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### CCM Receives College Readiness Now Grant for the Tenth Year *Increasing the Number of Students Who Are Academically Prepared for College*

The college is excited to announce, for the tenth year, having been selected to receive a College Readiness Now (CRN) X grant in an amount just over \$50,000 to increase the number of high school graduates to be “college-ready”. Awarded by the State of New Jersey’s Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) the college plans to use the grant in the 2023-2024 fiscal year to continue its current programming in providing learning opportunities for students in need.

Due to CCM’s incredibly successful partnerships with high schools in Morris County, participating twelfth-grade students may take a year-long equivalency course in mathematics taught by the district. Alternatively, those who are identified as not college-ready in mathematics, may participate in an intense, five-week, summer bridge program. The benefits to successfully completing this on campus before enrolling as a first-year student at CCM and other details may be found [here](#). The college is working towards implementing a similar English as a Second Language program in hopes of a greater student success rate.

For more information about this exciting opportunity contact Associate Director Marva Cole-Friday, Dual Enrollment & College Readiness Now Coordinator, [MCole-Friday@ccm.edu](mailto:MCole-Friday@ccm.edu), 973-328-5105.

### 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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
THROUGH NOVEMBER 8

LIGHT IN THE PIAZZA  
NOVEMBER 1 – 4; 7:30 P.M., DRAGONETTI

FUTURE OF WORK  
NOVEMBER 7

VETERAN’S DAY RECOGNITION  
NOVEMBER 8 & 9

BE A TITAN FOR A DAY  
NOVEMBER 9 & 10

HEALTH PROFESSIONS SHOWCASE  
NOVEMBER 16

DATA SCIENCE NIGHT  
NOVEMBER 16

HEARTSAVER FIRST AID/ AED  
NOVEMBER 17, DECEMBER 8

### Public Safety

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



**Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) program** received a redesignation, with a ceremony that took place on September 19, 2023, in Palos Hills, IL at the National Cybersecurity Education Colloquium at Moraine Valley Community College.

CCM originally received, in 2017, a designation for the Information Security program. At that time, we were the first community college to get this designation. The redesignation reaffirms that our program still meets the standards of the NSA to be a program of study that supports cybersecurity professionals. The redesignation is until 2027 and also allows CCM to be part of a large CAE community that provides opportunities for the college, faculty and students. CCM representation at the ceremony: Professor Colleen Bamford, chairperson, Information Technologies, POC of program, Professor Dawn Rywalt, cyber faculty, Information Technologies, Alt POC of program and Dean Aslihan Cakmak, BMET.



The **Creative Leadership Club**, an employee-driven volunteer group, made ten festive wreaths to donate to Habitat for Humanity. Thank you to EOF Counselor Edith Nelson for being so philanthropic and organizing the group as they continue to volunteer their time, talent and treasures to help others. [See here](#) for photos of their latest gathering. The next meet-up is Friday, November 17 to craft holiday centerpieces for the Marketplace on December 5.

The recent **Career Services and Cooperative Education, the Center for Workforce Development and The Women’s Center Job and Internship Fair** was amazing with 50+ employers and approximately 425 students in attendance. Through the use of an attendee survey, we found that physical signs posted around campus and faculty recommendations brought students into the fair. Attendees also learned of the event through the campus-wide digital screens and the CCM website. Thank you to all of the faculty and staff who contributed to making the event a success!

**Professor Nancy Binowski, Information Technologies**, participated in the Women in Statistics and Data Science Conference on October 25-27 in Seattle, Washington with CCM Titans Ebru Dagdelen, a Mathematics and Data Analytics Certificate student and Sharon Lin (farthest right), a Computer Science Data Science Option major. This trip was supported by the NSF grant for "Expanding Pathways to a Data Science Career by Developing a Certification in Data Science and Analytics," NSF ATE Award 2000887, of which Binowski serves as the Co-Principal Investigator.



Congratulations to our talented Titans who shined on stage in this fall's production of **Light in the Piazza**. CCM faculty production team includes Professor Mammon, Director, Professor Swiss, Music Director, Professors McArdele and Duncan, Choreographers, and Dr. Jose Bevia, Orchestra, Grand Piano. The remaining showtimes are today, Friday evening and Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. Remember, staff and faculty receive one free ticket to each of the performing arts performances this semester. Show your CCM ID at the box office! Read more about Light in the Piazza [here](#).

### STUDENT SERVICES

**Uwill**  
Student Mental Health & Wellness

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

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



## CCM in the News!

The groundbreaking announcement about the new **Paragano Family Foundation Healthcare Simulation Center**, a 13,000-square-foot state-of-the-art integrative medical facility in Sheffield Hall, has been in the news! Read more about the event, held on October 25, [here](#).




Congratulations to **Assistant Vice President Dr. Pamela Marcenaro** for being featured during Hispanic Heritage Month in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community (KC). The Latinx/a/o KC actively promotes the empowerment of NASPA members through education, research, shared knowledge, mentoring initiatives and the use of online forums to disseminate information and facilitate discourse. As student affairs professionals they challenge and engage our community to advance Latinx/as/os in NASPA as well as in our colleges and universities throughout the country.

## The Future of Work at CCM, the Future of Teaching and Learning, and the Integration and Use of Technology

Last Spring, an incredible wave of innovation and dedication swept through CCM, as three Workgroups of passionate employees and students from all corners of the college came together to help shape the future success of our college. Their goal was to explore, consider and make recommendations regarding the Future of Work at CCM, the Future of Teaching and Learning, and the Integration and Use of Technology, in support of the institution's mission. Now, the power of teamwork and vision has reached its peak, and the dynamic Workgroup Co-Chairs are ready to unveil the recommendations.

Mark your calendars and clear your schedules for these not-to-be-missed presentations.

 Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

 Time: 2:30 p.m.

 Venue: DeMare Hall, DH 118

Attendance is not mandatory, but all are welcome. Come and be informed and inspired by the Workgroup recommendations that will move CCM forward on the exciting pathways and possibilities that lie ahead.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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).

Contact the TIAA Individual Advisory Center to schedule an appointment with a TIAA representative at 855-728-8422 or [www.tiaa.org/schedulenow](http://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](mailto:adjpietro@voyafa.com).

## Be a Titan for a Day Choosing a College is a Big Deal



Prospective students are invited to Be a Titan for a Day on Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10, to explore academic and career opportunities, engage with faculty and current CCM students, and enjoy a campus tour and lunch.

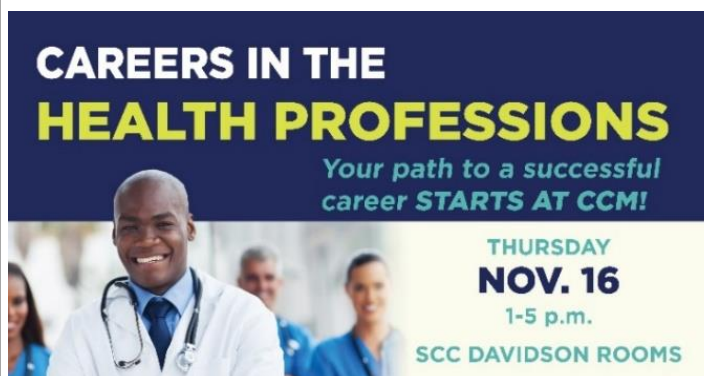
[Registration is required](#) and early registration is encouraged as spaces in these interactive programs are limited. Please help spread the word.

## CCM Salutes Veterans

The 2023 Resource Event for Veterans is taking place on Wednesday, November 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Davidson Rooms C & D in the SCC. Various organizations, including the NJ Department of Military Affairs, Morris County Veterans Services Office, Department of Aging, Community Hope, Mental Health Association and more, will be available with resources and programs available for discussion, education, and support for Veterans.

## 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.



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

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, our annual drive to collect toys, small clothing, art or school supplies to fill shoeboxes that are sent to children in need around the world, is being held now through November 8.



**COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS**

**HONORING OUR VETERANS**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
**Veterans Resource Event**  
 NJ Department of Military Affairs, Morris County Veterans Services Office, Department of Aging, Community Hope, Mental Health Association, NJMEP, and more.  
**10:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m**  
**Student Community Center – Davidson Rooms**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**  
**Honoring service to Country and Community:**  
*A Program in Tribute to our Veterans*  
**10:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m**  
**Student Community Center Auditorium**


**Keynote Speakers**

Lt. Col. Alexander D. Burgos Commander, United States Army Garrison Picatinny Arsenal	George A. Roth, FC, SO-AS/CS/IS, FSO-AS/CS/DV/IS/NS/PB/PE Division 15, Flotilla 10, 5NR US Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Announcement of the new Veterans Center at CCM

**Veterans and Guests luncheon**  
**11:30 a.m – 2:00 p.m**  
**Student Community Center Davison Rooms**

**Parking Lot # 6**



In addition, a program to honor and thank our community, student, and employee Veterans is being held on Thursday, November 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Dragonetti Auditorium. All members of the community are invited.

CCM Employees – Are you a Military Veteran? If you have served, please contact Colleen McArdle at [cmcardle@ccm.edu](mailto:cmcardle@ccm.edu) with your branch and years of service.

### 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.



The EOF Student Alliance is collecting small gift items for packing in shoeboxes for

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Please donate small toys, art or school supplies, accessories, or clothing that fit in a shoebox for a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14,  
 OR  
 Pack a whole shoebox, label for one age group, with the option of enclosing a holiday card, family photo, or \$10. to offset the shipping.

**ALL DONATIONS BY NOV. 8.**  
 Shoebox gifts are sent world-wide to poor children

Collection boxes are located outside EOF CH 211, SCC Lobby, and Cohen Cafe

For more details, scan the QR code!





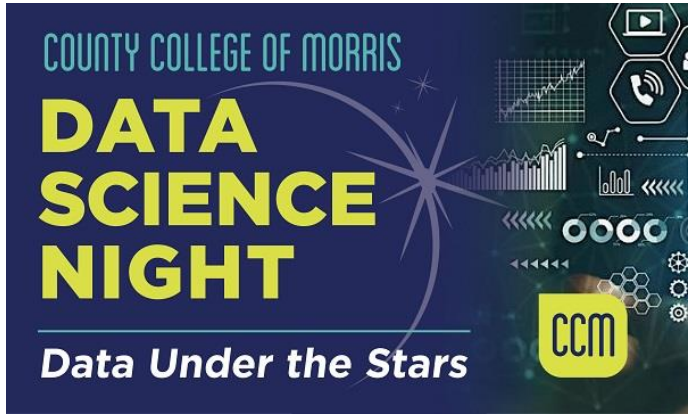

Boxes are by the EOF hallway, SCC lobby and Cohen Café entry doors.

### Data Science Night

**COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS**

**DATA SCIENCE NIGHT**

**Data Under the Stars**



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](#).

### 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.



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.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:workforcedevelopment@ccm.edu) or call 973-328-5187. The training sessions require physical activities so please dress appropriately and comfortably.

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.



## 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!](#)

## NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to Stacy Maldonado at [smaldonado@ccm.edu](mailto:smaldonado@ccm.edu).

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

Looking for past issues of the CCMemo? [Find them 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.

