

The CCMemo

County College of Morris Employee Newsletter



CCM EVENTS

There are no college events scheduled on campus at this time.

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of our Student Community.

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CCM Foundation Launches Titan Emergency Fund Campaign to Assist Students

Providing Support so More Students Can Keep Moving Forward to Fulfill Their Dreams

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, nearly half of the students at CCM reported that they faced financial challenges, ranging from food insecurities to housing issues. Now that many have lost jobs, been confronted with health and mental health issues, required laptops or other equipment to take classes online, or encountered other challenges, the financial difficulties students face have reached unprecedented levels.

The federal CARES Act provides funding to students who are dealing with financial issues that threaten to impede or interrupt their ability to continue their college education, but not all students and situations qualify. To ensure that funds are available to assist as many students as possible, the CCM Foundation has launched the Titan Emergency Fund Campaign. The Titan Emergency Fund was created earlier this year to provide students with financial support to meet unexpected expenses, from car repairs, to food, housing, medical and other issues, so they can stay on track to earn their college degree or certificate. The campaign is intended to increase the amount of funding that is available to meet the heightened challenges students are now facing.

A survey of CCM students, released in January by The Hope Center for College, Community and Justice at Temple University, found that 33 percent of respondents had experienced food insecurities, 35 percent faced housing issues and 11 percent had experienced homelessness. A total of 49 percent of CCM students said they had experienced at least one of those forms of basic needs insecurity in the past year. Also 56 percent of CCM students receive financial aid through grants, loans and scholarships.

“The number of students facing financial issues was staggering before COVID-19 and now the pandemic has disrupted the lives of our students in even more troublesome ways,” notes Katie Olsen, executive director of the CCM Foundation. “To help ensure that our students are not forced to give up on their dreams, the CCM Foundation Board has launched this campaign to provide much-needed assistance. Gifts to the Titan Emergency Fund will help students meet unexpected expenses and will be awarded immediately where need is the most critical. We all can help.”

Awards to students from the fund can range from small to large amounts, depending upon specific needs. All contributions to the fund will be awarded directly to students. To make a donation to the Titan Emergency Fund to help a student today, go to www.ccm.edu/FundDonate/.

HR CORNER

RETIREMENT CONSULTATIONS WITH NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVED VENDORS

Save for retirement –
Receive free, no pressure retirement counseling sessions. Make your appointment today. You do not need to be a member to speak with the representatives.

Equitable representative Mark Sheridan is available at all 908-230-2042 or email marc.sheridan@axa-advisors.com.

MassMutual (formerly Hartford) representative Kenneth Quarnaccio is available at 848-248-4313 or email kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com.

MetLife/Brighthouse representative David Sharpe is available at 973-575-3254 or email dsharpe@financialguide.com.

Prudential
Call 732-428-2314 or email alicia.smith@prudential.com to make an individual appointment to discuss ABP or DCRP investments.

TIAA representative Tatiana Novozhilova is available at 800-732-8353 or visit www.TIAA.org/schedulenow to make an appointment.

Important update regarding TIAA counseling days:

TIAA is taking steps to ensure the safety of our clients, your employees and our associates. In light of the impacts of the coronavirus, we will be converting any in-person counseling sessions to phone counseling.

For participants converting to phone counseling:

Your TIAA Financial Consultant will call you directly on your originally scheduled date and time using the phone number on file at TIAA.

VALIC representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. Call 908-470-4114 or email Maryann.bradford@valic.com

VOYA representative John Murray is available for individual appointments. To make an appointment email johnmurray@voyafa.com or call 609-234-3369.

College Council Time Change

The end-of-year meeting for College Council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Please note the new start time of 12:30 p.m. The original time for this meeting was 10 a.m. with the expectation that the semester was ending on that day. With the extension of the semester, it is now appropriate to schedule this end-of-year meeting to take place during “College Hour.”

The Standing Committees have scheduled their meetings and will send their minutes and action items to the President’s office for distribution and posting for the campus community. The agenda and meeting information will be sent to the campus on Monday, May 11.

Help to Lift the Spirits of Nursing Home Residents

The EOF Student Alliance invites the CCM community to share in a special project to lift the spirits of residents at the Andover Subacute and Rehab Center, which recently was in the national news for tragically high COVID-19 related deaths and the aftermath. In light of this sad occurrence, the alliance would like to provide uplifting homemade greeting cards for each of the 700 residents in this nursing home complex.

Please make a colorful card with whatever materials you have on hand, include an uplifting message such as sending you a smile, hoping to bring a little sunshine to brighten your day or wishing you well during this difficult time. Sign your name and/or mention you are a CCM staff member. Please mail cards by May 30 to County College of Morris, Office of Campus Life, 214 Center Grove Rd, Randolph, NJ 07869.





Work Continues on the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Building

While the campus has been closed since the start of Spring Break on March 16, work has continued on the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center (AMEC). Developed with the input of industry leaders, AMEC will feature the latest technology and equipment to prepare the workforce of the future, provide current employees with cutting-edge training and offer faculty, students and industry the opportunity to work collaboratively on solutions and new developments. To view recent photos of the work that has been taking place, visit the college's [Flickr account](#).



CCM ALL ACCESS SHOW

This week on CCM All Access, a discussion on remote learning and a conversation with Katie Olsen, executive director of the CCM Foundation, about the Titan Emergency Fund.

[Watch the video](#)



The Power of Updating

The May edition of OUCH! Focuses on "The Power of Updating." Cyber attackers are constantly looking for and finding new vulnerabilities and weaknesses in the software people use every day. It's critical to keep your software up to date. Led by Guest Editor Don C. Weber, download and share OUCH! with family, friends and co-workers. [Read the newsletter](#)

OUCH! archives: www.sans.org/ouch



Employee Assistance Program - Virtual Seminars to Help Relieve Stress

The Human Resources department, in coordination with the college's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider RWJBarnabas, is offering the following virtual seminars on stress relief. These Zoom seminars are being offered on Thursdays in May and June as shown below. To join a seminar, just click on the link for the day and time it is scheduled to start.

Managing Stress Instantly

Thursday, May 21, at 1 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81321853766?pwd=V0NNM2lzOTBMNWdvV3dlUXd2anQ1QT09>

Meeting ID: 813 2185 3766

Password: 029755

One tap mobile

+16468769923,,81321853766#,,1#,029755# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Compassion Fatigue

Thursday, June 4, at 1 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86411597622?pwd=WVpjNUFFWlQ2VEhFbFR0ZzZ2MnhFUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 1159 7622

Password: 001913

Dial by your location

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Coping with Change

Thursday, June 18, at 1 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/6269352984?pwd=dGFYXhLU2tPL2xYnV2TUcyeW0rZz09>

Meeting ID: 626 935 2984

Password: 579354

One tap mobile

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The EAP also has added a COVID-19 section to its website at www.onesourceeap.com where you can find some additional resources.

NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to both Kathleen Brunet at kbrunet@ccm.edu and Theresa Gehring at tgehring@ccm.edu.

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

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please continue to follow CCM on the college's Social Media accounts.

KUDOS

Dr. Keri Flanagan, Department of Biology and Chemistry, recently defended her dissertation, "Utilizing Science Fiction to Visualize Ethical Issues Surrounding Human Genome Editing, Influence Ethical Reasoning Skills in Education, and Guide Policy Implementation," at Drew University, marking the completion of her Doctor of Medical Humanities degree. She passed with distinction, an honor given only to those who write exceptional dissertations and present superb oral defenses. She also is the sole recipient of the Dean's Medical Humanities Dissertation Award in recognition of her creative thought and prose style. To read more about her dissertation, go to www.drew.edu/commencement/2020-awards/ and click on "Caspersen School of Graduate Studies Awards."

