



County College of Morris Creates Unique Partnerships Leading to Development of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Culinary Science



The college celebrated another exciting groundbreaking event, to benefit both students and the community, on November 3, 2023. This major milestone ceremony marked a unique partnership with the Morris County Chamber of Commerce leading to the development of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Culinary Science (CECS), spanning an impressive 11,325 square-feet of additions.

The CECS will offer new and expanded programs in both business and culinary science resulting in new opportunities for community members who seek to launch or scale their own business. The CECS will also be the home to CCM's new Culinary and Hospitality Arts Institute of New Jersey (CHAI-NJ). The institute will focus on training executive chefs for the region's many restaurants and provide a pipeline of qualified and well-educated employees. The expansion to the culinary science teaching and learning environment includes an impressive full-scale baker's kitchen.

[Read](#) more about this exciting news that has been publicized via the media. See a recording of the live event [here](#) on the college's YouTube channel.



The **Creative Leadership Club**, an employee-driven volunteer group, presented their handmade wreaths to Habitat for Humanity. The next club meet-up is Friday, November 17 to craft holiday centerpieces for the Marketplace on December 5. If you'd like to participate, contact Edie Nelson at ext. 5268 or enelson@ccm.edu.



Professor Kelly Fitzpatrick, Mathematics, and **Matthew Nielsen**, Grant Development Coordinator, attended a conference in Washington D.C. hosted by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and for National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technical Education (ATE) program grantees. Fitzpatrick and Nielsen shared their ATE grant project with other attendees and Fitzpatrick also presented a "Designing Summer Programs to Increase Enrollment" workshop. The conference was a great opportunity to learn about projects from around the country, best practices and future funding opportunities.



Military Veterans were graciously honored on campus at a **Program in Tribute to Our Veterans: Honoring Service to Country and Community** on November 9. See a recording of the live event [here](#). Check back on CCM's social media channels for photos!



The poem "Eternal Names" written by **Professor Maryam Alikhani**, English and Communication, was published by [Arts by the People](#) and dedicated to veterans. Alikhani said, "Thanks to County College of Morris for inspiring me with the exhibition of *The Moving Wall*. This is a found poem; I hope you'll enjoy reading it. —Wishing us peace."

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Campus Events

ART GALLERY EXHIBITS
MON. – SAT.; 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.; ART GALLERY

YOGA CLASS
MON. AND THURS.; 5-6 P.M. HPE 120
FRI., 5-6 P.M. REMOTE WEBEX

PLANETARIUM SHOW
NOVEMBER 14

HEALTH PROFESSIONS SHOWCASE
NOVEMBER 16

DATA SCIENCE NIGHT
NOVEMBER 16

HEARTSAVER FIRST AID/ AED
NOVEMBER 17, DECEMBER 8

TABLE OF HOPE FOOD DISTRIBUTION
NOVEMBER 17

THE WOMEN'S CENTER ANGEL PROJECT
THROUGH DECEMBER 1

Public Safety

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



STUDENT SERVICES

Uwill
Student Mental Health & Wellness

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

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

Mark Your Calendar to Take Time-Out

TITANS TIME-OUT

Join the Foundation and Special Events in a new initiative of **employee appreciation and community.**



DECEMBER 12

Foundation Holiday Open House

12:30 – 3:30 p.m., HH 211

- Festive Finger Sandwiches and Seasonal Treats provided along with a signature CCM Foundation Holiday Ornament to all who stop by. Special Raffle too!

JANUARY 12

Dark Roast Resolutions

9 – 10:30 a.m., Starbucks Café

- Your choice of a beverage at the Starbucks café – Refreshments
- Share your New Year's resolutions and learn about the services HR offers to support them

FEBRUARY 9

Stomping at the Student Center

12:30 – 2 p.m., Dragonetti Auditorium

- On Stage Tap Class with Colleen- all levels welcome!
- Special Valentine Treat

NEW THIS YEAR

Foundation Book Club

Bring one, borrow one. Come by the Foundation office to browse our growing book-sharing library!

MARCH 7

Employee Recognition Celebration

3 – 4:30 p.m., Davidson Rooms

- Coffee & Confections
- Year of Service, Titan Awards, Trivia and more!

MARCH 8

Chatting at Crabby's

5 – 7:30 p.m., Mr. Crabby's, Randolph

- Reserved private section with Happy Hour nibbles provided by CCM
- BYOB: Buy your own beverages

APRIL 12

Walking History: Stroll through Campus on a CCM Historic Guided Tour

12:30 – 2 p.m.

- Meet at the Titus Statue!
- Rain Date: April 19

MAY 10

Titans Take it Outside

12:30 – 2 p.m., LRC Patio and Walkway, Rain Date: 5/17

- Play with colleagues to freshen up your games for summer!
- Jenga, Kan Jam, Bucket Ball, Corn Hole, Ladder Ball, Spike Ball
- Brown Bag Lunch and Sweet Refreshments will be served

JUNE 7

CCM Employee Picnic

2 – 4:00 p.m., Titans Statue and LRC Patio (Rain location: SCC Lobby/Davidson Rooms)

- American BBQ
- Lawn Games/Carnival Games
- Classic Egg Toss!
- 50/50 Raffle



Questions? Email Colleen McArdle, Director of Special Events, cmcardle@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.

Corebridge Financial (formerly AIG/VALIC) representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. [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.

Empower (formerly Prudential) representative Robert Rooyackers is available for individual appointments for the ABP or the DCRP plans, contact him at 732-587-8331 or by email at bob.rooyackers@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.

MetLife/Brighthouse representative David Sharpe is available for individual appointments, contact him at 973-575-3254 or by email at dsharpe@financialguide.com.

Contact the TIAA Individual Advisory Center to schedule an appointment with a TIAA representative at 855-728-8422 or www.tiaa.org/schedulenow.

Voya Financial Services representative Anthony DiPietro is available for individual appointments, contact him at 609-415-5530 or by email at adjpietro@voyafa.com.

Health Professions Showcase

Healthcare careers are not only in high demand, but they also play a crucial role in the well-being of our communities. Through this learning event, CCM aspires to educate current and future healthcare professionals about the incredible opportunities that come with a college education in this field.

CAREERS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Your path to a successful career **STARTS AT CCM!**



THURSDAY
NOV. 16
1-5 p.m.

SCC DAVIDSON ROOMS

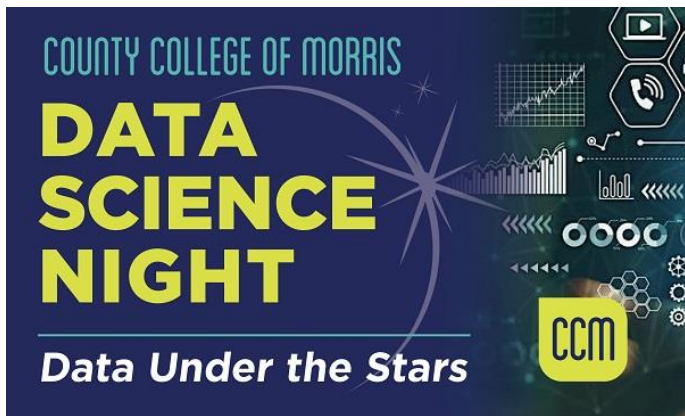
A free showcase for all students, job seekers and the public will be held on Thursday, November 16, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Community Center, Davidson Rooms. Read more [here](#).

Veterans Day 2023

Thank you for your service! Read more about why we honor veterans who have served in the U.S. military [here](#).



Data Science Night



The in-demand field of data science continues to expand, offering numerous rewarding, well-paying career options for those with the knowledge and training. A free interactive event is being held on Thursday, November 16, from 6 to 9:30 p.m., Sheffield Hall, Room 200. Please help spread the [news](#) and share the evening's agenda on [Eventbrite](#).

Heartsaver® First Aid CPR/AED Certification

Public Safety, in Partnership with WFD, is offering the Heartsaver® First Aid CPR/AED Certification to CCM employees. In this training you will also learn skills related to handling drug overdose emergencies in addition to child and infant CPR. First Aid CPR/AED Training will be offered on Fridays, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Choose either of these remaining dates:

1. [November 17](#)
2. [December 8](#)

The maximum capacity per course is 10 individuals.

There are two options to be sponsored for the \$60 registration. Employees can use the tuition waiver benefit, or they can be sponsored by their own departments to take WFD classes using their professional development budget. Both forms can be found [here](#). Below are some simple steps outlining how to use your tuition waiver benefit.

- Employees do not pay the tuition amount; they only pay a \$5 fee per course.
- Any employee who wishes to take a noncredit course must get the tuition approved by both the employee's supervisor and HR.
- If this is your first time registering using WFD's new registration system (Elevate), you need to create a new account. Your email address will become your permanent username.
- "Save & Exit" just before the Payment tab on the right of the screen.

Upon completion of these steps, the employee should bring their approved tuition waiver form and a check or cash for the fees to the Bursar's office. An email will be sent to fully registered employees approximately 1 to 2 days before the class date.

For any questions related to registration, please email Workforce Development at workforcedevelopment@ccm.edu or call 973-328-5187. The training sessions require physical activities so please dress appropriately and comfortably.

Free Planetarium Show about The Milky Way



The Longo Planetarium is offering free shows to students and staff on Tuesday, November 14 or Tuesday, December 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the planetarium, Cohen Hall CH207. A short video "Journey to the Center of the Milky Way" will be featured to explore recent research about our galaxy, along with a tour of the stars to learn how to find the Milky Way in the winter sky.

Thanksgiving Happenings!



Pomptonian Thanksgiving Dinner Promotion – Stop in the Student Center Café to purchase a festive meal on Monday, November 13, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ([pre-order](#) by Nov. 10). Turkey or cheese lasagna entrée with sides and pie selection for only \$12!

Gourmet Club Annual Pie Sale – Help yourself this holiday with a delicious pie or two made by the Gourmet Club. [Pre-order](#) by Wednesday, November 15 for pick up on Tuesday, November 21.



Annual Turkey and all the Fixings Food Distribution on November 17 – Donations Needed!

CCM and the Foundation are once again partnering with the Morris County Chamber of Commerce, the Morris County Sheriff's Office and Alstede Farms to provide turkeys for the Table of Hope drive-through Food Distribution event for Morris County residents on Friday, November 17, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. in Parking Lot 1. Last year, many CCM employees made generous donations to support the purchase of these turkeys. We are asking for your help again.

Please use the following link to make a donation that will purchase turkeys to help our neighbors in need this holiday season: [2023 Thanksgiving Appeal](#). Or send in your check to the CCM Foundation and put Turkey in the memo line.

Any questions? Call x5062 or email cdolan@ccm.edu. Your donation does more than help feed our friends and neighbors, it reminds people they are part of a caring community!

The Women's Center's Annual "Angels" Project



The Women's Center at CCM has been helping individuals and families in the community for over 30 years. We are a grant supported, non-profit program of the college that offers a variety of programs and services to assist individuals that need to become financially independent so they can support themselves and their families.

Most have been out of the workforce for years maintaining the household and raising their children. They have lost the financial support of a spouse often due to divorce, separation, disability, or widowhood. They find themselves as single parents who want desperately to find a job and start their lives with a new beginning but don't know where to start.

The Women's Center offers these individuals support and assistance during this time by providing job readiness services on an individual basis and in a group setting. The Women's Center assists with career counseling, resume, cover letter and LinkedIn assistance, scholarships for training, job search strategies and legal guidance. We also assist with getting them connected to the community resources they need.

Please share in the spirit of the season by donating gift cards to help these individuals celebrate the holidays and provide for their families. All varieties of gift cards, in any amount, are greatly appreciated. Popular gift card donations are for department stores like Target, Walmart, Kohl's, TJMaxx and Visa/MC gift cards. All donations are given directly to participants in need.

Donations must be received by December 1 for participants to receive in time for the holiday season. Please include your name(s), department, and extension with your donation. Donations may be sent via inter-office mail or feel free to drop-off at The Women's Center, Student Community Center 115, during business hours Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations may also be mailed. *Thank you for your generous contributions!*

Free Ticket to Performances

The Department of Music, Performing Arts and Music Technologies launched a new initiative where staff and faculty can receive one free ticket to each of the performing arts performances. The remaining fall performances include:

Dance Theatre First Look, December 4-5, 7:30 p.m., Performance Lab (MTC 105)



Drama: CLUE, December 7-9, 7:30 p.m., Dragonetti Auditorium

To receive the free ticket, show your CCM ID at the box office!

Campus Closed for the Holiday

Reminder, the college is closed on Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24.



The CCMemo will pause that week, but please continue to submit any news and announcements.

New Faces at CCM

Congratulations and Welcome to those who were approved by the Board of Trustees at the October 24 meeting.

Allison Boddie, Director of Marketing & Public Relations

Patrick Reilly, Department Administrative Assistant, Student Engagement and Success

Omar Ruiz, Groundskeeper I

Denisa Rihova, PT Administrative Assistant

Winterim and Spring Semester Registration Is Open



Registration opened on November 6. Encourage your students to register now to have the best chance of obtaining the classes that fit their schedules.

Four-week Winterim classes begin December 20. Spring Semester classes begin January 17, 2024, with Late 7 starting thereafter. Visit [Titans Direct](#) for the most up-to-date course information.

Bookstore Sale – Save the Date!



The Annual Employee Sale in the Campus Store is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Save the Date! Details to come.

NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to Stacy Maldonado at smaldonado@ccm.edu.

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

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



COVID Protocol for Employees

We are coming to the season where upper respiratory infections are most prevalent. For employees who are feeling ill, follow these protocols:

If an employee feels sick, stay home or leave campus as soon as possible and do not work from home.

All medical documentation should be emailed to HR at humanresources@ccm.edu and may be required in accordance with the Sick Leave provisions in your collective bargaining agreement.

If you are home due to feeling ill, remote work is not an option.

If an employee has a positive PCR Test: Do NOT come to campus, contact your supervisor and HR.

***If you have symptoms and have a positive PCR test,** contact HR to discuss your quarantine period based on CDC recommendations and your return to campus date.

***If you were exposed to COVID and have no symptoms, but have a positive PCR test,** contact HR to discuss your quarantine period based on CDC recommendations and your return to campus date.

***If COVID positive and you have no symptoms,** remote work must be approved by your Vice President or Executive Director.

Please note: You are not required to report a COVID-19 exposure to HR. Only report a positive test result. To report work absence(s) due to COVID-19, employees must provide a positive PCR test or doctor's note for verification. Home Tests are not acceptable verification. To return to campus following a COVID diagnosis, you are not required to provide a doctor's note or negative PCR test. As always, cover your face when you cough or sneeze and wash your hands frequently with warm soapy water.

Construction Updates

Academic Complex Elevators and Third Floor Walkway

In the next coming weeks, the exterior work on the columns, elevator pits, and enclosing the third-floor walkway will continue. The interior finish work within the third-floor offices will be complete by the end of the week. There will still be intermittent noise and minor odors throughout the next coming months.



We have discovered some hidden conduits under, and within, the first-floor slabs that were not

visible in the penetrating radar scans. When this happens, we might temporarily lose power or HVAC control in certain areas unexpectedly. As you would normally do, please reach out to Plant & Maintenance ext. 5500 if you find you have a partial loss of power, or the HVAC system is not acting as you would normally expect. We have been able to restore systems relatively quickly, but the sooner Plant knows the sooner they can get things restored.

The Social Security Star November Issue

Social Security is more than just a retirement program. The organization provides a range of services to assist many families across this country. Read more in this month's electronic issue of The Social Security Star newsletter available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

I'm Hacked, Now What?



The internet can be overwhelming, with new technologies changing all the time. No matter how safe you try to be, sooner or later you may be unfortunate enough to get hacked. See signs that suggest you may have been compromised and discover how to take back control in this month's issue of [Ouch!](#)

Construction Updates

Grounds Garage and Underground to Aboveground Storage Tank at the Plant Maintenance Building



The foundation slab and structural steel have been erected and installed for the new Grounds Garage. The concrete pad and bollards have been poured and installed in Parking Lot 3 for the new aboveground fueling system. The anticipated completion for this project is on schedule for February 2024. This project is funded through the College's Chapter 12 appropriation.

Coming Soon!... Center for Entrepreneurship & Culinary Science Center

The project was recently approved to move forward with construction this Fall. The scope of work includes constructing a 13,000 square foot addition to the Student Community Center (SCC) where the current outdoor patio resides. The infrastructure will house space for the Entrepreneurship program and expand learning space for the Culinary Science programs. This project is funded through the College's Chapter 12 appropriation.



Public Safety and Plant are continuing to work daily on updating caution and detour signage as the work shifts within the buildings. If you have any concerns, please call Business & Finance at ext. 5012 and they will direct the questions or concerns to the correct department/person.

To keep informed of the construction progress throughout the fall, please check the CCMemo for regular updates. We again thank the campus community for their assistance with preparing for the construction schedule. As communicated over the last few years, the completed project will provide much-needed accessibility (ADA) access to the third floors of Cohen, Sheffield, and DeMare halls with larger elevator cabs and a connection between the buildings' third floors. The third-floor connections will improve circulation and provide additional options for emergency egress. The old elevators and equipment rooms will be converted to fully ADA-compliant gender-neutral (all gender) single-stall restrooms and additional building storage. This project is funded through the College's Chapter 12 appropriation and was approved by Morris County.

Morris County Vocational School Career Technical Education Center

In the next coming weeks, the trucks will continue moving soil off campus utilizing the Dover Chester entrance and construction only entrance/exit in Parking Lot 9.

The section by the Tennis Court stairs will remain open for parking and



entry/exit. Parking Lot 7 and 8 will also be available for parking of students, faculty, and staff. The sidewalk near the fence heading towards the AMEC building from Parking Lot 9 will remain open for use. The new facility will focus on workforce development learning opportunities and will operate on a share-time model for high school juniors and seniors. The project expands and supports the partnership between MCVSD and CCM. This project is funded through Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act.

Existing Sewer Lift Station (Randolph Township) at the Plant Maintenance Building

This work provides a new sewer lift station, generator, landscaping, and a new set of lines to and from Route 10. The lift station serves CCM and



a few buildings to the west along Route 10. CCM is the main beneficiary of the construction. The project will be completed in phases. Phase I will include

constructing the new sewer lift station. Phase II will include the installation of the new generator which has a longer lead time and anticipated completion of Spring 2024. This project is funded through the Township of Randolph.

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.

