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## CCM EVENTS

**Employee Picnic**  
Thursday, June 9  
1 – 3 p.m.  
Davidson Rooms and Patio

**Teen Arts Exhibition and Reception**  
Exhibition: June 10 - August 26  
Reception: Friday June 10, 6 – 8 p.m.  
Art Gallery

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



## CCM Hosts U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill on Workforce Development Tour and Q&A Session

CCM was honored on Thursday, May 26, to host a tour and question-and-answer session on workforce development and successful job readiness programs for U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill at its state-of-the-art Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center (AMEC).

“In recent years, through public and private partnerships and with the strong support of industry, we have been able to substantially expand our workforce programs to help area residents secure good paying jobs that sustain families and promote healthy communities,” said CCM President Tony Iacono. “Without the support of our county commissioners and state and federal legislators including Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill, we would not be able to support workforce development as extensively as we do. County College of Morris is proud and appreciative of its county, state and federal partners as well as our partners in business and industry; it was an honor to provide Secretary Pete Buttigieg and Representative Mikie Sherrill with insight into the impact of that support.”

During the visit, Buttigieg and Sherrill toured AMEC to learn about the wide range of programs provided by CCM’s Center for Workforce Development (WFD) and the diverse populations it serves. Those populations include high school students from the college’s share-time programs with the Morris County Vocational School District, individuals participating in the college’s apprenticeship programs in advanced manufacturing and health care, and those who take advantage of WFD’s wide range of industry recognized certificate programs to get a job, get a better job or get better at the job they’re in. The tour was followed by a question-and-answer session with Buttigieg and Sherrill, moderated by Iacono, with political officials, industry leaders and students in attendance.

According to a press release issued by Sherrill, the visit was part of Buttigieg’s desire to increase awareness on how community colleges, like CCM, can be supported in their efforts to build upon “their already incredible workforce development innovation initiatives.”

As quoted in the Daily Record, Buttigieg stated about his visit to AMEC, “It’s really impressive what we’ve seen here. The key to success is the integration of employers and educators and seeing how you’ve made that work is impressive.”

Along with receiving strong federal, state and county support, more than 50 manufacturing companies are partners in CCM’s pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship and other WFD programs, providing guidance on curriculum, donations of the latest industry-leading equipment and scholarships to support students. Included among WFD’s successes are that 93 percent of those who complete the advanced manufacturing pre-apprenticeship program who want a job are placed into a position. In the last three years, more than 4,500 students also have registered for 8,737 workforce development courses.

To view photos from Buttigieg’s and Sherrill’s visit to the college, go to <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjzRGNb/>. To view a video of the Q&A session, go to <https://youtu.be/J5UK3kCNIDk/>.

The college wishes to thank all the employees who made this event such a success.



Congratulations to **Nursing Professor Kathy Prokop** MA, MEd, RN, CNE, for receiving The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty. Prokop received her award at the May Nurse Pinning Ceremony. Prokop exemplifies the qualities that the CCM Nursing department values most in its faculty. The student who nominated

her noted, “Professor Prokop is the definition of a compassionate nurse. She was caring and approachable in both lecture and clinical and really wanted all her students to succeed.” Also nominated for the DAISY Award were Natasha Agnihotri, Alessandra Cervone, Julie Ann Jacobs, Laura Parker, Bernadette Schicho, and Jessica Shepherd



## CCM Graduates Latest Prevocational Classes for Adults with Disabilities

CCM recently celebrated the latest graduates from its Culinary Opportunity (COP) and Horticultural Opportunity (HOP) programs, as it also has begun recruiting for the next class for the training sessions for adults with developmental disabilities.

COP prepares students for entry-level positions in food production or packaging in a grocery, supermarket, convenience store or food market. Students in the program also obtain Serv-Safe certification and are provided with resume preparation and interviewing skills, along with the opportunity to meet potential employers.



Students in HOP gain hands-on experience in horticultural practices ranging from greenhouse production to landscape maintenance, to floriculture. Students learn about the safe use of tools, soil preparation and seeding, transplanting techniques, caring for houseplants and more. As with the COP program, students learn how to put together a resume and interviewing skills and have the opportunity to meet with potential employers.



On May 19, the college held a ceremony to honor the graduates from this semester's COP and HOP programs, several of whom have already obtained employment in their respective fields.

The ceremony marked the sixth class to graduate from COP and the second from HOP.

Speaking to the graduates, Irena Kaler, director of Workforce Development & Community Partnerships, commended them for their hard work, determination and cheerful attitudes, saying, "The sun shines brighter when you are around."

Both programs are limited to eight students to provide for individualized and extensive hands-on training. For more information on COP, visit [www.ccm.edu/workforce/cop](http://www.ccm.edu/workforce/cop) and for HOP, go to [www.ccm.edu/workforce/hop/](http://www.ccm.edu/workforce/hop/).

## CCM Professors Participate in National Conferences

Several CCM faculty members are participating in the 2022 Faculty of the Future Conference at Bucks County Community College being held today. The professors and their topics are:

**Professor Joyce Kucerovy:** Escaping Fundamentals

**Professors Samantha Gigliotti, Brian Sahotsky, and John Soltes:** The Parks Program: Developing an Interdisciplinary, Student-Centered Program.

**Professor Frank Pietropollo:** Bolstering Student Success Through Intuitive and Engaging Software.

**Professors Paulina Cardaci, Brian Olson and Keri Flanagan:** Virtual Reality Gamification of SARS-CoV-2 Drug Development.

**Professors Caitlin Burns, Dorothy Salinas, and Eric Guadara** on their Virtual Microscope. Salinas and Guadara will be presenting without Burns since she will be facilitating the CTL Summer Institute today.

Also a proposal from **Professor Samantha Gigliotti** to present at the 2022 Ecological Society of America and Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution Joint Meeting was accepted. That will be held August 14 – 19 in Montreal. She will be presenting on the Parks Program:

## President Iacono Named ROI-NJ Manufacturing Influencer

President Tony Iacono recently was named a [Manufacturing Influencer](#) by ROI-NJ. In its announcement, ROI-NJ noted, "CCM's Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center — which works closely with local manufacturers to create the next-generation workforce they so desperately need — should be a model for every county college in the state." This is the second time this year ROI-NJ has named Iacono to one of its Influencers lists. Earlier this year, it named him to its Influencers Power List for Higher Education, which marked the fourth time ROI-NJ has given Iacono that distinction.

## The Longo Planetarium Reopens



After being closed for two years due to the pandemic and renovations, the Longo Planetarium is reopening. Kevin Conod has been hired as the college's new Planetarium astronomer. He will begin running shows on the second and fourth Fridays in the evenings and Saturday afternoons in June (June 10, 11 and June 24, 25). Friday shows will run at 7 and 8:15 p.m. Saturday shows will run at 2:30, 4 and 5:30 p.m.

All shows are open to the public and CCM community. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the Campus Store. Online purchasing also will be available soon.

## Get Your Summer Reading from the Library



New books, published in 2021-2022, are now on the shelves at the LRC. There are 100 new books so visit the library to see what you can find for your summer reading this year. You also can review the list of new books [here](#).

## Homeland Security Training at CCM

The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness is sponsoring a Basic Crime Prevention through Environmental Design class at Picatinny Arsenal for law enforcement. As a part of this training, students are to complete a field survey. Students will be on CCM's campus on June 15 and 16 using HH, HPE, LRC and 675 for their projects. It is expected that they will be taking notes and photographs for their surveys on the building exteriors. The field surveys will be used for class presentations on Friday, June 17. Participants will be checked in at Public Safety and wear a Visitor ID sticker.

## The Creative Leadership Club 10-Year Anniversary Celebration



The CCM employee Creative Leadership Club, (CLC) started in January 2012 and is the longest running active employee club.

To date, CLC members have made 49 craft

## STUDENT SERVICES

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

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

## 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.

AIG (formerly VALIC) representatives MaryAnn Bradford and Tom Napier are available for individual appointments.  
Select this link for contact information [County College of Morris Quick Links](#)  
[Click here to schedule a virtual meeting or phone appointment](#)

Equitable representative Marc Sheridan is available at 908-230-2042 or email [Marc.Sheridan@equitable.com](mailto:Marc.Sheridan@equitable.com)

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

MetLife/BrightHouse representative David Sharpe is available at 973-575-3254 or email [dsharpe@financialguide.com](mailto:dsharpe@financialguide.com).

Prudential  
Call 732-428-2314 or email [alicia.smith@prudential.com](mailto:alicia.smith@prudential.com) to make an individual appointment to discuss ABP or DCRP investments.

Contact TIAA's National Contact Center at 800-842-2252 for questions and counseling.

Voya representative John Murray is available to help you with your retirement account. To schedule an appointment call 609-234-3369 or email [johnmurray@voyafa.com](mailto:johnmurray@voyafa.com)

## NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to Kathleen Brunet at [kbrunet@ccm.edu](mailto:kbrunet@ccm.edu).

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

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

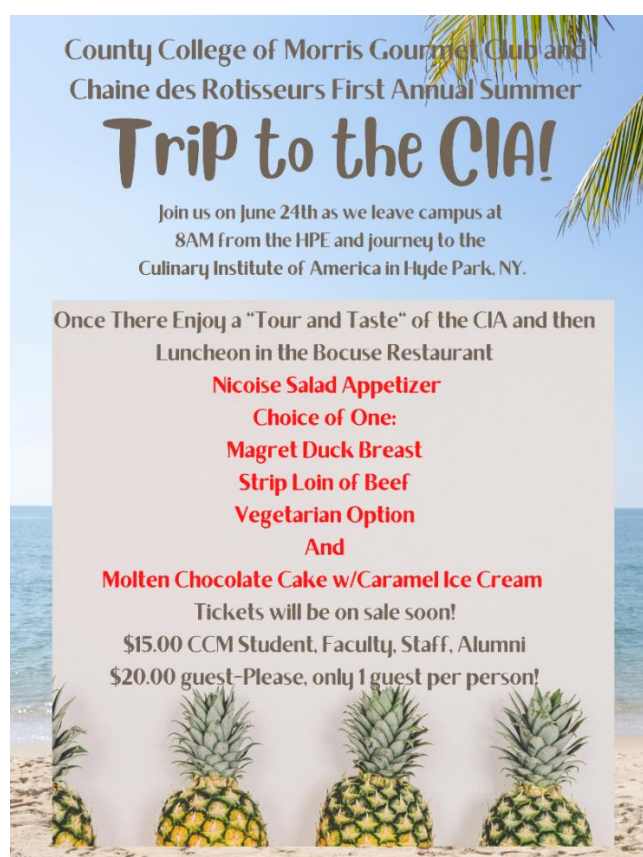
Developing an Interdisciplinary, Student-Centered Program.

**Professor Nancy Binowski**, Information Technologies, recently co-presented “Gender Equity in Community College Computing Programs” at the Conference on Research in Equity and Sustained Participation in Engineering, Computing and Technology (RESPECT) with Dr. Erin Carll, research scientist from the Center for Evaluation & Research for STEM Equity at the University of Washington. The conference was held in Philadelphia and is the premier venue for research on STEM equity.



## Payroll Stipend Paperwork Deadline

All employee stipend payment/work authorization paperwork for services performed prior to July 1 must be received by Human Resources for approval by July 5 to be processed by the Payroll team in July. These payments will be charged to the 2021-22 budget. Any stipends that are not received by that date will be charged to the new Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget. Please contact the Payroll team at [Payroll@ccm.edu](mailto:Payroll@ccm.edu) for any issues concerning this deadline.



To purchase tickets, go to <https://bookstore.ccm.edu/campus-life-events/>.

projects and donated them to 14 area nonprofits and the military overseas. They have also supported both the EOF and HR departments creating centerpieces for special events. Additionally, they spread inspirational rocks around campus welcoming students back, and most recently distributed clay pot bunnies to student support offices to bring smiles.

The CLC has been self-sufficient for many years by selling members’ handicrafts at the campus Marketplace at holiday time. Thank you to all who have supported CLC over the years by these purchases and an especially big thank you to Dr. Pam Marcenaro and Gene Moss of EOF who have helped with the CCM account processes.

CLC will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary on Friday, June 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Randolph Diner. Anyone who has been involved over the last decade is welcome to join. Please RSVP to Edie Nelson at [enelson@ccm.edu](mailto:enelson@ccm.edu) today.

## Purchasing Deadlines for “01” General Fund Accounts

Deadline dates for FY 2022 purchase requisitions are established to ensure that the Purchasing department has adequate lead time to procure all goods and services for the current fiscal year. If the Purchasing department is currently seeking quotes or proposals for goods and services for your department, it will make sure that information is returned to you ASAP so you can create a requisition.

Please take note of the following deadlines.

- Blanket Order Releases – today
- WB Mason Office Supplies – today
- Check Enclosed Orders – today

The deadlines for Miscellaneous Purchases, Blanket Order Change Requests and Food Service Orders have already passed.

## Securely Gaming Online

The June’s edition of OUCH! focuses on “Securely Gaming Online.” What makes online gaming so fun is that you can play and interact with others from anywhere in the world, often you don’t even know the people you are playing with. While the vast majority of people online are out to have fun just like you, there are those who want to cause harm. This issue is led by Guest Editor Charlie Goldner.

Download and share [OUCH!](#) with family, friends, and co-workers. As always it is translated into over 25 languages.

## 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.

