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### CCM EVENTS

Anything Goes Auditions  
Tuesday, September 14  
6:30 – 8 p.m.  
Dragonetti

### STUDENT SERVICES

The Library  
[In-Person and Remote Service](#)

Online Tutoring Center  
More information, click [here](#).

### HR CORNER

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AIG (formerly VALIC) representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments.  
Call 732-832-5346 or email [Maryann.bradford@aig.com](mailto:Maryann.bradford@aig.com)  
Schedule a virtual meeting or phone call: <https://my.valic.com/seminarregistration/availableseminars.aspx?regcode=5296NEW11AA>

Equitable representative Mark Sheridan is available at all 908-230-2042 or email [Marc.Sheridan@equitable.com](mailto: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](mailto:kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com).

MetLife/BrightHouse representative David Sharpe is available at 973-575-3254 or email [dsharpe@financialguide.com](mailto:dsharpe@financialguide.com).

Prudential  
Call 732-428-2314 or email [alicia.smith@prudential.com](mailto:alicia.smith@prudential.com) to make an individual appointment to discuss ABP or DCRP investments.

Contact TIAA's National Contact Center at 800-842-2252 for questions and counseling.

Voya representative, John Murray is available to help you with your retirement account. To schedule an appointment call (609) 234-3369 or email [johnmurray@voyafa.com](mailto:johnmurray@voyafa.com)

### NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to Kathleen Brunet at [kbrunet@ccm.edu](mailto:kbrunet@ccm.edu).  
Submissions must be received by 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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



### Commemorating 9/11



On Thursday, CCM employees, along with several students, gathered at the flagpole outside the Student Community Center in observance of the 20th anniversary of 9/11/2001. Included in the ceremony was the playing of an original song, "Where I Once Stood." The song by Virginia Wagner, the aunt of Eric Pedersen from Engineering Technologies & Engineering Science, and her husband Greg Galfo was inspired by a poem written by Frank Mezle from Receiving & Shipping. Here is a [link](#) to the song. The ceremony also included remarks from President Tony Iacono, the reading of Anne Bronte's poem "Farewell" by Performing Arts student Jaclyn Lenox, and the playing and singing of the song "Amazing Grace" by Performing Arts students Carlos Angel and Jacob Wood. Dr. Richard Gradone, Music, Performing Arts & Music Technologies, closed the ceremony with the playing of "Taps." To view photos from the event, go to the college's [Flickr account](#).



### Adjunct Professor Named Landscaper Designer of the Year

Adjunct Professor Susan Cohan, Landscape & Horticultural Technology, recently was named "Designer of the Year" by the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, the country's primary professional association for landscape designers.

Cohan was presented with the award for her design of a bio-pool project that not only is beautiful but resulted in the return of such wildlife as butterflies, birds, dragonflies and frogs. Read [more](#).



### IMPORTANT: Update Your Out-of-Office Messages

As the college prepares to return to full campus operations in October, employees are asked to check their out-of-office messages on their office phones and email accounts. Please discontinue using the phrase, "the campus is closed." If applicable, auto replies should be removed as a day-to-day response when you are working on campus. Continue to utilize auto responses when you are not working or unavailable on specific dates.

Possible updated options for voicemail or emails for those operating remotely are:

1. The college is preparing to return to full on-campus operations, but I am currently working remotely. I will respond (or return your call) as soon as possible.
2. The college campus is open, but I am currently working remotely. I will respond (or return your call) as soon as possible.

### Help to Become Your Best Self

New Directions, the college's employee assistance provider, offers pre-recorded webinars each month on a variety of topics designed to help you become your best self at work and home. Load and listen anytime. Visit



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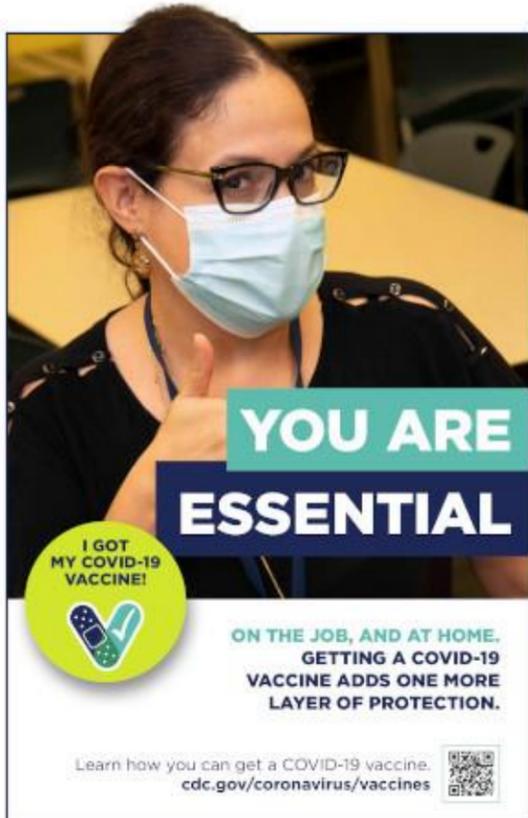
Niche, a market leader in connecting colleges and schools with students and families, has put CCM high on its 2022 list of the Best Community Colleges in New Jersey, placing the college within the top two in the state.

Niche utilized data from the U.S. Department of Education, considering such factors as tuition, grades, diversity and alumni earnings, along with student surveys submitted to its site. One student who answered the survey stated, "I had a great experience at County College

of Morris. For a community college, it offers a surprising amount of options when it comes to courses and class times.”

This ranking follows numerous other national distinctions CCM has gained this year. Those have included being named:

- In the top 1.8 percent of the Best Community Colleges nationwide by Academic Influence
- #1 for Best Associated Degrees in New Jersey by Intelligent
- #1 for the Most Popular Online Business Associate Degree by Business Degree Central
- #1 in New Jersey for Community College Graduates Who Earn the Best Salaries by PayScale – a distinction the college has held for four consecutive years.



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### After the Storm



A big thank you to Plant & Maintenance and Public Safety for seeing the campus through Tropical Storm Ida on September 1. This is a photo of the campus the morning after. There were some minor leaks but no major damage at the college from the storm. The midnight shift crews worked hard through the storm to manage damage and keep small problems from becoming big ones. We're CCMProud!



### Free Employee Online Yoga Class Fall 2021

Stay healthy, reduce pain, release stress and sleep better through weekly Yoga exercise. Adjunct Professor Trayer Run-Kowzun, Health & Exercise Science, once again will be conducting free online Yoga classes. Classes take place Monday and Thursday from 5 - 6 p.m., starting September 13 and running through October 25, via Webex. Please email [trunkowzun@ccm.ed](mailto:trunkowzun@ccm.ed) to obtain the link.

### 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.

