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The Grisales Family

Dover High School Sweethearts Defy Odds, Achieve Success and Inspire Family and Community

Being exposed to social work since she was a teenager, Dahiana Grisales '01, knew she wanted to be a social worker. After graduating from Dover High School in 1999, she enrolled at CCM to study liberal arts and human services. An EOF student while at CCM, she recalls being a part of an inspiring community, where she received invaluable support and personal attention to aid in her success.

“CCM was such a homey environment and I felt cared for, particularly in the EOF office,” she says. “The college offered such a great balance in local education and exposure to a broader community than just my hometown. Plus, it was affordable.”

Upon earning an associate in human services, Grisales transferred to Kean University to earn a bachelor's and then furthered her education at the School of Social Work at Rutgers University earning a master's degree.

“Out of the three colleges,” says Grisales, “CCM actually gave me the most training in the field of social work. I was being educated by professors who were social workers.”

Today, she is a fully independent licensed clinical social worker. Driven by her passion for helping others, she established a thriving counseling practice, My New Days, in Dover, providing therapy to children, adults, couples and families. Grisales' dedication to her clients and commitment to making a difference in people's lives have earned her widespread admiration. She admits her goal couldn't have happened without CCM. Plus, CCM has been a foundational entity in her family.

Her high school sweetheart and husband, Jhon, is a graduate of CCM also. While working full-time, he enrolled in the English as a Second Language Program. He then took college-level classes and earned an associate in graphic design and continued his education at Kean. Armed with his newfound language skills, a passion for creativity and a bachelor's degree, he discovered his entrepreneurial spirit and opened My Good Designers in Dover.

During the couple's inspiring journey, they were blessed with three children who have been following in their parents' footsteps. Their oldest daughter, Oriana, is currently at CCM studying criminal justice. Their middle child, Peter James, has taken business administration classes at CCM while working with his father in the family graphic design business. Their youngest son, Adrian-Felipe, age 12, is already considering attending CCM to study science.

The Grisales' story is a testament to the extraordinary things that can be accomplished through determination, love for family, and access to a supportive environment. Their journey serves as a reminder that success knows no boundaries, and with the right education challenges can be overcome and dreams realized.

“We wouldn't be where we are today,” says Grisales, “without our CCM education.”

New Books at the Library



The library is now featuring a display of its new books. A total of 88 new titles are now available. Click on the link below for the complete list and click on the title for details.

<https://ccm.on.worldcat.org:443/list/19829617>

Blackboard Moving to a New Interface

Blackboard over time is moving to a new user interface. CCM will be moving to Blackboard's Base Navigation user interface for Fall 2023. Base Navigation is a more modern and more intuitive user interface. It 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](#).

Extended Office Hours

Several offices will be open for extended hours this month and next. Admissions, TASC, Records & Registration, Financial Aid, the Bursar's office and the Bookstore will be open Tuesday, August 28, through Thursday, August 31, and Tuesday, September 5, through Thursday, September 7, from 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

On Monday, September 11, they will return to their usual schedule.

Free Tickets to CCM Performances



The Department of Music, Performing Arts and Music Technologies has launched a new initiative where staff and faculty can receive one free ticket to each of the performing arts performances, including the musical, drama and dance.

The fall performances are:

Musical: The Light in the Piazza, November 1-4, 7:30 p.m., Dragonetti Auditorium

Dance Theatre First Look, December 4-5, 7:30 p.m., Performance Lab (MTC 105)

Drama: CLUE, December 7-9, 7:30 p.m., Dragonetti Auditorium

To receive the free ticket, staff and faculty will have to show their CCM ID at the box office. See you at the performances!

Campus Construction Updates



Academic Complex Elevators and Third Floor Walkway

In the next coming weeks, interior welding and hot work will be occurring. There will be intermittent noise and minor odors during this process. The crane operation has started in Area 1 (Cohen Hall/Sheffield Hall) with an anticipated completion of the end of this week. 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 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 it can get things restored.

Public Safety and Plant are continuing to work daily 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 and they will direct the questions or concerns to the correct department/person.

To keep informed of the construction progress throughout the summer, please check the CCMemo for regular updates. 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

NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to Kathleen Brunet at kbrunet@ccm.edu and Stacy Maldonado at smaldonado@ccm.edu.

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

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Just click the link to learn more <http://www.buyersedgeinc.com/>. Username is K673 (your group #) and password is CCM. Or check out the latest Buyer's Edge Flyer [here](#).

Table of Hope to Hold Backpack Giveaway at CCM Free Supplies for a New School Year



As parents start to plan for a new school year, Table of Hope once again is helping to make things easier with a free backpack distribution event at CCM. The Backpack Giveaway takes place Friday, August 18, from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Parking Lot 1.

CCM has hosted numerous events with Table of Hope to assist those in need. This latest distribution event will provide backpacks filled with school supplies, consisting of pencils, rulers, glue sticks, notebooks and more.

Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic struck New Jersey, Table of Hope, a program run by the Spring Street Community Development Corporation, began operating weekly mobile food distribution programs in Morristown, Parsippany and Dover, along with other grocery supply events in Morris County communities. Its first event at CCM was held in June 2020.

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.

Morris County Vocational School Career Technical Education Center

In the next coming weeks, trailers and equipment for construction of a new building for the Morris County Vocational School District (MCVSD) will be delivered and staged within the fence in Parking Lot 9. The section of Parking Lot 9 near the Tennis Court stairs will remain open for parking. Parking Lots 7 and 8 will also be available for parking for students, faculty and staff. The sidewalk near the fence heading towards the AMEC building from Parking Lot 9 will remain open for use. The new facility will focus on workforce development learning opportunities and will operate on a share-time model for high school juniors and seniors. The project expands and supports the partnership between MCVSD and CCM. This project is funded through Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act.

Public Safety and Plant are continuing to work daily on updating caution, logistics and detour signage. If you have any concerns, please call Business & Finance at ext. 5012 and they will direct the questions or concerns to the correct department/person.

Existing Sewer Lift Station (Randolph Township) at the Plant Maintenance Building

This work provides a new sewer lift station, generator, landscaping, and a new set of lines to and from Route 10. The lift station serves CCM and a few buildings to the west along Route 10. CCM is the main beneficiary of the construction. The project will be completed in phases. Phase I will include constructing the new sewer lift station with an anticipated completion this month. Phase II will include the installation of the new generator which has a longer lead time with an anticipated completion in spring 2024. This project is funded through the Township of Randolph.

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