

# **County College of Morris Employee Newsletter**



# Infusing Creativity and Innovation at National Historic Landmark Strengthening the College's Mission to Accessibility and Inclusion

The creative faculty of the Department of Art & Design is once again using virtual reality to make 19th-century history come alive in Morristown. Through the use of innovative photography and engineering, an immersive and interactive virtual reality experience is enabling all patrons to visit the early years of the Industrial Revolution at Historic Speedwell.

"This is a continuation of the project we began in Fall 2021," says Hrvoje Slovenc, professor of Photography at CCM. "Our first virtual tour was done for Fosterfields Living Historical Farm to make New Jersey's first living farm accessible to all."

CCM is committed to providing opportunities for all students and the community. Therefore, it's a natural step for the college to continue to respond to a request by the Morris County Park Commission to enhance accessibility at the Birthplace of the Telegraph.

"We were thrilled to be involved again," says Slovenc. "Part of the mission of the college's Photography Program is to engage in community projects." This project enables visitors to see and understand how industrialization and technological advancements helped shape society. This is also a great example of how technology can be harnessed to solve real-world problems and create meaningful experiences for diverse audiences.

The creative process began with Slovenc and his colleague Nicole Schwartz, professor of Photography, using 360-degree cameras to shoot an assortment of high-end photographs of the periodic rooms at Historic Speedwell. "Every 360 shot is a collage of 12 individual images that we stitched together, for a total of 192 or 16 scenes," says Solvenc.

Making these virtual reality tours accessible to people with mobility impairments is a crucial step toward creating a more inclusive society. Visitors to the eight-acre center comprised of nine buildings may choose to participate in a variety of hands-on exhibits for learning and enjoyment, including that of the S.S. Savannah, the first steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean. Visitors may also see the remains of Speedwell Iron Works and take a tour of the tranquil location with a park, waterfall and lake surrounded by trails.

April 28, 2023 Volume 2023/698

#### **CCM EVENTS**

Derby Daze Gala May 4, 6 – 10 p.m. Brooklake Country Club

**Commencement** May 25, 10 a.m. Mennen Arena



Public Safety Visitor's Registration Link

**Pomptonian Online Ordering** 

To learn more about Historic Speedwell, visit <u>https://bit.ly/41QW2gv</u>. To see the 360-tour, visit <u>https://bit.ly/3LrbYAH</u>.



Mark Cosgrove, Chair of the Department of Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts, and

Emily Guderian, Lab Coordinator, were featured in the April issue of Cuvée magazine, published by Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the world's

oldest international gastronomic society.



You can read the article "County College of Morris Forges Historical Connection to Royal Guild of Rôtisseurs" <u>here</u>.



# Commencement Volunteers Needed



The college needs a few more staff and faculty volunteers for this year's commencement ceremony which takes place at the Mennen Arena at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 25. Volunteers are expected to arrive at Mennen by 8 a.m.

If you wish to volunteer, please email <u>knorberg@ccm.edu</u> or <u>rgrant@ccm.edu</u>. Faculty members are expected to don a cap and gown to be part of the commencement ceremony, but may also wish to assist at the candidate sign-in tables. This is a wonderful opportunity to speak with the students and congratulate them prior to the ceremony.

## An English Language Learner Scholarship Fund

At the initiative of the Center for Workforce Development (WFD), the CCM Foundation is establishing an English Language Learner Scholarship in honor of Irena Kaler, retiring WFD Director.

During the course of her career at CCM, Kaler has worked resolutely to develop a program of English program for speakers of other languages to provide them with the foundational knowledge needed to thrive in their professional aspirations. This scholarship fund will support under/unemployed students going through the English Language Learning (ELL) program. It will be the first time a scholarship will be made available to this population of students since the program's inception.

Kaler's commitment to providing English language speaking skills to underserved communities has been at the forefront of her mission as WFD director. This year, she also established a partnership between CCM and the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey (UACCNJ) in Whippany to provide free ESL classes to refugees who had relocated here from their homeland in war-torn Ukraine.

# National Nurses Month Celebrations



The Nursing department will be celebrating National Nurses Month on May 9 from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the SCC lobby and Davidson Room D. The Student Nurse Association will be in

attendance and there will be games, speakers, photo opportunities and more! A speaker series will be held in Davidson Room D where attendees can hear from recent graduates about the transition to practice, learn from a nurse professional about nontraditional roles, and talk with men in nursing about their experiences. This will be a fun event and everyone on campus is welcome to attend.

The department's Maternal-Child/Mental Health Nursing students and faculty also will be hosting an Evidence-Based Practice Exhibition on May 9 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Davidson Rooms A-C. NUR 213 students will be present to discuss their research and light refreshments will be served.

#### **At the Library**



This week is National Library Week, April 23 – April 29. Everyone is invited to stop by the library, get

a library barcode on their employee ID card, and check out a book, film or CD.

The library also has two new book displays.

 "New books added to the collection," which can be found at <u>https://ccm.on.worldcat.org/list/19392856</u>

2. "Classic Lit Romance Fiction," which you can find at https://ccm.on.worldcat.org/list/19374277.

#### **Campus Construction Updates**

The CCMemo will be home to regular campus construction progress updates. The updates will occur every other week, or as necessary, to keep our CCM community updated on the work underway.

# **STUDENT SERVICES**

The Library In-Person and Remote Service

**Online Tutoring Center** For more information, click <u>here</u>.

#### **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.

AIG (formerly VALIC) representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. <u>Click here to schedule a virtual</u> <u>meeting or phone appointment</u>

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 <u>dsharpe@financialguide.com</u>.

TIAA representative Christian Hawkinson is available for virtual appointments: Click <u>here</u> to login and schedule a meeting with him or inperson appointments: <u>www.tiaa.org/schedulenow.</u>

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.

Throughout her time at CCM, there have been many other programs where she has provided entrepreneurial guidance. However, the ELL program is near and dear to her and has flourished under her leadership, with over double the number of enrollments since she took on its management.

This new scholarship will allow an even wider range of students to be served. Funding will go directly to the cost of tuition and textbooks for under and/or unemployed students whose first language is not English.

To learn more, including how to make a taxdeductible donation to the scholarship, visit <u>http://weblink.donorperfect.com/irenakaler or call</u> <u>ext. 5060</u>. Significant concerns should be directed to the Business & Finance Department at ext. 5012 and safety concerns can be communicated with Business & Finance or Public Safety Directly at ext. 5550.

#### Academic Complex Elevators and Third Floor Walkway

The project duration will be 1.5 years. The contractor has begun the underpinning operation for the new elevator towers. Now that the safety plan and crane plans are completed, the areas being affected this summer are now identified. Senior Vice President Patrick Enright hosted a Zoom meeting this morning to go over the project impacts for this summer for anyone that works within the Academic Complex (Sheffield, DeMare, Cohen and Emeriti). The meeting provided general information about the work. Individual questions or concerns should be directed to your supervisors or department chair or appropriate dean.

#### **Spring Greenhouse Plant Sale**



The Department of Landscape & Horticultural Technology (LHT) will be holding a spring greenhouse plant sale. Choose from a wide selection of annual flowers, perennials, vegetables, herbs and hanging baskets. A diverse variety of heirloom and hybrid tomato plants also will be available.

The sale takes place at the LHT greenhouses on Monday, May 1, through Wednesday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The greenhouses are located at the lower end of Parking Lot 1.

### **College Council**

If you missed the College Council meeting on April 27, you can watch it here: https://youtu.be/Kuk3v6nE4WY

#### **CCM All Access**

CCM All Access has two new episodes. One features Charlyse Young, a CCM student and the social media intern with Marketing & Public Relations. You can watch that here: <u>https://youtu.be/bqqGMwzCyJc</u>. The other spotlights Nathally Lopez, CCM Athletic Trainer. You can watch that here: <u>https://youtu.be/zk7EwZs7abQ</u>.

## Direct Deposit Is Now Available for Expense Reimbursements

The Accounting department is pleased to announce that employees can now receive payment for their Expense Reimbursements via direct deposit/ACH.

To take advantage of this, employees must complete an "ACH Authorization and Enrollment for Accounts Payable Form." This form is available as an E-Form on the CCM website. A voided check or Bank Spec sheet confirming account information must be attached when submitted. Completed forms must be delivered to the Accounting department, HH, Room 210. Please note electronic submission of this form will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Higgins at ext. 5019 or thiggins@ccm.edu. The project will provide much needed accessibility (ADA) access to the third floors of Cohen, Sheffield, and DeMare Halls with larger elevator cabs. 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 restrooms and additional building storage. This project is funded through the college's Chapter 12 appropriation and was approved by the county.

#### Morris County Vocational School District (MCVSD), Technical Education Center

The project was awarded, and construction will ramp up in May with the removal of soil on the side of the AMEC. Construction fencing will be installed around the site and a portion of Parking Lot 9.

The MCVSD expansion will operate on a share-time model for high school juniors and seniors. It will focus on workforce development and offer students industry credentials, work and project-based learning opportunities, and up to 18 college credits. The project expands on the existing strong partnership between MCVSD and CCM and will bring 500-600 high school students to the campus to earn college credits, industry-valued credentials and access to an associate degree, either upon high school completion or one year after graduation. This project is funded through the Securing Our Children's Future (SOCF) Bond Act.

## Bring Hope to Young People Facing Homelessness

ONE PURPOSE. ONE NIGHT. ONE COMMUNITY. Support the Covenant House of New Jersey and the CCM Volunteer Club in building a bridge to hope for young people

facing homelessness and survivors of trafficking. Sleep Out is a transformative overnight experience, similar to a 5K walk/run for a cause, where CCM students, partners and volunteers will come together in solidarity, either virtually or in person.

The Sleep Out takes place Friday, April 28, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday, April 29, on the front lawn by the SCC. The night includes a series of impactful programs and workshops, then everyone hunkers down and sleeps outside overnight. In the morning, there is time for reflection. If interested in taking part, please email Andrew Frederick at frederick.andrew@student.ccm.edu.

## **Donate to the Library Archives**



Spring cleaning your office? Before you throw anything into the recycling bin, please consider donating to the CCM Library's Archives.

The Archives collects materials that document the

Your generosity also will help:

**\$10** provides youth with a hygiene kit as soon as they walk through the Covenant House's doors ensuring they have all the necessities they need. This includes everyday items we take for granted – shampoo and conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and a toothbrush, etc.

**\$35** provides clean, warm bedding for a young person who may not have had the comfort of their own bed in quite some time.

**\$80** provides one week of delicious and healthy meals to nourish a young person.

**\$84** provides one month of transit so young people can get to school or their jobs, essential for establishing their path to independence.

history of the college. The library's archives include CCM publications and productions, photographs, letters, mementos, press releases, promotional materials, performing arts programs and more. For details, contact Lynee at <u>lrichel@ccm.edu</u> or ext. 5278. **\$120** ensures that a young person has professional attire for job interviews and, hopefully, with the help and support of staff, a full- or part-time job.

**\$350** fuels the street outreach program - literally. \$350 provides gas and supplies for outreach teams who travel to meet young people where they are and offer Covenant House services.

You can make a donation here: <u>www.sleepout.org/team/CCM</u>.

## 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.

