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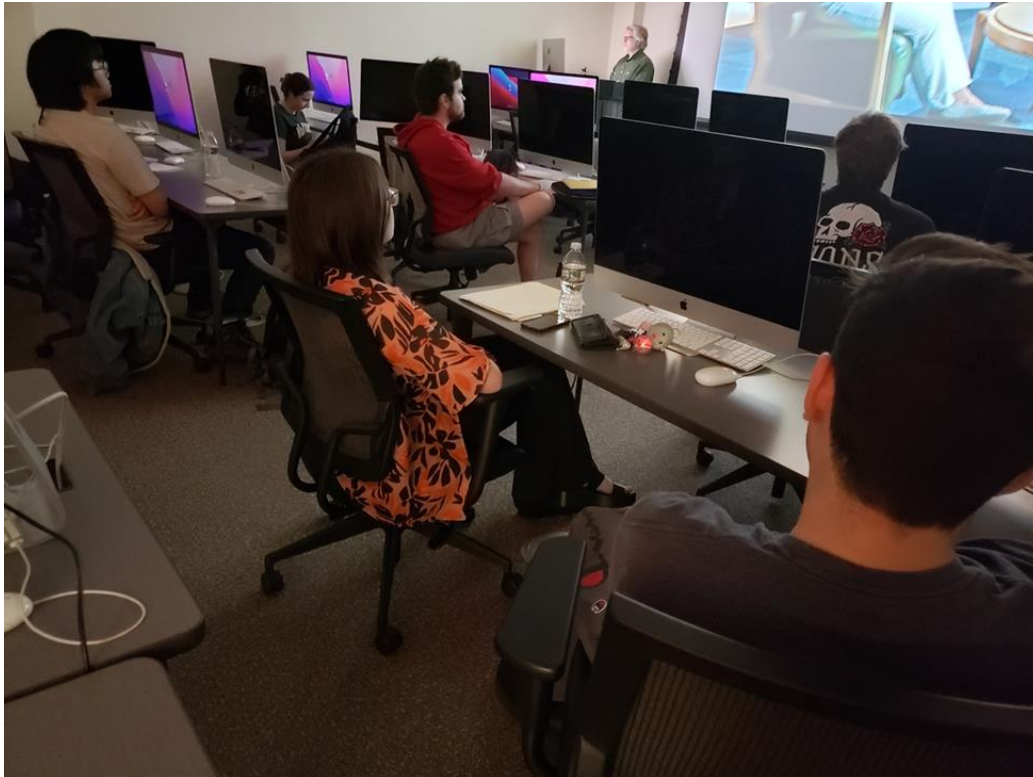
Commencement
May 25, 10 a.m.
Mennen Arena

Memorial Day – College Closed
May 29



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CCM Broadcast Students Create “Garden State of the Arts” Series Featuring New Jersey Artists Talking About Their Creative Journey

CCM employees, residents across New Jersey and others can gain new insight into the world of several regional artists through the “Garden State of the Arts” (GSOA) broadcast series created by CCM students enrolled in the college’s TV2 class.

Each semester, Professor Ray Kalas asks his TV2 students to produce a special project series. The Spring 2023 Semester students opted to produce five episodes for a GSOA series featuring artists from the region.

“I am so proud of the work the students did,” said Kalas. “Their episodes are among the very best my students have ever produced.”

The episodes and the students who produced them are:

- [GSOA with Michael Lancellotti](#), who talks about his development as an artist, produced by Joey Lancellotti and Julia Gosden.
- [GSOA with Victor Lake](#), a young fashion designer, who speaks about designing and founding the Smouth Brand, produced by Payton Reid and Michael Prada.
- [GSOA with Sherry Carnegie](#), who talks about her passion for teaching art, produced by Kaitlin McGraw and Devon Lane.
- [GSOA with Bob Richardson](#), who speaks about creating sculptures from things people throw away, produced by Brandon Lee and Zachary Spina.
- [GSOA with Todd Doney](#), CCM Fine Arts professor, who talks about his creative journey and the satisfaction he gets from working with students and their shared journey of discovery, produced by Kevin Roe and Christian Russomanno.

The Production Coordinator for the series was Stephen Keltos.

“It was very satisfying,” said Reid about his work on the episode with Lancellotti and what he learned in the class. “It was a good experience from start to finish, from finding the talent and then bringing it all together in the studio.”



Marva Cole-Friday, Associate Director Dual Enrollment & College Readiness Now Coordinator, recently was presented with an Appreciation Award from SOAR (Student Outreach and Academic Reinforcement), a program of the Spring Street Community Development Corporation that she was instrumental in helping to get started.

The CCM student club PALS (Pet and Animal Lovers Society) co-advised by **Dr. Loryn Stoler** and **Professor Paulina Cardaci**, Biology & Chemistry, held a fundraiser during the Spring 2023 Semester that resulted in a donation of \$127 to Sea Turtle Recovery.



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NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to Kathleen Brunet at kbrunet@ccm.edu.

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

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Teen Arts 2023 a Smashing Success

On Wednesday, the Morris County Teen Arts festival returned to CCM. Over 900 middle and high school students converged on the campus to engage in a day of artistic creation, performance, learning and fun!

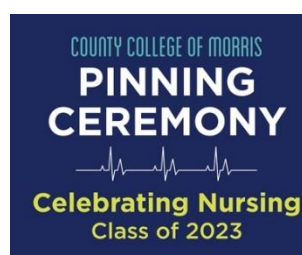


The festival kicked off with a welcome from student leader (and current graduate) Rida Lnu with Titus the Titan on hand to entertain the crowd. Internationally known artist and illustrator (and proud CCM parent) Edel Rodriguez inspired all with words of inspiration on how to live the life of a working artist. His work is now on display in the Art Gallery.

Students were able to participate in a variety of performances, creative workshops and drop-in "happenings," most facilitated by CCM faculty, staff and students, including those from Art & Design, Photography, Performing Arts, Dance, Music, IT, Sociology & Anthropology, English, Journalism, Accessibility Services and Counseling & Wellness. Students from SGA, the Social Awareness Club, Active Minds, Writer's Club, Feminist Book Club, Fashion Club, Performing Arts Club, Women in Stem, Honors and the Muslim Student Association filled the academic walkways with activity and brought their positive energy. There was everything from figure drawing to game design, from tips on auditioning to poetry writing, from an interactive drum circle to an Open Mic Coffee House, from chalk drawing to trivia challenges – the campus was purely alive with artistic activity and excitement.

Many thanks to those who volunteered to make the day a success, including staff from Admissions, Records & Registration, Enrollment, Marketing, Career Services, the library, Public Safety, Campus Life and Plant Maintenance (without whom the event would not be possible). Finally, many thanks to the dedicated CCM Teen Arts Coordinating Committee, led by Kelly Whalen and Dr. Karen Danna, and staff for helping to bring the students to campus. A great day was had by all! You can view photos from the day at <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAEdTp>.

Nursing Pinning Ceremony



The Nursing department held its Nursing Pinning Ceremony on Thursday to celebrate the Class of 2023. If you were not able to attend, you can view it here:

<https://youtube.com/live/S3 ITE1qc0?feature=share>

What's at the Library



The library has an extensive collection of books on the history, theory and practice of education. Stop by and browse its teaching and learning collection in the "L" classification area stacks.

Find the following 10 titles, and much, much more:

The Synergy of Inquiry by Jablon

Classroom Discourse and Democracy by Mayer

Why Teach? In Defense of Real Education by Edmundson

Make it Stick: The Science of Successful Learning by Brown

Robot Proof: Higher Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence by Aoun

Redesigning America's Community College by Bailey

A Handbook for Adjunct/Part-time Faculty and Teachers of Adults by Greive

How College Works by Chambliss

Teaching with the Screen by Leopard

Why Don't Students Like School? by Willingham

College Council

If you missed the College Council meeting on Monday, you can watch it here: <https://youtu.be/cVN0Af6UGFI>.

Campus Construction Updates

Academic Complex Elevators and 3rd Floor Walkway

The underpinning work is complete, and the elevator shaft footings are formed. Next week the footings for the shaft will be poured and the foundation wall work will begin soon after.

Interior footing excavation work is proceeding on schedule, and 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, please reach out to Plant & Maintenance at 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 concrete slab removal where they have identified conduits through slab scans will continue for the next three weeks. While they are less likely to hit conduits in these areas, the work will potentially be noisier than the previous two weeks.

Concrete trucks will be onsite starting next week to pour footings inside and outside the building. In approximately three weeks, they plan on pouring the second-floor ramps adjacent to the elevator shafts, so expect some detours around that area of the second floor.

Public Safety and Plant are continuing to work 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 so your questions or concerns can be directed to the correct department/person.

To keep informed of the construction progress throughout the summer, please check the CCMemo for regular updates. In early July, the college expects to have a more precise schedule for the crane operation. We again thank the campus community for your assistance with preparing for the summer 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.

CCM All Access

CCM All Access has two new episodes.

The first features Reese Ronceray, a CCM student and a member of the US Army Reserve. You can watch that here: <https://youtu.be/FigPJl3a230>

The second is an interview with Dr. Stephen Kaifa, who teaches Economics here at CCM. You can watch that here: <https://youtu.be/-Rfo5y--XRE>.

Employee Wellness Series

The college's Employee Assistance Provider (EAP), New Directions, is coming to campus to host several wellness sessions related to employee wellness, mental health and well-being. Sessions are one hour unless noted otherwise. This is a great opportunity to meet representatives from New Directions and learn more about what our EAP has to offer.

Light refreshments will be served. RSVP requested for planning purposes. Email Rita Ragany-Bayer in HR at Rragany-bayer@ccm.edu to reserve your spot.

Languishing and Flourishing

If you've ever felt lackluster, disconnected or just blah, you may have experienced languishing. In this session, learn more about languishing, how to identify it and some techniques to pull yourself back towards thriving.

Tuesday, June 6, 11 a.m. to noon
LRC Room 106

Prioritizing Self

"You cannot pour from an empty cup." Many of us spend most of our time giving to family, friends and employers, making it easy to forget to take care of ourselves. In this session, learn about the importance of prioritizing and taking care of yourself so you can show up for those in your life.

Thursday, June 15, 11 a.m. to noon
LRC Room 106

Having a Healthy Relationship with Your Smartphone

It's no secret that we are surrounded by technology—and temptations to immerse ourselves in constant screen time are real. In this session, explore the role of smartphones in everyday life and discover strategies to have a healthy relationship with your smartphone and technology.

Tuesday, June 20, 11 to 11:33 a.m.
LRC Room 106

Finding Focus

Focus can be an elusive thing. Multitasking, procrastination and distractions make it difficult for us to send all our attention in one direction. The good news is that focus is a skill which can be developed. In this session, you will learn some tricks to overcome common focus barriers.

Thursday, June 29, 11 a.m. to noon.
LRC Room 106

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.

