

The CCMemo

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Upcoming Events

LRC Gallery Art Exhibit

Jane Biron - Artist
July 13 - August 26

CCM Blood Drive

July 21
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mobile Unit in Parking Lot #6

Contact Health Services at ext. 5160 to schedule an appointment. The blood drive is sponsored by the NJ Blood Center.

Sam's Club on Campus

August 11
10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Alcove across from "B" Cafe in Cohen Hall

\$10 gift card to Sam's Club for those who sign-up or renew.

TIAA-CREF on Campus

August 13
Henderson Hall, Room 107

Ana Pfalzgraf from TIAA-CREF will be on campus to provide individual counseling sessions. A reservation is required. If you are interested in setting up an appointment, call 1-800-732-8353 or visit www.tiaa-cref.org/moc.

2009 CCM Golf Classic

September 21

The County College of Morris Foundation will hold its 2009 Foundation Golf Fundraiser at the Knoll West Country Club, a beautifully-designed, classic course. All proceeds support the CCM Foundation. For more information or to sign up, call ext. 5060. To view the brochure go to www.ccm.edu under News and Events.

CCM Summer Academy Marks a Season of Potential

Tia Banks of Victory Gardens gets up at 7 a.m. each morning so she can catch the 8:15 a.m. bus to the County College of Morris (CCM) Summer Academy at Headquarters Plaza in Morristown.

"It's worth it," says Banks, "because instead of sitting at home and doing nothing, I am keeping up my math and computer skills and learning to be a master student." She is one of 19 students from Dover High School who is participating in this 2-week program sponsored by grants from Alcoa Inc. and Bank of America.



Instilling a love for learning is one of the reasons the program was created 17 years ago and why the program's director, CCM Professor Alexis Thurman, has enthusiastically remained with it through the years.

"We're trying to expose students to different things that they wouldn't normally encounter in high school," Thurman says. This year, the Academy chose the theme of aviation and has woven it throughout its curriculum. Students are learning about airplanes, the history of flying, careers in

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aviation and even have a computer flight simulator in their computer classes. They are also building their own airplanes out of paper or Styrofoam™ and will be flying them on their last day of school. Class trips include going to a local cinema to see an aviation-themed movie and a visit to the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid in New York.

"We're trying to show students that education can be fun. We also want them to know that it is okay to be smart and it is okay to be interested in a particular subject," Thurman says. In addition to academics, students also learn how to become master students.

"We learn about self-esteem and self-assessment," Banks says. "We take a minute to self assess ourselves to learn what we are good at and what we are bad at, and what kind of learner we are, such as a visual learner or someone who learns from doing."

The three teachers who run the program strive to connect with students to understand their interests and show them related careers they could pursue. In addition to Thurman, who is a Professor of mathematics and Department Chair of business administration at CCM, there are Susan Winston, Associate Professor of mathematics, and Jacalyn Sharpe, Adjunct Professor of English.

"We try to keep it on a small scale so we can provide these students with more attention," Thurman says. On one day, the students used their computer class to research colleges.

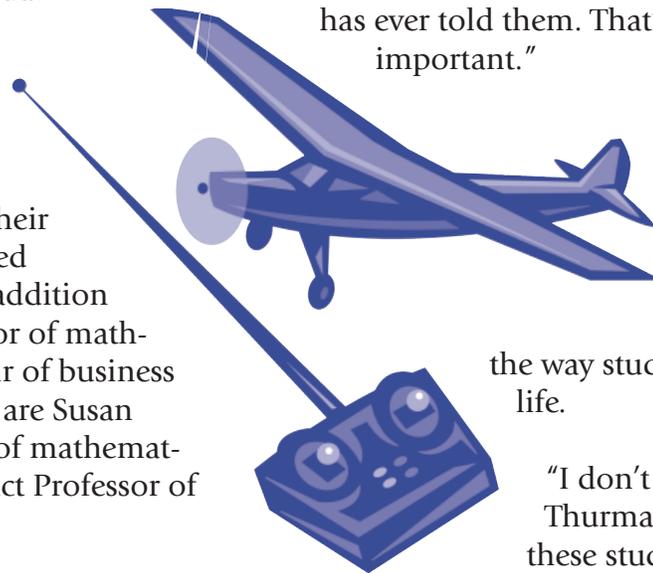
"After high school, I plan to go to college and major in obstetrics," Banks says. "I went on the computer yesterday and we were

looking up how much things cost. Everything was more expensive than I thought. County College is a definite option."

"Our goal is to get the students interested in going to college," Thurman says. "It doesn't have to be CCM." This year, 25 students filled out applications to attend the Summer Academy, but because of budget limitations, only 19 could be accepted. Thurman is hoping that despite the poor economy that area corporations might appreciate the merits of the program and help underwrite it in the future.

Thurman has kept in touch with a number of the students who have gone through the program over the years. Many have gone on to college and one became a math teacher in the Dover school system.

"We try to give the students a jump start," Thurman says. "Often, in high school, we tend to lose B and C students. We are trying to show them that they, too, can learn. We encounter students who don't even know the talent that they have because no one has ever told them. That's why the program is so important."



When asked what she finds most rewarding about her involvement in the Academy, Thurman says it's the opportunity to change the way students view education and life.

"I don't want to lose any student," Thurman says. "It's so easy to lose these students to their friends, to the streets or to crime. To see them going to college--I never get tired of it. That's why we keep coming back. Sometimes they're told they can't do much. We provide them with a different train of thought and a lot of hope."

VP of Academic Affairs Appointment

Dr. Dwight L. Smith III has been appointed the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Smith earned a Doctorate in Educational Psychology from Rutgers University and has more than 20 years of experience in higher education. His last positions were at St. Louis Community College where he served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at the Forest Park Campus, and Miami Dade College where he served as Associate Provost for Academic Affairs.

New TV Commercial Features CCM Students

Over the next few months, watch for CCM's new TV commercial featuring two of our brightest CCM stars, Ashley Kraus and Billy Long. The commercial, which only runs on Cablevision, can be seen on the following stations: News 12, MTV, Comedy, TNT, USA, CNN, Food, A&E, FX, Bravo, TLC, ESPN, Lifetime, History, Discovery, MSNBC, ABC Family, MTV2, Soap, TruTV, BET, Cartoon, and Speed.

Kudos

- Based upon the recommendations of President Edward Yaw and the Search Committee, the CCM Board of Trustees recently approved the appointment of Keith Smith as Dean of the Division of Liberal Arts. Keith is a professor and has been at CCM for 16 years, having served as Interim Dean of Liberal Arts this past academic year. He has also served as Chairperson of Visual Arts for 5 years.
- Kevin Moore, Admissions Counselor, competed in the "Ironman Rhode Island 2009 70.3." Kevin swam 1.2 miles in 42:46, biked 56 mile bikes in 3:40:13, and ran 13.1 miles in 2:50:47. Kevin's official finish time was 7:25:21.
- Dr. Bevia recorded his Symphony No. 1 with the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra in Olomouc, Czech Republic, and was invited to a conference presentation about his compositions at the Czech American Music Summer Institute in Prague, Czech Republic.

Swap and shop

For Rent: Room in private house in Randolph, 5 minutes from CCM. Large furnished bedroom with walk-in closet. Includes shared full bath with double sinks, kitchen privileges and use of washer/dryer. \$575/month. Call Shirley at 973-895-4139.

Childcare Available: Experienced child/infant daycare provider has openings available immediately in private home off Sussex Turnpike in Randolph, close to CCM. Call Shirley for more information at 973-895-4139

For Sale: 1994 BMW 325i Convertible with just under 60,000 miles. Runs great but cosmetically is starting to show its age. White exterior, tan leather interior, black soft top (for summer) and white hard top (for winter). Priced below blue book value at \$6300 so you can enjoy it this summer! Call 973-464-4871 or email pbernson@ccm.edu for pictures and details.

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Thank you!