

The CCMemo

County College of Morris Employee Newsletter



CCM to Hold Grand Opening for its Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Center Celebrating Career Opportunities Created Through Industry Partnerships

CCM has scheduled a virtual grand opening for its Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Center (AMEC) to celebrate the facility's role in addressing the needs of industry. The celebration takes place Wednesday, November 18, at 11 a.m. as a YouTube streamed presentation at www.ccm.edu/amec. Viewers will be able to obtain an inside view of the state-of-the-art facility constructed to address industry's growing demand for skilled professionals and access to advanced training and conferencing abilities. The virtual grand opening will feature remarks from CCM President Anthony J. Iacono, Astronaut Clay Anderson and state, county, community and business leaders.

In addition to housing numerous labs with the latest equipment and machinery, AMEC includes a high-tech conference room where industry officials and their employees can meet virtually with their national and global partners. It also will allow CCM to develop new in-demand programs such as robotics. The \$11 million 31,500-square foot facility was constructed with state, county and private funding.

Along with offering education and training in a number of degree and certificate programs, AMEC will provide industry with opportunities to update the skills of their current employees. The building was constructed in response to several fact-finding sessions the college held with industry to determine how CCM could best meet its needs. The overriding request was for the provision of a pipeline of skilled and talented employees.

Included among the students utilizing AMEC are the apprenticeship students CCM is training as part of a \$4 million CareerAdvance USA grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. CCM was awarded that grant to lead a consortium of New Jersey community colleges to create successful apprenticeship models in advanced manufacturing. High school students taking part in the college's Engineering Technology share time program with the Morris County Vocational School District also will train on equipment in the facility.



New Employees

CCM welcomes the following new employees who were appointed by the Board of Trustees at its October 20 meeting.

Kelly Bodnarchuk, Department Administrative Assistant, Business

Brian Heise, Supervisor, Grounds and Custodial, Plant and Maintenance



The CCM campus will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from November 25 to 29. To exercise an abundance of caution for the health of the campus community, CCM is asking staff members to evaluate their need to work physically on campus. We are asking that anyone whose position allows for working remotely, please do so for the 14 days after the Thanksgiving holiday break. Classes and events scheduled during these two weeks will continue as scheduled. As protocol, faculty who teach hybrid classes or have a need for adjustments during that period should direct questions and concerns to their dean. The campus will be open during this time for those who need to access their offices and work spaces.

CCM EVENTS

[Heroes and Healers](#)

November 7, 10 a.m. – noon

[We Are Not Done Yet: Poetry and PTSD Awareness](#)

November 10, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

[Admissions Virtual Open Houses](#)

November 14

College Closed:

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 25 to November 29

Winter Break:

December 24 to January 6

STUDENT SERVICES

Computer Lab for Students

www.waitlist.me/w/computerlab

The Library

[In-Person and Remote Service](#)

Online Tutoring Center

More information click [here](#).

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.

Equitable representative Mark Sheridan is available at all 908-230-2042 or email marc.sheridan@axa-advisors.com.

MassMutual (formerly Hartford) representative Kenneth Quarnaccio is available at 848-248-4313 or email kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com.

MetLife/Brighthouse representative David Sharpe is available at 973-575-3254 or email dsharpe@financialguide.com.

Prudential

Call 732-428-2314 or email alicia.smith@prudential.com to make an individual appointment to discuss ABP or DCRP investments.



President Iacono Addresses the Campus Community on What to Expect for Spring

Thank you for taking the time to participate in numerous Zoom meetings over the past couple of weeks to discuss your thoughts and concerns regarding spring semester. Having heard from a large number of employees and students from across our college, it is clear that we are all in agreement that CCM should continue to function next semester as we are currently operating. This means that approximately 75% of our courses will be delivered electronically while the remaining 25% will be taught in a hybrid format. I have asked members of our Pandemic Response and Support Team to make a recommendation on how they feel we can best handle spring break. I look forward to receiving their recommendations and will share a decision by mid-November. [Read more.](#)

Video link: <https://youtu.be/laTbdDRDNcw>

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



The EOF Student Alliance is once again encouraging the CCM community to consider donating a shoebox of small gifts for Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes

are sent to poor children worldwide. You can also enclose a holiday card and family photo. Please also include \$9 to offset shipping costs. You can use any shoebox or pick one up at a participating church you can find in the link below. Label your box for a girl or boy indicating the appropriate age range: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years. Shoeboxes can be dropped off to one of the locations listed in the link below before November 23. Another option is to donate \$25 to have a box put together for you. For more details, go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/.



Morris County Issues Fraud Alert

The Morris County Department of Human Services urges residents, particularly those receiving benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or other public assistance programs, to be wary of phone solicitations in which fraudsters may attempt to elicit confidential information, including bank account numbers. [Read more](#)



Temperature Screening Update

Now that CCM has been conducting temperature screenings for several weeks, an adjustment is being made for the LRC and HH, starting Monday, November 2. Based on observations of traffic flow at those buildings, people wishing to enter the LRC or HH will now be screened in the SCC at the statue entrance. They will receive an "I Was Screened" sticker to wear. Stickers will be color coded based on the day of the week and dated. Signage will be in place to direct people. For the first week, a Public Safety Officer will be posted by the LRC and HH to provide guidance. Public Safety officers also will be available to screen anyone with special circumstances, such as those with accessibility concerns or who need special assistance or are carrying large packages. The screening process in the Academic Complex and other buildings will remain unchanged.

Faculty Spotlight:



CCM Adjunct Professor and Artist Presented with Environmental Art Award

Leah Tomaino, a well-respected artist who typically uses old brown shopping bags to create collages and an adjunct professor at County College of Morris (CCM), recently was presented with a national environmental art award for one of her artworks.

Tomaino, a resident of Randolph, received the Bobbi Mastrangelo Environmental Art Award at the National Association of Women Artists 131st Annual Exhibition for her collage "Oh Morning Glories." The exhibition is being held online this year through December 30 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can be viewed at www.thenawa.org/.

Tomaino, who teaches two- and three-dimensional design at CCM, works primarily in the medium of collage on canvas. Her interest in working with collaging brown bags began in 1999 when recycling became popular. For her, working with brown bags serves as a metaphor for the cycle of life: the bags start as a tree, are turned into a brown bags and used for a short period of time, and then are recycled by Tomaino, who tears them and turns them into works of art. Tomaino says that in her artwork she seeks to convey the beauty and serenity of nature that still exist in today's largely urban society.

At first glance, one appreciates the vibrant colors and delicate depiction of Tomaino's nature scenes, but a closer inspection reveals months of hard, tedious work. Tomaino applies each vibrantly painted ripped strip of paper to her canvas, building upon the pieces until she finally completes her vision. This attention to detail gives each of her pieces a unique flare.

For more information about the artist and her work, visit www.leahktomaino.com/.

TIAA representative Tatiana Novozhilova is available at 800-732-8353 or visit www.TIAA.org/schedulenow to make an appointment.

TIAA is offering virtual meetings through Adobe Connect which allows employees to follow along as representatives work with them to navigate their investments. If you need to schedule or change an appointment, please go to

<https://shared.tiaa.org/public/publictools/events/virtualsections?eventPlanID=1-9ZR044V/>.

VALIC representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments.

Call 908-470-4114 or email Maryann.bradford@valic.com

VOYA representative John Murray is available for individual appointments.

To make an appointment email johnhmurray@voyafa.com or call 609-234-3369.

Health Benefit Open Enrollment

It's Health Benefit Open Enrollment time. Original, signed forms must be sent to Karyn Norberg in HR and received by October 26. Copies, scans and faxes cannot be accepted.



What was one of the years that CCM's softball team won the regional championships?

Email aognibene@ccm.edu with your answer. First three correct submissions will receive a CCM canvas bag. Please include your room number with your answer.



Sheri Ventura: This broadcast of CCM All Access features Sheri Ventura, coordinator of Distant Learning Services, talking about the college's Virtual Campus.

https://youtu.be/SP905Jr_GzE

Julianne Hall: The guest on this broadcast of CCM All Access is Julianne Hall, a mathematics major and veteran. She discusses her experiences at CCM and her military service.

<https://youtu.be/r7pdUHYpSsA>

Eric Hates Games: Eric Guadara and his panel of experts discuss The Next Gen of gaming.

<https://youtu.be/FajA4ctat2I>

NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to both Kathleen Brunet at kbrunet@ccm.edu and Theresa Gehring at tgehring@ccm.edu.

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

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please help us market all the good things happening at CCM by sharing college events (performing arts, Open Houses, etc.) through your social media accounts.

