



County College of Morris Employee Newsletter

September 15, 2023
Volume 2023/71

CCMProud of Artists Showcase at the Art Gallery Community Invited to View, Learn, Discuss and Celebrate!

The community is invited to the following new exhibits at the Art Gallery in the LRC. Gallery hours are Mondays through Saturdays, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.



A Fall 2023 Member Show of the New Jersey Art Association (NJAA), a nonprofit, volunteer group of visual artists, begins on Thursday, September 7 through Thursday, October 12. The NJAA has been an inclusive and innovative force in the northern New Jersey art world for many years and this will be the first live showing of works on campus since the pandemic period. See more information [here](#).

An exhibition of local Latino artists reflecting both cultural and artistic diversity begins on Friday, September 15, with an opening reception of live music, food and drink at 7 p.m. The show is in conjunction with celebrating Latinx – Latino/a Heritage Month at CCM and runs through Sunday, October 15.



A champion and passionate advocate for college access and student success, **Dr. Pamela Marcenaro, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management**, has been named by ROI-NJ to its Influencers: People of Color list. Congratulations! Marcenaro first joined CCM in 2010 as Director of EOF. She then served as Dean

of Learning Support and Opportunity Services before becoming Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management in 2022. You can read more about this news [here](#).



Campus Events This Week

ART EXHIBITS

MON. – SAT.; 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.; ART GALLERY

EXERCISE CLASS

MON. AND THURS.; 5-6 P.M. ; HPE 120

FRI., 5-6 P.M. - REMOTE WEBEX

EMPANADAS, MUSIC AND CONVERSATION!

MON., SEPT. 18, 5-6:30 P.M.; CH 211

CULTURA LATINA INSTAGRAM EXCHANGE,

TUES., SEPT. 19, 12 P.M.

FOLLOW @CCM_VCLEARING

VOLLEYBALL GAME

WED., SEPT. 20, 6 P.M. VS. DEL TECH

SOCCER GAME

SAT., SEPT. 16, 12 P.M. VS. CAMDEN

TUES., SEPT. 19, 3:30 P.M. VS. BROOKDALE

Latinx - Latino/a Heritage Month September 15 through October 15

The college's Latinx – Latino/a Heritage Team's mission is to create an inclusive and engaging environment that fosters cultural appreciation, promotes diversity and encourages unity among students, faculty, staff and the wider community. Below is a series of college-wide events that celebrate and honor the vibrant Latinx culture.

Calendar of Events:

Library Display, LRC, side-by-side and dual language books, which include English classics in both English and Spanish, as well as works by Latinx authors.

Scientist Display, SCC, a collection of posters highlighting remarkable achievements and groundbreaking discoveries by Latinx – Latino/a scientists.

Flag Display, SCC, Friday, September 15 is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18.

Empanadas, Music and Conversation! CH 211, on September 18, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. hosted by the EOF Program. Savor the popular Latino food, empanadas, groove to Latin music like Salsa, Merengue and Reggaeton and engage in meaningful conversation about the Latinx - Latino/a experience. Join us for a memorable evening celebrating our culture and shared stories.

...continued on page 3

September is National Yoga Month

Free Faculty and Staff Exercise Classes this Fall



Adjunct Professor Trayer Run-Kowzun, Health & Exercise Science, is again offering a free Yoga /Light Cardio/ Strengthening and Stretching Class in person and online.

In Person

Where: HPE Room 120

When: Monday and Thursday, 5-6 p.m. from September 7 through December 14

Online

Where: Remote Webex (CCM email needed to join the class. To obtain the meeting link, email trunkowzun@ccm.edu)

When: Friday, 5-6 p.m. from September 8 through December 15

Open Textbook Collaborative Faculty Showcase on Sept. 22

What is it like to adopt, adapt, or review Open Educational Resources? Find out at the Open Textbook Collaborative Faculty Showcase! Network with colleagues, learn about stipends, and see live demos on Friday, September 22 in the LRC Multi-Purpose room. Attend the 10-11 a.m. morning session, the 1-3 p.m. afternoon session (featuring CCM's Dotti Salinas as a speaker) or both. Lunch and refreshments are included. FREE registration [here](#).

Public Safety

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



Latinx – Latino/a Heritage Month continued...

Cultura Latina Instagram Exchange, every Tuesday, September 19 and 26, October 3 and 10, 12:00 p.m. Join the Virtual Campus on Instagram for engaging discussions, fun facts and memorable experiences every week. Follow @ccm_vclearning to be part of the conversation.

New York Red Bulls vs. Austin FC, Redbull Arena in Harrison, on Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. Be a part of NOCHE LATINA celebrating Latinos' significant contributions to soccer in New York and New Jersey. Tickets will be available in the Campus Life Office, SCC, and [online](#).

The 200% Cultural Experience Group, CH 104, on September 28 and October 12, 12:30 p.m. Explore identity, culture, language and the diverse backgrounds on our campus. We want to shift the perspective on multiculturalism, highlighting that there are individuals who embody a rich blend of cultures, the "200%ers." This group encourages students to bring up topics and concerns while celebrating their unique backgrounds together, making our community more inclusive.

¡AQUÍ ESTAMOS! – WE ARE HERE! Community Arts Showcase, Dragonetti Auditorium, on Saturday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. Hosted by the CCM Foundation and IDEA Cultural this event showcases community pride, passion and talent through beautiful artwork that reflects the rich culture. Proceeds will support the Dover College Promise Program. Tickets will be available in the Campus Life Office, SCC, and [online](#). For more information call 201-400-6587.

Latinas/os in Mental Health Panel, SH100, on Tuesday, October 3, 12:30 p.m. Join a group of inspiring mental health professionals as they share their personal journeys and strategies for success in the field. This engaging panel will delve into current mental health trends, with a particular focus on young adults. Gain valuable insights and perspectives that can make a difference in our community's well-being in this thought-provoking discussion.

Cafecito y Postres (Coffee and dessert), HH 211, on Wednesday, October 4, 2:30 p.m. hosted by MPR and Enrollment Management. This is an opportunity for staff and faculty to drop by, connect and enjoy some tasty Latin American desserts and coffee/tea.

Movie screening of "Frida," starring Salma Hayek, Dragonetti Auditorium on Friday, October 6th, 7:30 p.m. The film beautifully captures Frida Kahlo's unique style of painting, known for its surrealism and symbolic self-portraits that reflect her physical and emotional experiences. After the screening, let's have a conversation about the film and Frida Kahlo's significant artistic contributions.

CCM Tech Alert

The Department of Information Systems has created a "Tech Alert" template using the Titan Alert system, in the event that we need to communicate an adverse technology event that doesn't allow us to communicate with you via other means.



These alerts will be prefaced with the words "Tech Alert" instead of "Titan Alert" in the event we need to send one out in the future.

Support the CCM Titans

Fall Schedule



Show your school spirit and support our Titans at a "home" athletic event this fall! The season is underway, here are the remaining matches:

2023 Volleyball Schedule

Wed.	9/20	Del Tech	6 p.m.
Sat.	9/23	Brookdale	4 p.m.
Mon.	9/25	Harcum	6 p.m.
Mon.	10/2	Bergen	6 p.m.
Sat.	10/7	Ocean	Noon

2023 Men's Soccer Schedule

Sat.	9/16	Camden	Noon
Tues.	9/19	Brookdale*	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	9/23	RCGC	Noon
Thurs.	9/28	Bergen	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	9/30	Salem	1 p.m.
Tues.	10/3	Union	3:30 p.m.

*Latinx Heritage Month Celebration TBD

Bi-lingual Book Collection Grows at the Library



In conjunction with Latinx – Latino/a Heritage Month, the library has a growing collection of dual-language English / Spanish titles. Visit [here](#) for the complete list and click on a book title for details.

New Location for the AV Department



The AV Department will no longer be supporting VHS and DVD/BluRay media players after this Fall Semester.

VHS players are becoming scarce as they reach obsolescence and DVD/BluRay players are nearing end-of-life as well. If you have media content that you need for classes, please look into digitizing your content so it can be stored on your Blackboard or OneDrive accounts and accessed in any classroom on campus via classroom thin clients.

Additionally, the department has relocated to the Media Center (LRC-215). To request AV support for any campus event, please send a calendar invite with your event location, time, and specific tech needs to AVDept@ccm.edu to get it on the AV Calendar and insure support. They will follow up as needed.

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.

Corebridge Financial (formerly AIG/VALIC) representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. [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.

Contact the TIAA Individual Advisory Center to schedule an appointment with a TIAA representative at 855-728-8422 or www.tiaa.org/schedulenow.

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 Stacy Maldonado at smaldonado@ccm.edu.

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

Looking for past issues of the CCMemo? [Find them here.](#)

Construction Update

Academic Complex Elevators and Third Floor Walkway



In the next coming weeks, the focus will be exterior work on the columns, elevator pits, and enclosing the third-floor walkway. There will still be intermittent noise and minor odors throughout the next coming months. 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 do, 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 they 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 their 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.

Morris County Vocational School Career Technical Education Center

In the next coming weeks, trucks will be moving soil off campus utilizing the Dover Chester entrance and construction only entrance/exit in parking lot 9. The section of Parking Lot 9 near the Tennis Court stairs will remain open for parking and entry/exit. Parking lot 7 and 8 will also be available for parking of 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.

Free Planetarium Show – Oct. 10



The Longo Planetarium, CH 207, offers FREE shows to students and staff on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. The new show, "Sunstruck," will again be featured on

October 10. After the show we will explore upcoming solar eclipses.

Sunstruck explores the wonders of our magnificent sun. Its incredible energy has supported life on Earth for millennia, but it can also threaten our technology and way of life. Explore its structure, energy source and how solar activity can create the beautiful Northern Lights. Then travel to the distant future to discover our sun's connection to the universe's cosmic cycle of life and death!

For general information about the Planetarium's schedule, shows, prices, etc. visit:

<https://www.ccm.edu/planetarium/>

Share Your Titan Spirit! Fall Open House – Oct. 14



SHARE YOUR
TITAN SPIRIT!

TELL YOUR FRIENDS
TO COME **EXPLORE** CCM'S

OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 14**

Registration is underway for the college's Fall Open House. Details may be found [here](#).

Golf Classic – Oct. 16



Enjoy a day out on the links on one of the area's premier golf courses with the CCM Foundation and help raise funds for the college's scholarship programs and, this year, support student-athletes and the college's athletic programs.

The 2023 Golf Classic takes place on Monday, October 16, at the [Brooklake Country Club](#) in Florham Park and includes a BBQ lunch, a full day of golf, an open bar cocktail reception and a buffet dinner. Registration is at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The cocktail reception, dinner and an awards program starts at 5 p.m.

Special internal cost is \$300 per player; cost to attend only the cocktail reception, dinner and program is \$150. Raffle prizes will be available for purchase throughout the day and given out during the evening program. All participating golfers will receive a special Golfer Gift as a thank you for supporting CCM students.

For more info., call ext. 5060. You may register [here](#), scroll down to "Would you like to make an additional donation," and click on the \$300 button to get the internal pricing.

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 of September 2023. Phase II will include the installation of the new generator which has a longer lead time and anticipated completion of Spring 2024. This project is funded through the Township of Randolph.

Save the Dates! 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!

New Office Hours for The Women's Center

The Women's Center is now open on Fridays, with weekday office hours from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know suddenly finds themselves as financial head of household due to separation, divorce, disability or death of a spouse or partner, The Women's Center can help. They assist individuals of all genders in working towards financial self-sufficiency.

The Women's Center is located in SCC 115 and can be reached at Ext. 5025 or by email at womenscenter@ccm.edu.

Help Kids Be Safe Online



Our kids' lives are online today more than ever, from socializing with friends and gaming, to online learning and education. So how can we help our kids make the most of online technology, safely and securely? Access tips and more online in the September issue of [Ouch!](#)

Submissions for CCMemo

With the retirement of Kathleen Brunet submissions for the CCMemo should now be emailed to Stacy Maldonado, Communications Specialist, at SMaldonado@ccm.edu no later than Wednesday at 3 p.m.

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.

