

**County College of Morris Employee Newsletter** 

# **CCM Presents a Retrospective of the Career and Works of Fiber Artist Daryl Lancaster**

In partnership with Morris Arts and Teen Arts New Jersey, CCM is excited to present the multi-run show, "A Retrospective of the Career and Works of Fiber Artist Daryl Lancaster". The first show will begin on Thursday, February 29, with an opening reception, free and open to the public, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the CCM Art Gallery. The exhibition will then run through Thursday, March 28.

Upon conclusion of the show, selected works will be on display in the Titans Gallery starting Friday, March 29 through Wednesday, May 8.

The entire first run will then be reinstalled in the main Art Gallery in anticipation of the 2024 Morris County Teen Arts Festival on Monday, May 13. Her show will remain in the Art Gallery throughout the summer.





Congrats to the team of five students in the Data Science Program who earned the top spot in the Two-Year College Category for the American Statistical Association's (ASA) Fall Data Challenge 2023: Stack

Overflow Developer Survey. The team was led by Professor Kelly Fitzpatrick, who served as Faculty Advisor. In its eighth year, the current challenge was to provide insights into the business model of a startup company developing a boot camp for coders and developers.



The college is proud of the CCM Groundhogs team: Stephen Coates, of Long Valley; Tommy O'Sullivan, of Randolph; John Tran, of Union; Khymali Williams, of Dover; and Mark Young, of Succasunna. The victory highlights their ability to apply classroom knowledge, address timely topics and showcase a collaborative spirit and teamwork that defines CCM.

**Titan's Time Out** 

Join the Foundation and Special Events in a new initiative of employee appreciation and community. Titan's Time Out is designed to allow us to gather as colleagues in a fun, light and social atmosphere. The committee is excited about the events planned for 2024.

# **Upcoming Events:**

#### Friday, March 8: Chattin at Crabby's

- 5 6:30 p.m., Mr. Crabby's in Randolph
  - Let's talk! Special reserved section for CCM

# **Donations Needed for EOF Tricky Tray**

EOF is once again looking for donations of new items for their upcoming Tricky Tray on Thursday, April 4. If you have an unwanted gift from the holidays or new item in your home that you don't need, please consider donating it so a basket can be created.

The more items received, the more funds they can generate to help students with emergency book loans, alliance activities and more. You can drop off February 23, 2024 Volume 2024/7

#### **Campus Events**

Daryl Lancaster Art Exhibit February 29 – March 28 Art Gallery Opening Reception – Feb. 29

Spotlight on Music – Tech Talk February 29, 12:30 p.m. Performance Lab (MTC 105)

**Employee Recognition Ceremony** March 7, 3 – 4:30 p.m. Davidson Rooms

Twelfth Night March 7 – 9, 7:30 p.m. Music Technology Center 105

Chattin at Crabby's March 8, 5 – 6:30 p.m. Mr. Crabby's in Randolph

Website Reveal & Titus the Titan Surprise March 19, 12:30 p.m. Dragonetti Auditorium

Free Faculty & Staff **Fusion Exercise Class** Now – May 6 Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., HPE 120 Fridays, 5-6 p.m., Remote Webex

**EOF Tricky Tray** April 4, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. SCC Lobby

Carousel April 10 – 13, 7:30 p.m. Dragonetti Auditorium

**Diversity Festival** April 18, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Gym (HPE building)

- Light bites and soft drinks will be provided
- Additional beverages will be available for purchase
- This is an RSVP event. Respond to Imurray@ccm.edu by March 5

# **Yearbook Photo Shoots for Adjunct Faculty**

The Yearbook Club will be partnering with the photography club to host another portrait shoot for adjunct faculty. This is scheduled for Friday, 3/1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you would like to attend, please email Julian Costa, club advisor, at jcosta@ccm.edu. The photos will be taken in the DeMare Hall Photo Lab, DH-210. Please consider participating!

#### donations in EOF, CH 211, before March 15.

Examples of previous donations include K-Cup holders, gift cards, specialty olive oil, bath spa sets and candles.

Also, please save the date and come try your luck on April 4 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in SCC Lobby.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support EOF!

# **College Council**

If you missed the College Council Meeting on you can February 22, watch it at https://youtu.be/HbPrkhfkK-I.

# **Employee Recognition Ceremony**

#### Thursday, March 7

3 – 4:30 p.m., Davidson RoomsWe need your accolades!A pre-program slide show will highlight recent achievements of individuals and departments.

#### Send to: <u>cmcardle@ccm.edu</u>

Format: Name, Accolade, Institution



# **Construction Updates**

# Academic Complex Elevators and Third Floor Walkway

The DeMare Hall elevator is scheduled for the state inspection at the end of February, and the Sheffield Hall elevator is scheduled for the state inspection in the first week of March. The new elevators in DeMare and Sheffield will be placed in service once approved by the State of New Jersey. Once approved, starting in the second week of March, the final stage of removing the old elevators and converting them to storage closets and genderneutral restrooms will begin. The demolition of the Cohen Hall elevator will begin over Spring Break this March. There will still be intermittent noise and minor odors throughout the coming months. 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

# **Mark Your Calendars!**

**On Tuesday, March 19,** a special event will be held in Dragonetti Auditorium at 12:30 p.m. for all faculty, staff and students. Not only will the event introduce CCM's highly anticipated website redesign, but a major surprise related to our beloved mascot Titus the Titan will be revealed. Plus, there will be giveaways and refreshments. You won't want to miss this!



**Public Safety** 

**Emergencies: Dial 9-1-1** Police, Fire, Medical

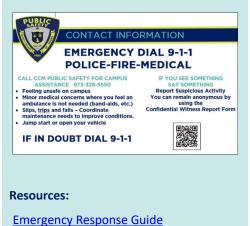
**Evacuation Procedure** 

Visitor Registration

Food Warmer Safety

**Off-Campus Trip Reporting** 

#### Campus Assistance: Call Public Safety at 973-329-5550



# **Spring Drama - Twelfth Night**

Be entertained with a witty and romantic comedic performance of *Twelfth Night*, presented by the Department of Music, Performing Arts & Music Technologies!

Performances take place Thursday, March 7 – Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. each night in the Music Technology Center 105.

- General Admission: \$15
- CCM Students and Alumni, Children under 12 and Seniors 62 and over: \$10
- Staff and faculty can receive one free ticket to each of the performing arts performances, including the musical, drama and dance. To receive the free ticket, staff and faculty will have to show their CCM ID at the box office. See you at the performances!

#### **PURCHASE TICKETS HERE**



# **Free Exercise Classes**

#### **STUDENT SERVICES**



Students Receive Free, Immediate Access

to a Therapist

The Library In-Person and Remote Service

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

quickly, but the sooner Plant knows the sooner they can get things restored.



Free Faculty & Staff Fusion Exercise Class: Yoga/Light Cardio/Strengthening & Stretching with HES adjunct professor Trayer Run-Kowzun

Where: HPE 120 When: Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. through May 6



Where: Remote Webex (email <u>trunkowzun@ccm.edu</u> if interested; CCM email needed to join the class) When: Friday, 5 - 6 p.m.; ongoing 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 spring semester, please check the CCMemo for regular updates. We again thank the campus community for their assistance with preparing for the spring 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 access. 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

The underground plumbing work is complete. The crane is on site in Parking Lot 9 and the structural steel installation has begun. As the steel goes up and the retaining wall is waterproofed, the soil stockpile in the parking lot will be used as backfill. 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.

#### Grounds Garage and Underground to Aboveground Storage Tank at the Plant Maintenance Building

The UST-AST-Grounds Garage project is near completion; punch list items were reviewed and will be closed soon. The anticipated completion for this project is on schedule for the end of February. Final inspections were completed, and the certificate of occupancy will follow. This project is funded through

# Health and Safety is Everyone's Concern

CCM places a high priority on the health and safety of its employees and students. Toward that end, the college has a Safety Committee. Anyone with a concern or suggestion can reach out to Co-Chairs <u>Frank Pietropollo</u> or <u>Maureen Stivala</u> or any member of the committee.

## **Celebrate Black History Month**

There are a number of engaging and enlightening events happening on campus this month in celebration of **Black History Month**. We hope you'll take the time to attend some of these! You can view the Black History Month calendar <u>here</u> and also find it below.



#### **HR CORNER**

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Corebridge Financial (formerly AIG/VALIC) representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. <u>Click here to</u> <u>schedule a virtual meeting or phone</u> <u>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 Robert Rooyakkers is available for individual appointments for the ABP or the DCRP plans, contact him at 732-587-8331 or by email at <u>bob.rooyakkers@empower.com</u>.

Equitable representative Marc Sheridan is available for individual appointments, contact him at 908-230-2042 or by email at <u>Marc.Sheridan@equitable.com</u>.

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>.

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

Voya Financial Services representative Anthony DiPietro is available for individual appointments, contact him at 609-415-5530 or by email at <u>adjpietro@voyafa.com</u>

#### **NOTICES FOR CCMEMO**

Email material to CCMemo@ccm.edu

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

Looking for past issues of the CCMemo? Find them here.

## Classroom Projector Upgrade Notice

Media Services began replacing projectors, switchers and cabling in classrooms. All classrooms will eventually have full HD, widescreen projectors or TVs fed by the lectern thin client. With each room upgrade, Information Services has replaced the VGA thin client with a HDMI thin client and replaced the old standard definition monitor with an HD, widescreen monitor. The difference in quality is quite noticeable.

the College's Chapter 12 appropriation.



# Coming Soon! Center for Entrepreneurship & Culinary Science

The project was recently approved to move forward with construction. The scope of work includes constructing a 13,000 square foot addition to the Student Community Center (SCC) where the current outdoor patio resides. The infrastructure will house

Additionally, instructors will have the option of connecting any device to an HDMI cable that is on the lectern, including AppleTV devices that Media Services will make available for instruction, giving teachers the option of using their tablets for annotation.

Rooms completed to date (chosen because they had projectors that had lamp and/or power problems) include: CH-100 CH-153 CH-259 CH-269 DH-118 DH-163 space for the Entrepreneurship program and expand space for the Culinary Science learning programs. The submittal review process is underway. CCM anticipates the construction to commence in the coming weeks. This project is funded through the College's Chapter 12 appropriation.



#### **The Center for Health Professions**

The process to access the Federal funding through the State appropriation is underway and an Architect/Engineer for the project will be ready for consideration this month. The current schedule is to have the construction project out for bid in mid Fall and awarded before the end of the year.

### **COVID Protocol for Employees**



We are in the season where upper respiratory infections are most prevalent. For employees who are feeling ill, follow these protocols:

If an employee feels sick, stay home or leave campus as soon as possible and do not work from home.

All medical documentation should be emailed to HR at humanresources@ccm.edu and may be required in accordance with the Sick Leave provisions in your collective bargaining agreement.

If you are home due to feeling ill, remote work is not an option.

If an employee has a positive PCR Test: Do NOT come to campus, contact your supervisor and HR.

\*If you have symptoms and have a positive PCR test, contact HR to discuss your quarantine period based on CDC recommendations and your return to campus date.

\*If you were exposed to COVID and have no symptoms, but have a positive PCR test, contact HR to discuss your quarantine period based on CDC recommendations and your return to campus date.

\*If COVID positive and you have no symptoms, remote work must be approved by your Vice

DH-255 LRC-107 SH-100 SH-166

Because VCRs, DVD players and Elmo cameras do not have HDMI outputs, they are no longer compatible with the AV system, which was why notification was in the CCMemo last fall urging instructors to digitize their old VHS tapes. Anyone still wishing to use a DVD can request an external DVD drive from Information Services and simply plug it into the thin client.

Instructors can also upgrade their slide decks to widescreen format if they wish to take full advantage of the wider TV or projection surface.

#### **BJ's Memberships**

New Members – only \$20 OR \$60, depending on which membership you choose!

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#### President or Executive Director.

Please note: You are not required to report a COVID-19 exposure to HR. Only report a positive test result. To report work absence(s) due to COVID-19, employees must provide a positive PCR test or doctor's note for verification. Home Tests are not acceptable verification. To return to campus following a COVID diagnosis, you are not required to provide a doctor's note or negative PCR test. As always, cover your face when you cough or sneeze and wash your hands frequently with warm soapy water.

### **Weather-related Closures**



CCM officials continue to make decisions regarding snow days. A message regarding campus closure means all classes

and activities will be canceled and offices will be closed.

As has been the case in the past, even if classes are canceled, faculty may choose to meet with students online, but they should not penalize students who do not have internet access. It is recommended that faculty inform their students in advance of how they will operate in the event of a closure. Faculty should talk to their dean or vice president if they have questions or need additional support.

Check the website and email for updates. If you have not already signed up for a Titan Alert or need to update your information, we encourage you to do so at <u>Get Rave</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.

