

The CCMemo

County College of Morris Employee Newsletter



CCM Graduates Earn the Best Salaries in New Jersey and Nationwide

CCM once again has great cause to celebrate. Several recent recognitions again confirm the success of our alumni and the great salaries they receive based on the high quality of their CCM education. Three recent reports show that CCM graduates continue to place #1 in New Jersey and within the top 45 nationwide based on their earnings. CCM was the only community college in New Jersey to place within the top 45 in the U.S.

In its 2020-21 [“College Salary Report,”](#) PayScale ranks CCM 32nd in the country for community college graduates who earn the best salaries. A second report in Newsweek on [“Community Colleges Whose Graduates Earn the Most Money,”](#) places CCM 44th in the nation.

“These recognitions are the result of the hard work of our students, our exceptional and award-winning faculty, staff and administration, and the incredible support we receive from our Board of Trustees, elected officials, local businesses, industries and community leaders,” said Dr. Anthony J. Iacono, CCM president. “It is through strong partnerships and an unwavering commitment to the success of our students that CCM is able to help so many achieve their dreams.”

As noted in the Newsweek article, considering time invested, financial cost and earning potential, community colleges that offer programs on the forefront of career development are “the most viable financial option for many.”

Along with the national ratings, CCM has been listed #1 in the state for four consecutive years in PayScale’s [“Best Community Colleges in New Jersey by Salary Potential”](#) annual ranking.

“These reports confirm the value and high ROI of a CCM education,” added Iacono. “We’re proud of the success of our alumni and to be recognized for the high-quality, career-focused programs and services CCM provides so students can reach their potential, earn good salaries and make a positive impact in their workplace and communities.”

We Are CCM Proud!

Two Professors Receive Awards of Excellence

Two faculty members were recently honored for their award-winning work. Congratulations to Stephen Longo and Brian Oleksak. CCM applauds you and the noteworthy work you have achieved.



A highly respected, award-winning designer who has created brands for such blue-chip clients as Haagen-Dazs, Ronzoni and Star Kist Tuna, Longo, professor of graphic

design, recently won three awards in two international contests. He was presented with an Award of Excellence in the 26th Annual Communicator Awards competition in the Marketing/Promotion category. That award was for a direct mail piece Longo and his collaborators designed for Team 1, a marketing firm. The direct mail campaign was tailored to an audience of top corporate decision makers and was customized for each recipient. The Communicator Awards draws thousands of entries every year from around the world and is considered a leading international award program that recognizes excellence in communication across a spectrum of industries.

Professional Day: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Tuesday, January 19, starting at 9 a.m.

Hear about the exciting new developments taking place this Spring Semester, connect with your colleagues and get inspired during Professional Day. Here is the [agenda](#) so you can plan your day and take full advantage of the day’s offerings.

With Great Sadness

The campus community mourns the passing of several of its members.

Dr. Anthony “Tony” Cupo (January 2021)

Business faculty member who taught at CCM for 41 years and retired in 2017. He served as department chair from 2011-2015 and was awarded Emeritus status in 2020.

John Cutrone (December 2020)

Served as an adjunct II faculty in Mathematics for over 25 years.

Philip L. Edgecomb (April 2020)

Started the Ag Tech (now LHT) program and served as chair. Retired in 1995.

CCM EVENTS

Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 18, 2021

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STUDENT SERVICES

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@equitable.com
Access Marc’s calendar to schedule an appointment:
<https://app.zynbit.com/zyncal/schedule/marc-sheridan>

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.

Longo also won two Davey Awards in its 16th annual competition, one for the Team 1 direct mail piece and the other for a branding campaign he created for the restaurant Matsuya. The Davey Awards recognizes the work of small agencies and is judged by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts, an invitation-only group consisting of top-tier professionals.

Oleksak, professor and chair of the Department of Landscape and Horticultural Technology (LHT), recently was presented with the 2020 Distinguished Service Award from the New Jersey Nursey Landscape Association (NJNLA). That award recognizes the contributions of individuals who have given their time and resources to support and grow the horticulture industry in New Jersey. Along with being an active member of NJNLA, Oleksak teaches online courses for association members.



A video of Oleksak receiving the award can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ach-blVKcBs&feature=youtu.be/. The NJNLA is the leading organization for the advancement of green industry businesses in New Jersey.



Coping with Winter and Other Issues

During the darker days of winter, it is not unusual to feel depressed and tired. For many, it is a normal response to less sunlight and returning to “reality” after the hectic holiday season. For others, it also can be a clinical form of depression called Seasonal Affective Disorder or SAD. CCM’s employee assistance program, New Directions, is here to help you and your family with this and many other matters. To view tips on how to deal with winter, click [here](#). Along with providing free and confidential assistance to help with mental health issues, New Directions offers a wide range of other services. Included among those are assistance with health, caregiving, family, financial matters and more. They even offer myStrength, an online tool to help you live your best life. Check out its website at <https://eap.ndbh.com> and use company code “ccm” or call 800-624-5544 for more information.



The January's edition of OUCH!, led by Guest Editor Joshua Wright, focuses on “[Securing Wi-Fi at Home.](#)” Learn how to create a secure home network by securing your Wi-Fi access point (sometimes called a Wi-Fi router). Wright (Twitter @joswr1ght) is a senior director at Counter Hack Challenges, LLC, leading the coordination and development of cyber challenges for NetWars and the Holiday Hack Challenge. Download and share OUCH! with family, friends and co-workers. You can find OUCH! archives at www.sans.org/ouch/.



What year did the college break ground for a renovated Student Community Center?

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

Chartwells Closed for the 2021 Spring and Summer Semesters

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Chartwells will not be operating on campus during the 2021 Spring and Summer semesters. Food, however, will still be available in the vending machines located throughout campus. Socially distance seating for dining also will remain available in the Cohen Café.



Spring Semester to Start Largely Remotely

Welcome to the Spring Semester! CCM will remain in a predominately remote operation for the start of the semester from Tuesday, January 19, through Thursday, January 21. To ensure the health and safety of our college community, there will be no on-campus activities during this period. Students will receive an email from CCM regarding this update. Faculty who are teaching courses that are fully on campus or hybrid are asked to communicate directly to students to provide direction regarding classes being held on January 20 and 21.

Following January 21, unless otherwise directed, employees should resume the same schedule as prior to the Winter Break. If you have questions regarding this update, please reach out to your dean, director or vice president.

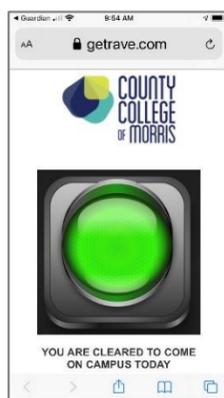


Titan Alert and Rave Guardian App

If you have not already updated your information in Rave, the new Titan Alert service for the college, please take the time to do so to ensure you continue to receive CCM emergency notifications. To update your information:

- Go to www.getrave.com/login/ccm/
- Use your CCM email as your username
- Use the initial password you received in the email from Rave or the password you have set up for that account. You also can use the “Forgot your password” link.

The Rave Guardian App



Rave Guardian is the app CCM now is using so faculty, staff and students coming to campus can report they are free of COVID symptoms and receive a “cleared” to enter notice on their phone screens. The Rave Guardian app can be downloaded from the App Store on iPhones and from Play Store on Android devices.

Prudential

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

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

VALIC representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. Call 908-470-4114 or email Maryann.bradford@valic.com Schedule a virtual meeting or phone call: <https://my.valic.com/seminarregistration/availableseminars.aspx?regcode=5296NEW11AA>

VOYA representative John Murray is available for individual appointments. To make an appointment email johnhmurray@voyafa.com or call 609-234-3369.

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



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.

KUDOS

Even in the face of a pandemic, the Legacy Project at CCM succeeded at putting on a year of great programming focused on war, peace and healing and events focused on diversity and equity. Along with successfully transitioning to virtual programming, the project was awarded another \$12,000 grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities to support its work. It already has begun planning for another successful year. During the 2021 season, the project will focus on the theme "Humanimals." The Legacy Project is an interdisciplinary initiative that brings together the skills and talents of faculty members and staff to present engaging lectures and programs for the college community and the public. To learn more, visit www.ccm.edu/legacy-project/.