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CCM EVENTS

Testing the Boundaries of Contemporary Works

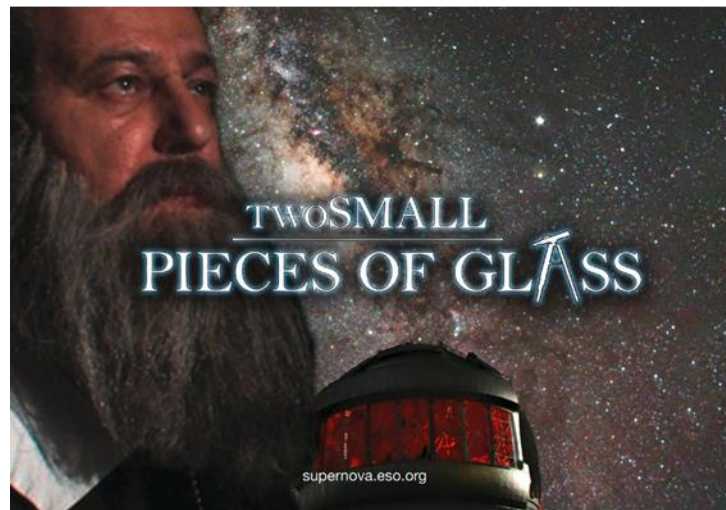
Art Gallery
Through February 23

Professional Day
March 1

[Planetarium Shows](#)



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



Free Planetarium Shows for Employees and Students

CCM's [Longo Planetarium](#) is offering free shows again this semester for employees and students every third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

The show on February 21 will feature a new show "Out There: The quest for extrasolar worlds," which features the fascinating new planets being discovered orbiting nearby stars. The show is approximately 30 minutes long and starts promptly at 12:30 p.m. in Cohen Hall, Room 207.

Another new show being offered by the Planetarium this semester is "Two Small Pieces of Glass," which details how the telescope opened up the universe and other wonders related to the cosmos.

You can watch trailers for those shows at www.eso.org/public/videos/OutThere_trailer_en/ and www.eso.org/public/videos/tspog-eng-trailer-flat-30fps-original/.

Crime Scene Investigation for Students 6th to 8th Graders



Dr. Maureen Kazaba, Criminal Justice, will be hosting a 4-H "Crime Scene Investigation" on campus on Saturday, March 25, for 6th to 8th graders.

The two-hour workshop will feature hands-on activities in CCM's Crime Scene lab from 10 a.m. to noon. Interested parents can register their children [here](#). Space is limited to 20 participants. Students do not need to be 4-H members to participate.



Professional Day

As a reminder, on March 1, CCM will be conducting Professional Day for all employees. Join your colleagues for an exciting day of department engagement, implicit bias training, an overview of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, and CCM's annual mandatory safety compliance training.

Please note, there is a generous 90-minute lunch break included as part of your Professional Day.

There are no classes being held on this day and all employees are expected to be in attendance. Employees who are unable to attend are to complete the [Leave-Request Form](#) as stated in your union contract.

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](#).

Coming Soon! Emergency Evacuation Drills

CCM Public Safety conducts unannounced evacuation drills of campus buildings, as required by Fire Code. Please familiarize yourself with the College [Emergency Evacuation Procedure](#) so you are aware of the process. Faculty members are reminded to read the Emergency Evacuation Statement to their students at the beginning of the semester, which is noted in the procedure. Emergency evacuation drills not only familiarize our students and employees with the procedure, but also test our fire alarm control panels and the response of our Fire Marshalls, Maintenance Staff and Public Safety Officers. Please contact Public Safety if you have any questions.



Promotional Materials for Open House



If you would like promotional materials designed and printed in time for the April 15 Spring Open House, please be sure to submit your request to Marketing & Public Relations no later than February 28. You can access the MPR request form at www.ccm.edu/marketing-and-public-relations/request-forms/.

STUDENT SERVICES

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

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

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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.

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.

TIAA representative Christian Hawkinson is available for virtual appointments: Click [here](#) to login and schedule a meeting with him or in-person appointments: www.tiaa.org/schedulenow.

Voya representative John Murray is available for individual appointments, contact him at 609-234-3369 or by email johnhmurray@voyafa.com.

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](#).

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.

