



Presentation of the Graduates

Faculty and staff are invited to take part in a special ceremony when President Anthony J. Iacono conducts the Presentation of the Graduates to congratulate the members of the Class of 2023.

The presentation will take place on Tuesday, May 16, at 9 a.m. outside the SCC near the statue of the college's mascot, Titus. Come celebrate our graduates!

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CCM EVENTS

Dance Theatre Showcase

May 5 -6, 7:30 p.m.
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Commencement

May 25, 10 a.m.
Mennen Arena

College Council

May 15, 1 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://ccm-edu.zoom.us/j/95580530550>
Or Dial: 646 876 9923
Meeting ID: 955 8053 0550
Passcode: 105789



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

[Pomptonian Online Ordering](#)



CCM's **Journalism Program** hosted another successful Sports Media Night on Tuesday, April 25. Nearly two dozen Journalism students headed to Philadelphia to network with executives at the Phillies organization, before enjoying a night at the ballpark. Thank you to the Office of Campus Life, School of Liberal Arts, and Dr. Brian Sahotsky for assisting with this important field trip. Students interested in future Sports Media Night field trips can reach out to Professor John Soltes at jsoltes@ccm.edu or consider enrolling in COM-214, Sports Communication and Culture, a new General Education Diversity course at CCM.



Congratulations to **Dr. Pam Marcenaro**, Assistant Vice President Enrollment Management, who was presented with an Appreciation Award from EOF at its awards dinner last week, **Rafael Rivera**, Printing Coordinator, who was presented with the EOF Service Award and **Amy Garcia**, Virtual Campus Coordinator, who received the Educator of the Year Award.

CCM In the News

[How a Cuban American Illustrator Sees This Country Today](#), an article about artist Edel Rodriguez's recent exhibition at the college.
The New Yorker

What's at the Library

Interested in knowing more about grants and what ones are available? The library now has the GrantStation database.

To access this database, go to

www.ccm.edu/library

Click on Articles & Databases

Scroll down to G, and click on Grant Station (if off-campus, enter your CCM Proxy Server login credentials)

Click on "Find Grantmakers" and choose your search parameters and terms.

This database features all programs being offered by the US federal government as listed on grants.gov as well as a listing of state agencies that provide grants, loans and contracts. It also has private grantmakers, including:

The Spring Music Concert



If you were unable to attend last Friday's Spring Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble Music Concert, you can enjoy it here:

<https://youtu.be/PnuAmfxyiBl>.

CCM All Access

There are two new episodes of CCM All Access.

The first show features the President of the Student Activities Programming Board Michael

- independent, family, community, and corporate foundations
- corporate giving programs
- faith-based grantmakers
- and any other associations with a grantmaking program

Any questions? Please call 973-328-5300.

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 knorberg@ccm.edu or rgrant@ccm.edu.

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 an 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.

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

Koutsokoumnis. You can watch that here: <https://youtu.be/pmFTlgxHNxk>

The other show features CCM Mathematics Instructor Joshua Frye. You can watch that here:

<https://youtu.be/Cn-H3zCyeH0>

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 non-traditional 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.

Artificial Intelligence – What Is It and Why Should I Care?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) describes systems programmed to think and respond like humans. In fact, OUCH! asked the AI solution ChatGPT that very question and got this response.

What is Artificial Intelligence?

Artificial intelligence (AI) refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are programmed to think and learn like humans. It involves the development of algorithms and computer programs that can perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as recognizing speech, understanding natural language, making decisions, and playing games. There are several types of AI, including rule-based AI, expert systems, and machine learning.

What makes AI so powerful is that it can simulate the intelligence and reasoning capability of the human mind, but it can analyze exponentially far more information than any human and do it exponentially faster.

Read more in this month's issue of [OUCH!](#).

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

STUDENT SERVICES

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

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

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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.

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Voya representative John Murray is available for individual appointments, contact him at 609-234-3369 or by email johnmurray@voyafa.com. www.tiaa.org/schedulenow. Or call the Individual Advisory Center at: 855-728-8422.

Voya Financial Services 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.](#)

unemployed students whose first language is not English.

To learn more, including how to make a tax-deductible donation to the scholarship, visit <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/irenakaler>.

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.

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.

