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### CCM EVENTS

**Hope One**

Mental Health, Recovery, Rehab Resources  
Parking Lot 6  
September 27  
October 25  
November 29  
December 6  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Navigating Hope**

Parking Lot 6 and SCC  
SNAP, Utility and Housing Assistance  
September 22  
October 20  
November 17  
December 8  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Voter Registration Drive**

Tuesday, September 27  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
The Library

**Eldercare, Guardianship and Estate Planning**

Thursday, September 29  
5:30 – 7 p.m.  
SCC Davidson Room A

**The Paradox of Urban Revitalization**

Thursday, September 29  
12:30 p.m.  
Email [legacy@ccm.edu](mailto:legacy@ccm.edu) for the Zoom link

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



### Data Science Night: Data Under the Stars

CCM will be hosting a free Data Science Night: Data Under the Stars event where participants can learn about the field of data science, artificial intelligence and the Data Analytics Certificate Program offered at the college. It is open to students 15 and older and adults interested in exploring career options. No prior experience is needed.

The event takes place Thursday, October 13, from 6 to 9:30 p.m., in Sheffield Hall, Room 200. Refreshments will be served.

“Data science is an exciting field that helps to answer society’s important questions,” notes Professor Nancy Binowski, Information Technologies.

Professor Kelly Fitzpatrick, Mathematics, who developed CCM’s Data Analytics Certificate Program, adds, “We have put together this program to provide students and adults with an opportunity to learn about this dynamic and rewarding field and the range of career options that are available.”

Registration is required to take part in Data Science Night. To register, go to <https://ccmdatascience.eventbrite.com/>.

The program, sponsored by the Data Analytics Certificate Program and the college’s Women in STEM and Computer Science clubs, is supported with a grant from the National Science Foundation and funding from the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, NJ Pathways Center for Workforce Innovation in Data Science.



**Dr. Maria Isaza**, Dean of the School of Health Professions & Natural Sciences, was invited by the Southern Regional Education Board to talk at its upcoming [Institute on Teaching and Mentoring](#) during the opening session on Friday, October 28, about her experience as a participant in the Sloan Scholars program. Isaza was awarded a Sloan Fellowship in 2004 that lasted through the completion of her Ph.D. in 2008.

**Professor Brian Oleksak**, Landscape & Horticultural Technology, recently served as the opening instructor, speaking on soil success, at a sustainable land care certification workshop held by the American Green Zone Alliance, National Association of Landscape Professionals, New Jersey Green Industry Council, New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association and New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association.

**President Tony J. Iacono** once again has been ranked among the most influential leaders in higher education in New Jersey, being named both to ROI-NJ’S list of The Top 25 Most Influential Presidents and NJBIZ’S Power 50 in Education.

### Student Links on the CCM Website

Links to Blackboard, the Solution Center, Student Email and Titans Direct, which are accessed frequently by students, can now be found in the bottom footer on every page of the CCM website under the heading “Student Links.”

### Carpooling Starts October 3



Reduce stress, save money, lower your carbon footprint and win prizes by joining the Employee Trip Reduction Program (ETRP), the college’s carpool program. Enrollment in the program

## CCM Planetarium Shows October 7 – December 17



Since 1973, the Longo Planetarium has been bringing the stars to Northern New Jersey. Here you can explore the Universe from the Earth and other planets in our Solar System to stars, galaxies and beyond. The Digistar projection system can display thousands of stars, the planets and the Moon onto a 33-foot diameter dome. All are welcome to attend public programs; programs for school, camp and scout groups can also be scheduled in advance.

The fall schedule features the following public programs on the second and fourth weekends of the month (note schedule adjustments due to the Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks).

### Cosmix

**Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m.  
Recommended for children ages 5-8, 30 minutes**

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be an astronaut? This 14-minute animated trip into space is a spectacular journey to the International Space Station. You will learn how to sleep in space, cook astronaut food, take a zero-g shower and use a cosmic toilet! In the second part of the show, you will learn about what it is like to be an astronomer with an amazing live tour of the nighttime sky, its constellations and stars, plus a lesson on how to find the planets.

### Forward to the Moon – NEW!

**Friday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 5:30 p.m.  
Recommended for adults and children ages 9+, 45 minutes**

NASA's 21st century Artemis program, named after the Greek moon Goddess, is the next step in our mission to explore the universe and land the astronauts back on the surface of the Moon for the first time in more than 50 years. Using innovative technologies to explore more of the lunar surface than ever before, NASA plans to use what they learn on the Moon to take the next giant leap: sending the first astronauts to Mars. This 30-minute voyage to the Moon is followed by a short tour of the night sky and planets.

*This show was produced by the University of Colorado's Fiske Planetarium in collaboration with TEND Studio and is narrated by Kari Byron from "Crash Test World" and "MythBusters."*

### From Earth to the Universe

**Saturday at 4 p.m. Recommended for adults and children ages 8+, 45 minutes**

Come revel in the splendor of the Universe from the planets in our Solar System, the colorful nebula and star clusters of the Milky Way, out to the glittering myriad galaxies beyond. Along the way, visitors will learn about the history of astronomy, the invention of the telescope and the giant observatories that allow us to probe the furthest reaches of space. This 30-minute voyage through space is followed by a short tour of the night sky and planets.

requires two or more permanent CCM employees who carpool to campus together. For more information or to join ETRP, contact Christine Dimas at ext. 5014.

## New People and Positions

Congratulations to the following people whose new positions were approved by the Board of Trustees at its September 20 meeting.

**Stephen Bryant**, Counselor/Recruiter, Admissions

**Larissia Crosby**, Associate Director of Accounting

**Adriana Mendez**, Adult Transitions Program Coordinator, Grant Funded

**Brian Moore**, Graphic Designer, Marketing & Public Relations

**Kaitlin Norris**, Admissions System Coordinator, Admissions

**Dawn Thomas-McFarland**, Workforce Development Success Coach (P/T), Grant Funded

**Nancy Yeh-Wen**, Assistant Professor (One Semester Appointment), Engineering Technology/Engineering Science

## Understanding Our Student Body Supporting Students Holistically

With more responsibilities to deal with daily, it may have become noticeable that students often struggle in class due to factors external to the campus environment. Therefore, it is important to be aware of the difficulties students experience and how well-being can be associated with retention so support can be provided to increase student success. Dr. Ariella Panek will discuss her research conducted at CCM that examined student areas of difficulty and the relationship between well-being and college continuation for academically at-risk CCM students. Strategies to help faculty and staff promote student success and initiate a holistic concept of well-being within the CCM community will be provided. The Understanding Our Student Body: Supporting Students Holistically to Increase Student Success takes place Friday, September 30, 3 p.m. Register for the Zoom session [here](#).



## CCM Foundation Golf Outing



Golfers and volunteers at the CCM Foundation Golf Outing on Monday, September 19, were graced with good weather as they enjoyed a day out on the links while helping to raise money to support CCM students. To view photos from the day, go to <https://bit.ly/3DGw4Dy>.

## In Memoriam

Bill Murphy, husband of Professor Emerita Bonnie Murphy, recently passed away. Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 25, 6 – 8 p.m. at the Ferguson—Vernon Funeral Home. The service takes

## STUDENT SERVICES

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

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

## HR CORNER

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AIG (formerly VALIC) representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. Select this link to schedule an appointment [Click here to schedule a virtual meeting or phone appointment](#)

Empower (formerly MassMutual/Hartford) representative Kenneth Quarnaccio is available for individual appointments, contact him at 848-248-4313 or by email at [kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com](mailto:kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com).

Empower (formerly Prudential) representative Raymond Allocco is available for individual appointments for the ABP or the DCRP plans, contact him at 973-908-9619 or by email at [Raymond.allocco@empower.com](mailto:Raymond.allocco@empower.com).

Equitable representative Marc Sheridan is available for individual appointments, contact him at 908-230-2042 or by email at [Marc.Sheridan@equitable.com](mailto:Marc.Sheridan@equitable.com)

MetLife/BrightHouse representative David Sharpe is available for individual appointments, contact him at 973-575-3254 or by email at [dsharpe@financialguide.com](mailto:dsharpe@financialguide.com).

TIAA: Schedule a virtual appointment here [www.tiaa.org/schedulenow](http://www.tiaa.org/schedulenow) or call 855-728-8422 to speak with an individual.

Voya representative John Murray is available for individual appointments, contact him at 609-234-3369 or by 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.](#)



### Tickets

Tickets are \$10 per person. Online reservations are strongly encouraged; limited tickets will be available for purchase at the door. Please note all programs start promptly at the times indicated. For your safety, latecomers will not be admitted to the planetarium once the lights are off, so make sure to arrive early and plan for any unexpected delays in travel and parking.

### Free Shows for Employees

Employees and students can watch for free every third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. The Fall Semester free shows are October 18 and November 15.

## Safe Space Training

Safe Space Training: How to Be an Ally for the LGBTQ Community, presented by Garden State Equity and sponsored by the Counseling & Wellness Center and the Legacy Project, takes place Friday, October 14, at 3 p.m. Register in advance on ZOOM: <https://tinyurl.com/CCMsafespace>.

This presentation will provide a brief review of LGBTQ terminology and explain the foundations of being an ally. Statistics about the LGBTQ community and the disparities they face will be introduced. How to cultivate a safe space as an ally will be discussed and concrete strategies to help participants know how to interact, support and provide a safe environment also will be covered.

place Monday, September 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. <https://bit.ly/3xlm5JZ>.

## Share Your Titan Spirit

No one knows better than you what makes CCM a great choice for students! And one of the best ways for people to learn that is at one of our Open Houses where students can see for themselves all that CCM has to offer. Share the message below with your professional contacts who may be able to promote the event to those who would benefit from visiting our campus on October 22.

### The CCM Fall Open House Is Right Around the Corner

Mark your calendar for October 22



*Whether you are committed to learning the skills to compete in the workforce, challenging yourself during high school by taking college courses or earning a degree, County College of Morris is the place where you can Earn Big and Save Big!*

[Register Today for CCM's Fall Open House](#)

## 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.

