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CCM EVENTS

Apocalypse

Art Gallery
Through April 6

Employee Recognition Ceremony

March 9, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Davidson Rooms

Talk Radio

Music Technology Center
March 9 – 11, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Open House

April 15, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.

Planetarium Shows



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



Art Gallery Welcomes Cuban-American Artist Edel Rodriguez *A Revelation of Contemporary Socio-Political Discourse*

The works of prominent Cuban-American artist Edel Rodriguez are now proudly on display in the “Apocalypso” exhibition at the Art Gallery until April 6.

“Apocalypso” is a very appropriate title, says Art & Design Professor Brian Sahotsky, Art Gallery Director. “The direct but playful conversation between the words apocalypse and calypso inform a flashpoint of contemporary socio-political discourse. Calypso will likely bring to mind the sounds of rhythmic vocals and colorful dances, a music style rooted in Caribbean identity and an inherent multi-culturalism.”

He adds, “Notable is the fact that apocalypse derives from the Greek word for a revelation. The works by Edel Rodriguez function as precisely this type of revelation, in essence, revealing the complicated overlays of Cuban-American identity, complete with themes of tides – cyclical and reliable elements – and undercurrents – mercurial and sometimes calamitous events.”

Rodriguez was born in Havana in 1971. He was raised in El Gabriel, a small farm town surrounded by tobacco and sugar cane fields. In 1980, Rodriguez and his family boarded a boat during the Mariel boat lift and settled in Miami. For the first time, Rodriguez was introduced to and influenced by American pop culture. Inspired by personal history, religious rituals, politics, memory and nostalgia, his bold, figurative works are an examination of identity, cultural displacement and mortality.

The work in this exhibition is a collection of paintings, drawings and published material that examine the tides and undercurrents which have led to our present-day cultural and political moment. Themes of war, migration and unsettling extremism are mixed with poignant personal reflections in graphic, colorful and, at times, controversial imagery.



At the February 27 Collaborative Network for Engineering and Computing Diversity Conference held in New Orleans, **Professor Nancy Binowski**, Information Technologies, co-presented the paper she co-authored, “Community College Computing Programs’ Unique Contexts for Promoting Gender Equity.”



The presentation described the research study with the National Center for Women and Information Technologies (NCWIT) and the University of Washington’s Center for Evaluation & Research for STEM Equity (CERSE) on the experiences of community colleges with the NCWIT Learning Circle program which CCM participated in 2020-21. It highlighted differences between baccalaureate and community college contexts and how gender equity efforts need to be tailored for the community college environment. Pictured are (l-r) Jamie Huber Ward (NCWIT), Professor Binowski and Erin Carll (CERSE).

Emergency Response Procedures

Following up on the Mandatory Safety Training on Wednesday, employees are reminded to always call 9-1-1 in an emergency. For Public Safety resources, please visit www.ccm.edu/public-safety/. The college's Emergency Response Guide also can be found online [here](#). Please take the time to review it so you are well-prepared in case of an emergency.

If you would like to watch the videos from Wednesday's presentation, here are the links.

DHS Run-Hide-Fight

<https://youtu.be/5VcSwejU2D0>

Sandy Hook Promise - Evan

<https://youtu.be/A8syQeFtBKc>

Any full-time employees who were unable to attend the Mandatory Safety Training, there are two dates scheduled for make-up sessions:

- Tuesday, March 28, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
OR Thursday, March 30, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. in CH 124

Attend either date, no registration is necessary.

Professional Day 2024

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a productive and informative Professional Day on Wednesday. Please make a note that next year's Professional Day is scheduled for March 6.

Health and Safety Are Everyone's Concern

CCM places a high priority on the health and safety of its employees and students. Toward that end, the college has a Safety Committee. Anyone with a concern or suggestion can reach out to Co-Chairs [Frank Pietropollo](#) or [Maureen Stivala](#) or any member of the committee.

Commencement 2023 Regalia



The ordering site for Faculty/Administration academic regalia rentals is now live at <https://ccmfaculty.shopoakhalli.com/purchasewizard/Welcome>.

Please place your order before the March 30 deadline.

The 2023 Commencement Ceremony takes place May 25.

CCM Cybersecurity Training



Employees are asked to complete the Cybersecurity Training that was announced on February 13. Click [here](#) to start your training:

PLEASE NOTE: You will receive an automated e-mail coming from the KnowBe4 training system. Please do not reply to this e-mail. If you experience any issues with this training or have any questions, contact the Solution Center at solutioncenter@ccm.edu or ext. 5600.

Your Input Is Needed

As we move through the Spring 2023 Semester, the Office of Institutional Effectiveness (IE) will be administering four national surveys (three student surveys and one faculty/staff survey). Student and faculty/staff input is important to CCM, as it will help the college to make better decisions and improve service delivery.

In March, student experience surveys will be administered. Students, faculty, administration and staff will have the opportunity to share their perceptions of the student experience through the:

1. Ruffalo Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI).

The SSI measures student satisfaction and priorities, demonstrating how satisfied students are and what topics are important to them.

2. Ruffalo Noel Levitz Institutional Priorities Survey (IPS).

This survey, when used simultaneously with the SSI, will help the college gain an understanding of the campus from a faculty/staff perspective.

In April, students will be asked about their online learning experience and technology needs via:

3. Ruffalo Noel Levitz Priorities Survey for Online Learners (PSOL)

PSOL will be administered to current and prior online students at CCM. The results of the survey will inform the college on how satisfied our students are with their online learning experience and what topics are important to them. It includes the areas of academic services, enrollment services, institutional perceptions, instructional services and student services.

Also in April, graduating students will be asked about their experience at CCM and their plans through the:

4. HEDS Graduating Student Survey (GSS)

This survey asks graduating students to assess the impact of their experiences at CCM and describe their plans for after graduation.

Your honest feedback is valued, and you are encouraged to participate. Please encourage your students' participation as well. If you have any questions, please contact the IE office at InstEffectiveness@ccm.edu.

STUDENT SERVICES

The Library

[In-Person and Remote Service](#)

Online Tutoring Center

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

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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.

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 johnmurray@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.](#)

The 50th Anniversary of Title IX

The Legacy Project's Commemoration Committee and the History & Political Science department present "The 50th Anniversary of Title IX" by Professor Deborah Hoeflinger in honor of Women's History Month.

The Education Amendments passed by Congress in 1972 included Title IX. It has been described as "the legislation that helped get women involved in sports." It has been 50 years since its passage and this program will explore what Title IX says and how it came to be law, as well as what effect it has had on American women and girls.

The event takes place Tuesday, March 7, at 12:30 p.m. in SH 100. All are welcome, including full classes. RSVP to legacy@ccm.edu. While an RSVP is not required to attend, it is appreciated.

BJ's Wholesale Club Discounts

CCM employees, students and their family members are eligible for membership discounts at BJ's Wholesale Club. Discounts in cash awards are available whether you are a new or existing member. Get \$20 in cash awards when you join for \$75 or \$10 in cash awards when you join for \$25. Existing members get \$20 in cash awards when they renew at \$110 or \$10 in cash awards when they renew for \$55.

Call the Support Center at 800-313-8887 between Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Provide them with the following information:

- CCM's Organization's Group Promo Code, which is 150067
- Debit or credit card information
- If a current BJ's member, your membership ID which can be found on the BJ's membership card or from within the BJ's app

March At-Home Baseball Games



Sat, March 4	RVCC (DH)	noon
Wed, March 22	Del Tech (single 9)	3 p.m.
Sat, March 25	Lackawanna (DH)	noon
Sun, March 26	Sullivan CC (single 9)	noon
Wed, March 29	Westchester (single 9)	3:30 p.m.
Fri, March 31	Lehigh Carbon (single 9)	3:30 p.m.



Looking for Some Good Sci-Fi?

The library has a new display of select items from its Science Fiction collection. The complete collection of 100 titles is at <https://tinyurl.com/LRCscifi>.

Catch Up on Local, State and National News at the Library

Time for a morning break? Visit the library, the coffee is always hot and the papers are always free. The library subscribes to The Daily Record, The Star Ledger, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, and keeps back issues for a month. There also is a wide selection of magazines.

Archived articles (1984 to present) of The Wall Street Journal can be accessed with a library database. Go to www.ccm.edu/library, click on Articles and Databases, click on The Wall Street Journal, enter your keyword and search.

Additional newspaper archive collections are in the Nexis Uni and News Onefile databases.

Any questions? Call the library at ext. 5300.

Spring Break Sale

Visit the CCM Campus Store during Spring Break – March 13 – 17 – for special deals on all of sale items.

Save an extra 10 percent on sale and clearance items including "Last Chance" clothing. Also check out the many new items that have been brought in so far this semester.

The Creative Leadership Club

The Creative Leadership Club will meet on Friday, March 31, noon to 1 p.m. to make spring grapevine wreaths. If you would like to join the club in making this craft, please contact Edie Nelson at enelson@ccm.edu or ext. 5268.

Digital Spring Cleaning in Seven Steps

We often hear of the term "spring cleaning," the time of year when we go through our belongings and organize our houses and lives in preparation for the upcoming summer. This is also the perfect time to take an annual review of your digital life.

The latest issue of OUCH! provides seven simple steps, taken once a year, that will go a long way toward ensuring you can make the most of technology, safely and securely. You can read about that [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.

