



CCM Business Programs Gain Top Rankings Rated the Most Popular Online Program in New Jersey

Faculty and staff have yet another good reason to take pride in all the work they do to ensure the success of students at CCM. In its growing list of national distinctions, the college’s online business program has been listed at the “Most Popular” associate degree program in New Jersey, #8 in the Middle Atlantic region and #33 nationwide.

The ratings from [Business Degree Central](#) also places CCM at #5 on its list of the best business schools in New Jersey, which includes such institutions as Rutgers and Thomas Edison State University. Within the Middle Atlantic region, CCM stands at #26.

“Our business department has, for many years, been a leader in online course development and we are very happy, but not surprised, to see their work recognized,” said Patrick Enright, Vice President of Professional Studies & Applied Sciences at CCM. “Students who enroll in the department’s online offerings find that their courses are easily accessible in the online platform and that we take a student-centered approach.”

The Business Degree Central ratings are based on information from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the National Center for Education Statistics and other resources.

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CCM EVENTS

The following virtual employee Zoom meetings have been scheduled. These meetings are not mandatory. They are provided to continue to keep you informed, hear from you, and answer any questions you may have. Please make time to attend so your voice can be heard.

Thursday, March 11 at 12:30pm

Strategic Plan updates from Student Experience, Community Experience, Institutional Stability, and Innovation workgroups.

Click the following link to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://ccm-edu.zoom.us/j/99891819662>

Meeting ID: 998 9181 9662

Passcode: 076734

Tuesday, March 23 at 12:00pm

Strategic Plan updates from Employee Experience, and Communications workgroups.

Click the following link to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://ccm-edu.zoom.us/j/99849116073>

Meeting ID: 998 4911 6073

Passcode: 103107

Friday, March 26 at 12:00pm

Discussion on the beginning of the return to campus with Staff employees.

Click the following link to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://ccm-edu.zoom.us/j/97964312167>

Meeting ID: 979 6431 2167

Passcode: 899920

Friday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Discussion on the beginning of the return to campus with Faculty.

Click the following link to join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://ccm-edu.zoom.us/j/94910011259>

Meeting ID: 949 1001 1259

Passcode: 796527

Shooting Ghosts: A U.S. Marine, a Combat Photographer, and Their Journey Back From War with Finbarr O'Reilly

Tuesday, April 6, at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. RSVP Legacy@ccm.edu



To be a great college requires an outstanding faculty committed to student success, along with staff and an administration dedicated to assisting individuals with meeting their higher education goals. At CCM, the latest faculty member to be recognized for excellence is Professor Deborah Poetsch who recently received a “Bright Idea Award” from the Institute for Academic Excellence (IAE) at Indian River State College in Florida.



Poetsch received that award in recognition of her work assisting full-time and adjunct professors with enhancing their online teaching capabilities in the face of the constraints brought by COVID-19.

“Professor Poetsch certainly deserves this recognition as she made sure that other professors were armed with the skills to teach virtually during this global pandemic,” said Kathy Naasz, dean of the School of Business, Mathematics, Engineering and Technologies at CCM.

Thank you Professor Poetsch for making us CCM Proud!



CCM Student Named a Semifinalist for the Prestigious Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship



As additional evidence of the high-quality education and strong student support services CCM provides, Jonathan Granda Acaro, an Engineering Science major, has been chosen as a semifinalist for the highly competitive Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation awards that scholarship to support exceptionally talented community college students seeking to complete their bachelor’s degrees. The finalists will be chosen in April.

“Being named a semifinalist is a huge accomplishment in that Jonathan is among the 406 students who have been selected from the 1,500 students nationwide for this



Nursing Department Launches the DAISY Award for Outstanding Faculty

The Department of Nursing at CCM is introducing an award to recognize outstanding nursing faculty at the college. That award is the DAISY Faculty Award, which was created to recognize and celebrate the contributions faculty members make to the future of nursing.

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status,” said Bette Simmons, vice president of Student Development & Enrollment Management. “We will learn in April if he is selected as a finalist. Nonetheless, this is an amazing recognition that we should celebrate.”

As his next step, Acaro is applying to transfer to Columbia University, Cornell University, Stanford University and Rutgers University. His goal is to obtain a bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering and then attend graduate school. He hopes to work in the defense and aerospace industries.



Helpful Tips for Caregivers

New Directions, CCM’s employee assistance provider, shares the following article from the Administration on Aging on how to avoid caregiver burnout.

How Can I Care for Both of Us?

Sometimes we are so deeply concerned about the wellbeing of the person for whom we are caring that we forget our own needs. We burn the candle at both ends and become exhausted, emotionally stressed, or ill, compromising our own quality of life and our ability to care for our family member.

Some Caregiver Dos and Don’ts

We owe it to ourselves and to our families to also maintain our own physical and emotional health by:

- Getting sufficient sleep
- Eating a healthy diet
- Exercising and staying physically fit
- Choosing appropriate health care professionals and having periodic health checkups
- Not abusing alcohol and drugs
- Spending social time with family and friends
- Pursuing our own interests
- Seeking support from family, friends, professionals, or your religious advisor or joining peer support groups
- Using appropriate in-home and community-based services

Keep in mind that it is normal to feel angry, frustrated, or depressed from time to time. Caregiving can be a difficult as well as a rewarding undertaking. If you are feeling stressed, angry, or depressed:

- Remove yourself from the situation by walking away, even if it’s just around the house
- Talk to someone with whom you feel close
- Call a hot line
- Talk with your doctor or other health professional
- Write down your feelings in a journal

If you find that you frequently are angry or depressed or that your emotions are getting out of control, you may benefit from counseling, and/or get relief in the form of respite, caregiver support groups, and supportive in-home services.

Additional Resources may be found by visiting the National Family Caregivers Association web site for information on family care giving.

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You can find more articles and resources in the New Directions’ Resource Library which include:

- Short Videos
- Financial Calculators
- Legal Forms
- Locators to find additional resources
- Even Recipes!

Check it out. Visit eap.ndbh.com and enter our company code **ccm** or or call them at 800-624-5544.

If you have questions about New Directions, please feel free to reach out to Human Resources.

The Faculty Award is one of the recognitions established by the DAISY Foundation, which was formed by the family of a young man, Patrick Barnes, after his lengthy hospitalization and untimely death due to idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP). The award program has grown over the 20 years since its implementation and recognizes the extraordinary care, compassion and contributions nurses provide in many different roles. DAISY is an acronym for diseases attacking the immune system.

In 2018, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) joined the DAISY Foundation in a national call to recognize the impact of nursing faculty on their students. AACN encourages all stakeholders within nursing education, research and practice to make honoring faculty a priority, and highlight the critical work they do to elevate health and health care across the U.S. and around the world.

For more information on the CCM award and to access the nomination form, click [here](#).



The Words We Speak

You are invited to the next Diversity Committee/ Brown Bag Lunch Speaker Series talk on Thursday, March 11, from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. The topic this time is “The Words we Speak: Addressing the Assumptions of Language.” The discussion will be introduced by Drs. Jabou McCoy and Karen Danna, Co-Chairs of the Diversity Committee, and facilitated by Professors James Hart, Megan Biondi and Lauren Lesce of the Languages and ESL department.

The informal lunchtime discussion will focus on how language crystallizes the perceptions that shape our beliefs, drive our behavior and, ultimately, create our world. Discussed will be how the words we speak, and the meanings of our words as both spoken and heard, influence interaction. Particular attention will be focused on educational institutions as predominately monolingual systems and the confronting of linguistic assumptions.

This session is being presented by the Diversity Committee in collaboration with the Languages & ESL and Sociology, Economics, & Anthropology departments.

Email an RSVP to diversitycommittee@ccm.edu and a Zoom link will be forwarded.



For Your Viewing Pleasure

The latest episode of CCM All Access features Dr. Melanie Mitrano from the Music, Performing Arts & Music Technologies department.

<https://youtu.be/yeiZcltvPx4>



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New Jersey Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling

The New Jersey Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) at the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris is available to serve anyone, from a school-age child to an adult, who has been emotionally impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. All its services are virtual, confidential and FREE as this program is funded by FEMA and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. For more information, visit:

www.mhaessexmorris.org/ccp-covid19/.



What CCM Professor received the Latino Book Award for Best Historical Fiction in 2020?

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.

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

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