

The CCMemo

County College of Morris Employee Newsletter



Commencement Celebration for the Class of 2020

Since the college is not able to hold an in-person commencement ceremony this year, CCM will provide the Class of 2020 with a virtual celebration Friday, June 12, at 7 p.m. on YouTube. This year's commencement was originally scheduled for May 22, but with the college's move to a remote teaching and learning environment and the extension of the Spring Semester, the date was moved to June. More than 1,200 students will receive degrees or certificates this year.

The Rev. Dr. Sidney S. Williams, Jr. an impact investor and theologian with more than 30+ years of experience in corporate and community development, will serve as the keynote speaker. Taking advantage of his early experience working on Wall Street, where he learned how to develop sustainable business models, Rev. Dr. Williams is known for making a continuous effort to identify where theological and marketplace frameworks should interact. He is the senior pastor of Bethel Church of Morristown and has pastored churches in Cape Town, South Africa and the USA, and has trained pastors and served as a missionary on three continents.

As senior pastor at Bethel Church, Rev. Dr. Williams has guided the development of the Spring Street Community Development Corporation to improve the quality of life for Morris County families. Programs operated through the community development corporation include Table of Hope, which serves meals five days a week, offers a food pantry and operates a mobile food delivery service, all at no cost; the SOAR program to provide middle and high school students with a pathway to college; and the New Life Recovery & Reentry Program to support those suffering from addictions.

After obtaining a Bachelor's of Business Administration from [Howard University](#), Williams earned a MBA from the [Wharton School of Business](#) and then a Masters of Divinity from the [Wesley Theological Seminary](#)/. In 2018, he earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from [Payne Theological Seminary](#)/. Like many CCM students, he is a first-generation college graduate.

The commencement ceremony will be led by Faculty Grand Marshal Laura Gabrielsen and will feature remarks from President Anthony J. Iacono, Morris County Freeholder Director Deborah Smith, a member of CCM's Board of Trustees and Emma Mendoza from the Class of 2020, who served as president of the Student Government Association and was named to the 2020 Phi Theta Kappa New Jersey All-State Academic Team for her academic excellence. In addition, the 2020 Peace Prize (www.ccm.edu/peace-prize/) will be presented by Professor Laura Driver and a listing of the names of graduates and the conferral of degrees and certificates will be included, along with video tributes of the academic schools.

To mark the celebration, CCM has developed a lawn sign graduates and their families can have printed to mark their accomplishment. That can be downloaded from the Class of 2020 website at www.ccm.edu/graduation/. The college also will be asking graduates to post photos on its social media accounts using the hashtag #CCMGrad2020.

CCM EVENTS

[Make a Difference Monday](#) – Monday, May 18

Memorial Day: College Closed – Monday, May 25

Graduation – Friday, June 12

Online Meetings

May 19 – 6 p.m. – Board of Trustees meeting (teleconference)

June 2 – 12:30 p.m. – Special College Council meeting

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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.

TIAA is offering virtual meetings through Adobe Connect which allows employees to follow along as representatives work with them to navigate their investments. If you need to schedule or change an appointment, please go to

<https://shared.tiaa.org/public/publictools/events/virtualsessions?eventPlanID=1-9ZR044V/>.

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

A video of the April 30 meeting of the College Council is now available at <https://youtu.be/gGVk2bIE72k>.

TITANS TUESDAY

Show your CCM pride and catch the Titan spirit by wearing CCM colors or your favorite logo attire on Tuesdays.

Let's Go Titans!



Resources to Assist Employees During These Challenging Times

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offered through RWJBarnabas, which is a free benefit for CCM employees and their families, is providing a number of resources to assist in these trying times. EAP counselors are available to help employees with confidential counseling services and to identify resources in their community for a variety of everyday and emerging issues. The CCM Human Resources department also has engaged with EAP to offer three virtual seminars on ZOOM on several timely topics:



Managing Stress, May 21, 1 p.m.

Compassion Fatigue, June 4, 1 p.m.

Coping with Change, June 18, 1:30 p.m.

Registration is not required. More information about the seminars can be found [here](#). Please contact Rita at rragany-bayer@ccm.edu if you have any questions about these resources.



CCM Offers Prospective Students and Parents Online Information Sessions

Interested in learning more about the high-quality education provided by your community college, close to home? The County College of Morris (CCM) Admissions Office will be holding "Titan Tuesday" online information sessions every week at 7 p.m. through the spring and summer so prospective students, their parents and guardians, and adults looking for a career change can learn about all CCM has to offer.

Each session, hosted by an Admissions counselor, will provide participants with the opportunity to learn about the college's academic programs, transfer agreements to earn a bachelor's degree, student services and co-curricular programs. The admissions and registration process also will be covered and a question and answer session held during each session. Summer classes at CCM start May 26 with a total of five sessions being offered, with the others starting on June 1, June 29, June 30 and August 3. The Fall Semester begins on September 9. Several mini terms also are offered during the fall.

Preregistration for Titan Tuesday is required, which can be done at www.ccm.edu/admissions/visiting-us/. Login information to join a session will be emailed following registration.

In several sessions, the Admission staff will be joined by the college's academic deans to highlight programs in the School of Business, Mathematics, Engineering and Technologies, the School of Health Professions and Natural Sciences and the School of Liberal Arts. A schedule of what schools will be featured during these sessions can be found on the [Visiting Us](#) webpage.

In addition, information will be provided on the Challenger Program that CCM provides so high school students can get a jump start on their college education.

This summer, CCM will be offering all summer classes online. The college also has moved its students support services online for spring and summer, including The Academic Success Center (TASC), which was expanded into TASCPlus, which provides individualized online assistance from updating students on the status of classes to connecting them to a student success specialist or counselor through phone and virtual meetings. Other services the college is offering online are Academic Advisement, Online Tutoring and Live Chats with Librarians.

CCM Launches Several End-of-Semester Projects Online

Art and Design Portfolios, a Game Gala and Photography Projects

The end of the academic year traditionally is a time when students at County College of Morris (CCM) are able to exhibit their work on campus and other locations, demonstrating the knowledge and skills they acquired in their programs of study. While that is not possible this year, several professors have turned to online formats to display the work created and produced by CCM students to provide them with some well-deserved recognition.

Those online programs include a Portfolio Exhibit of work created by Fine Arts and Design students, a Game Gala presenting games developed by Game Development students and a Photography Thesis Projects site to show the work of upcoming graduates of the Photography Technology Program.

Portfolio Exhibit

In recent years, CCM's Portfolio Class exhibitions and receptions were held at the Morris Museum. Since that cannot take place this year, the creative works of Fine Arts and Design students are being featured in an online exhibition at <https://bit.ly/ArtDesignExhibit/>. The Portfolio Class represents the summation of all of a student's work from two years of creative studies at CCM. To learn more about the programs offered through the Department of Art and Design at CCM, go to <http://bit.ly/CCMFineArts/>.

Games Gala

Tonight from 6 - 9 p.m., the Game Development Program at CCM will host a Game Gala on twitch.tv/ccmgames01 where it will be streaming about 30 games and projects created by students. The gala schedule of what will be streaming at what times is currently posted on that site. The site also will be available for viewing following the live event. To learn more about the Game Development Program at CCM, go to <https://bit.ly/CCMGameDevelopment/>.

Photography Thesis Projects

Graduating students from the Photography Technology Program each year present their thesis projects in front of a panel of professionals, but this year they recorded their presentations on YouTube at: <https://bit.ly/CCMPhotoThesisProject/>. This semester, the students were asked to focus on circumstances related to COVID-19. To learn more about the Photography Technology Program at CCM, go to <https://bit.ly/CCMPhotoTech/>.



Portfolio Show

"King of Kings" by Fine Arts student Vance Viggiano, of Long Valley

Photography Thesis Project

"Feet" by Photography Technology student Maria Clark, of Sterling



Game Development

"Adventures of a Fox" by Harlie Farino-Bingham, of Newton, and Garret LaVacca, of Oak Ridge

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.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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

