

The CCMemo

County College of Morris Employee Newsletter



CCM EVENTS

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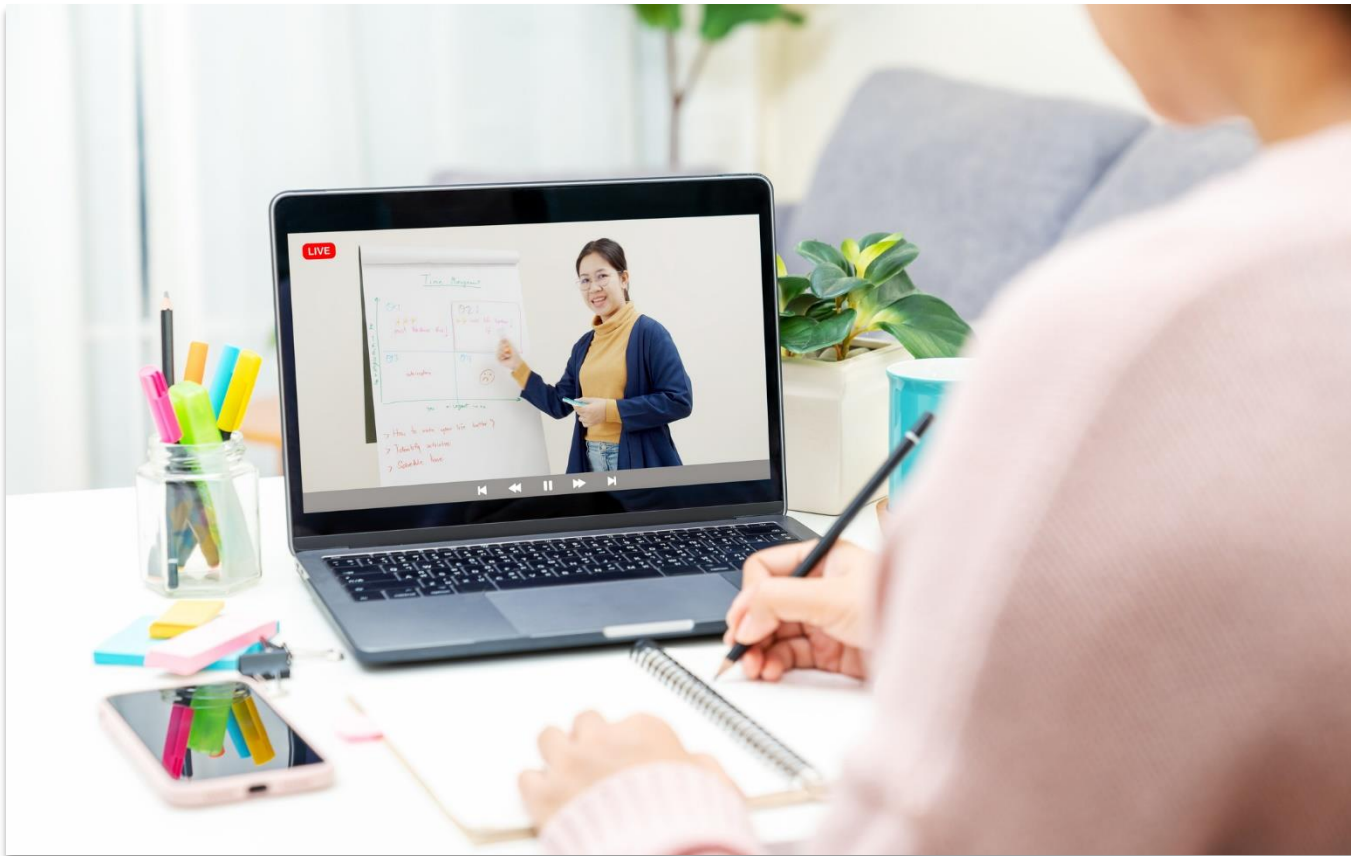
**Convocation – Tuesday, September 8
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

All full-time and part-time faculty and staff are welcome to take part
Agenda to follow

Titan Tuesday Online Information Sessions

September 1–General Information Session

Workforce Development Open Houses
September 1, 2 and 3



CCM Open Houses on Professional Development and Certificate Programs

Virtual Sessions to Cover Wide Range of Offerings for Rewarding Careers

The Center for Workforce Development at County College of Morris (CCM) will be holding several virtual open houses on its wide range of professional development and certificate programs for individuals looking to advance their careers.

The open houses take place September 1, 2 and 3. [Here](#) you can find a list of what programs will be covered on what day and time. Attend a single session or stay for the evening. A link to attend will be emailed in advance for each date of the open houses.

Workforce Development courses are offered remotely with live instruction. Registration for the open houses is required. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/PDOpenHouse>. Questions can be directed to wfd@ccm.edu.

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.

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/public/tools/events/virtualsections?eventPlanID=1-9ZR044V/>.

Alumni Spotlight

Building a Career in the World “Hottest” Profession

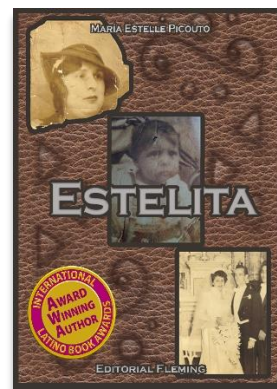
“My CCM education, the professors and the hands-on opportunities I had gave me the right skill sets. The experience I had there definitely helped me to start my career.”



Having immigrated to the United States from India at age 16, Mihir Kansagra, of Rockaway, knew in high school he would be attending CCM. He was still developing his English language skills so a four-year school was not yet an option. Plus, his sister had attended CCM and he knew the college had a good reputation.

What he did not know was that he would discover the world of cybersecurity and gain hands-on experience to launch a successful career in what is considered to be the world’s “hottest” profession.

Over the next five years, Microsoft and LinkedIn predict that the global demand for information security professionals will grow to 6.38 million. Not only is the demand strong, the median pay is \$99,730 and most likely to grow. The work also is challenging and rewarding, says Kansagra. [Read more.](#)



CCM Professor’s Novel Named International Latino Award Finalist

“Estelita” Recognized as Best Novel Historical Fiction in Spanish

Professor Maria Estelle Picouto at CCM recently was informed that as an International Latino Book Award Finalist she will be receiving the Award for Best Novel Historical Fiction in Spanish for her novel, “Estelita.”

The book, which Picouto wrote as a tribute to her mother, also is the recipient of two honors from the Luis Munoz Marin Foundation. “Estelita” was chosen by the foundation as a book of importance to the history of Puerto Rico and selected for a community-based project to promote the reading of books addressing topics of cultural and historical interest to Puerto Rico. Luis Munoz Marin was a Puerto Rican journalist, politician, statesman and the first elected governor of Puerto Rico. [Read more.](#)



Got ID? Need a New CCM ID?

Everyone who comes to campus when it officially reopens in September will be required to wear a college-issued ID. But what if you don't have an ID, lost your ID or your photo is more than a decade old? Campus Life has you covered. ID badges can be obtained virtually following the instructions at this [link](#). Also in this [video](#), Joanne Metro from Campus Life talks to students about how to get their ID and shares some tips all should follow on what sort of photo you should submit for your ID.

**Have a Question
about Registering
for Classes,
Financial Aid or
Something Else?**



We're here to help!

If you are trying to contact us after normal business hours, email TASCPPlus@ccm.edu or dsd@ccm.edu or call 973-328-5171.



We will get back to you within 24 hours if not sooner.

Enroll for Fall - www.ccm.edu/fall-2020



With Great Sadness

The college was saddened to hear this week that Professor Jefferson Cartano from the Engineering Technologies and Engineer Science department suddenly passed away.

"I had a chance to watch Jefferson Cartano in action over the years he was with us at CCM," said Venny Fuentes, department chair. "I remember one class where he discussed their bag of tools to solve problems, techniques and approaches needed to solve the problem that was presented in class that day. He would go around the room and ask students which tool they needed to pull out for that particular problem, and it was clear to me that the first tool that he had introduced to every student in that class was 'attitude,' whether they knew it or not. He had instilled in all of them that they could solve any problem presented to them in that class. He could inspire a roomful of students, and it never mattered the subject he taught. They could do anything and those students are successful CCM alumni because of him. I think without a doubt, Jefferson would tell you that he never had a bad day dealing with students, and he will be missed by all of us."

Cartano joined CCM in 2010 as an adjunct professor and was hired to the full-time faculty in 2011. He taught classes in electronics engineering technology and was well-known for his support of students in the EOF program and also for his tireless tutoring of engineering and mathematics students.

"Jefferson was known for his commitment to his students' success and his enthusiasm for all things CCM," said Patrick Enright, VP of Professional Studies and Applied Sciences. "He is also well-known for the development of the innovative 'shark tank' cross-disciplinary capstone project for the electronics degree program. His loss will be felt by the entire CCM community but most acutely by the students at the center of all his work."

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 johnhmurray@voyafa.com or call 609-234-3369.

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 help us market all the good things happening at CCM by sharing college news and events on your social media accounts.



KUDOS

Rob Stirton, VP Institutional Effectiveness and CIO, and **Tom Gillon**, director of network and user services at CCM, recently gave an online presentation for the Morris County Chamber of Commerce Tech Talk Forum on how advanced planning and fast action allowed the college to quickly and successfully move to a virtual platform when COVID-19 forced the closure of the campus, providing a model of success for New Jersey's other community colleges.

CCM graduate **Nicholas Sisti**, a former student of Dr. Matthew Jones, chair of the Department of Communication, had his paper "Metaphysical Existentialism and the Timeless Confoundment of 'Waiting for Godot'" published on the website Medium, an alternative academic publication. In it, Sisti cites Jones' work on simulation theory and builds his own thoughts on that topic. Jones notes, "While this is something that generally isn't seen until graduate school, we're doing it right here and now at CCM." Sisti's paper can be found [here](#).