutgers. I see the value in that knowledge and in getting a different perspective from it."

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