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CCM EVENTS

Winter Break

College Closed
December 24 – January 6

Fall 2022 Design and Visual Arts Portfolio Class Exhibit

Art Gallery, LRC
Through December 15

Hope One

Mental Health, Recovery, Rehab Resources
Parking Lot 6
December 6
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Navigating Hope

SNAP, Utility and Housing Assistance
Parking Lot 6 and CH Alcove
December 8
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Kwanzaa '22

EOF Cohen 211
December 5
12:30 – 2 p.m.

Faculty & Staff Marketplace

SCC Lobby
December 6
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Horticultural Innovations Showcase Landscape and Horticultural Tech. Bldg.

December 8
6:30 - 8 p.m.

A Christmas Carol

Dragonetti Auditorium
December 8 – 10
7:30 p.m.

Employee Sale

Campus Store
December 9
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Poinsettia Sale

LHT Greenhouses
December 12
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Nursing Evidence-Based Practice Presentations

Davidson Rooms
December 13
1 – 4:30 p.m.

[Public Safety Visitor's Registration Link](#)



CCM Gains Redesignation as a National Center of Excellence in Cybersecurity

Having been the first community college in New Jersey to be designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity in 2017, CCM now has gained additional confirmation of its strength in this critically important field. The National Security Agency has reissued that designation to the college effective through Academic Year 2027.

In its announcement to the college, the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense noted, "Your ability to meet the increasing demands of the program criteria will serve the nation well in contributing to the protection of the National Information Infrastructure. A highly skilled cybersecurity workforce is a strategic national security advantage."

The designation is presented every five years to institutions that can demonstrate they offer a cybersecurity curriculum aligned with national standards, contribute to providing a pipeline of professionals who can assist with protecting against cyber attacks and serve as a resource for the community in the area of information security.

"We're delighted to have our cyber and information security programs and initiatives recognized once again with this prestigious designation," said Professor Colleen Bamford, chair of the Department of Information Technologies. "Along with offering strong degree and certificate programs, our department provides hands-on training opportunities for high school students through adults. Our goal is to both provide people with pathways to rewarding and well-paying careers and to assist the public with staying cyber safe."

The department offers an Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology to prepare individuals to begin working in the field immediately or to transfer to bachelor's level programs, along with a certificate in Information/Cyber Security. Through a share-time program with the Morris County Vocational School District, the department also enrolls junior and senior high school students from across Morris County in the Cyber Security & Information Protection Program. Students in that program earn college credits and certifications to take advantage of high-demand career opportunities in information protection.

In 2015, the department established the [Center for Cyber Security](#) to serve as a comprehensive resource for students, faculty, staff and the community in the area of cybersecurity. It also has held GenCyber summer camps for high school students and participates in the annual national Hour of Code where people of all ages can learn the basics of programming, along with offering other activities for the public.



In November, the **Journalism Program** hosted a field trip to the New Jersey Devils Sports Media Night at the Prudential Center in Newark. This is the third time CCM students were able to make professional connections with sports media writers, communication specialists and broadcast journalists working for the Devils. The night included a one-on-one session with Amanda Stein, All-Access reporter for the Devils organization, plus tickets to the game and an on-ice photo opportunity. Students who attended the event represented several different majors including Journalism, Communication, Liberal Arts, Business, Culinary Arts and Nursing. These events take place with the generous support of **Campus Life** and **Don Phelps**.



Some Reading to Mark the Season



The nights have gotten longer, but nothing could be cozier than curling up with a good book. Check out the library's fantasy collection, from classic lit to current fiction.

Books include A Christmas Carol, A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, Alice in Wonderland, A Game of Thrones, Bones and All, Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone, If on a Winter's Night a Traveler, Kindred, The Left Hand of Darkness, Labyrinths, The Complete Chronicles of Narnia, The Hobbit & The Lord of the Rings, The Graveyard Book, The Mists of Avalon, The Neverending Story, The Princess Bride, Wicked, A Wizard of Earthsea and more.

See <https://ccm.on.worldcat.org:443/list/18922653> for details.

Innovation in Landscape and Horticultural Design Showcase



Garden and landscape enthusiasts will be inspired by a showcase of the newest advances and technology in horticulture and design at a public event produced by CCM students.

Students in CCM's Special Topics Landscape and Horticultural Technology course designed the "Horticulture Innovations Showcase," to be held Thursday, December 8, as part of a semester project where they were tasked with developing an educational event featuring leaders in the field. The showcase, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the LHT building.

Speakers highlighting modernizations in the industry include Michael Deo from NatureScape Lighting, Ecological Landscape Specialist Richard McCoy, and Robert Molinet on nature-inspired outdoor living. Other topics will include sustainable landscape design, medical cannabis and the inspiring use of natural stone.

"This event highlights new, emerging and creative sectors of the Green Industry," says Brian Oleksak, chair of the Department of Landscape & Horticultural Technology. "The students in the Special Topics course have curated some of the most innovative talent in the New Jersey horticultural industry to showcase the niches they have made for themselves as leaders in the industry."

New Models of Higher Education

Shelley Kurland, Dean of Virtual Campus, is very excited to share a newly released open access book, "New Models of Higher Education: Unbundled, Rebundled, Customized, and DIY." The edited book considers how contemporary students are building their own lifelong learning journey and how institutions may better respond to the "DIY" trend. Kurland is a co-author for one of the chapters, Meeting in the Middle: Envisioning Postpandemic-Responsive Student Support Services. Each chapter may be accessed and downloaded individually. To access the book, click [here](#).

CCM Now on TikTok



CCM has added another social media channel to its lineup – TikTok. Being on this platform will allow the college to reach a younger audience of prospective students – and even current students. You can take a look [here](#). One of the college's first posts – CCM in Numbers – received more than 700 views. Should you have a TikTok account, be sure to follow us @ccm_nj.

Also follow us on our other channels, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

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Payroll W4 Reminders

Claiming Exemption from Withholding



The IRS requires you to complete a new W-4 form each year if you are claiming exemption from federal tax withholding. If you wish to claim exemption from withholding in 2023, you must make this choice on a new W-4 form and submit the original document to Payroll no later than February 15, 2023.

Add/Update Your Name and Home Address

It's important to add or update your personal information as it will be used to populate your 2022 W2. The name on your W2 form must match your SSN card name.

Any questions, reach out to the Payroll team at payroll@ccm.edu.

STUDENT SERVICES

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

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

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NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to Kathleen Brunet at kbrunet@ccm.edu.

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

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

Upcoming Home Basketball Games

Women's

12/6 5PM vs BROOKDALE CC

12/8 5PM vs SUSSEX CC

12/10 Noon ESSEX CC

Men's

12/8 7PM vs SUSSEX CC

12/10 2PM vs ESSEX CC

Annual Employee Holiday Sale



The CCM Campus Store welcomes you to take part in its Annual Employee Holiday Sale on Friday, December 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the SCC. The Campus Store has

brought in lots of new merchandise this year in the new school colors and this is your chance to get the best deals of the year. Buy for yourself and everyone on your shopping list. When you visit, enjoy the holiday store window that was put together by the store's awesome student aides this semester.

Blackboard Moving to a New Interface

Blackboard will be moving to a new user interface and CCM will be moving to Blackboard's Base Navigation user interface for Fall 2023. Base Navigation is a more modern and intuitive user interface. The Base Navigation interface is also mobile responsive, which is important as many of our students work on their mobile devices.

Base Navigation changes the "look" of the Blackboard entry page, but it does not affect course setup and interface. Please watch the videos below.

[Blackboard Navigation - Instructor Overview](#)

[Blackboard Navigation - Student Overview](#)

The Solution Center has created a sandbox in the Blackboard Test environment for all 22FA Blackboard users. Please access the Blackboard test environment [here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA

Help us communicate all of the good things happening at CCM by liking, sharing or commenting on the college's social media posts and pages.

