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Upcoming Events

CCM Dance Theatre Showcase

December 10 and 11

7:30 p.m., Dragonetti Auditorium

CCM's Dance Theatre Company presents an informal showcase of original works by CCM faculty, students and guest artists.

Since 1976, Jo Ann Staugaard-Jones has been the Dance Program Coordinator. Under Jo Ann's guidance, the AFA Dance Program has become one of the finest in the country. Jo Ann Staugaard-Jones will retire at the end of the fall 2009 semester.

In lieu of a reception, Jo Ann will take her final bow at the last performance, and we wish her well as she starts a new phase of her life. Admission is free.

CCM Holiday Greeting Card Scholarship

Donation Deadline December 11

Send donations to Roxanne Smith, HH 119

Women's Center Seeking Angels

Donation Deadline December 11

Send donations to the Women's Center, SCC 115

Jamie Allen "Measured"

Until December 18

Art Gallery, Sherman H. Masten Library

Winter Recess

December 24 - January 3

College Closed

Nursing Career Fair

January 7

1:30 - 3 p.m., LRC Reading Room

It is open to students currently in the program and alumni.

CCM Trustee Participates in PA Town Hall with President Obama

In one of her first official duties as the County College of Morris Trustee Chair, Elaine Johnson, got the invitation of a lifetime – a seat to hear President Barack Obama speak at Lehigh Carbon Community College in Allentown, PA on Dec. 4. "It was a very positive experience," said Johnson. "The room was really charged. Of course, I was especially happy to hear about his plans and appreciation for community colleges." Speaking to a crowd filled with community college trustees, faculty, staff and students, Obama drew thunderous applause when he said his administration "was working to upgrade America's most under-appreciated asset – community colleges."

"I think the President has strongly embraced what community colleges can do for the country," said Johnson. Given today's economic problems, now more than ever, CCM has been a driving force in workforce development. More recently the college has also reached out to more unemployed with free tuition and to more veterans with financial support and additional services.

The event left everyone with a renewed sense of hope, said Johnson. She was pleased to hear that although the job market is still struggling, reports are looking up. President Obama told the audience that the nation lost 11,000 jobs in November, which was about 115,000 fewer than forecasted. Overall, he said, this was the best jobs report since 2007. He also said that the Recovery Act has created or saved up to 1.6 million jobs. Johnson said the experience left her with a sense of confidence that the Obama

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Student Employment

Share the following information with all students currently in your employ.

Monday, December 21 will be the last day of employment for student aides who are graduating and for those students who have not registered for the spring semester.

During the semester break, students who have registered for at least 6 credits for the spring semester will be permitted to work as many as 35 hours per week. However, supervisors are encouraged to monitor the earnings of their college-funded and federally-funded student aides carefully in order to maximize the length of their employment. Keep in mind, in particular, the Federal Work Study budgetary considerations detailed in Harvey Willis' email: of November 13.

Harvey Willis E-mail of November 13

Due to limited Federal Work Study funding, the Financial Aid Office recommends that all department managers carefully monitor students employed under the Federal Work Study (FWS) Program. Once any student funded by and employed through the FWS Program has exhausted his/her award, the Financial Aid Office will not be able to increase that award or replace the student with another student.

Certainly, the rate at which your FWS student earns the remaining amount of his/her award depends on the hours worked. Therefore, it is suggested that your department be strategic in utilizing your student worker to maximize the length of their employ in your department. The Financial Aid Office will do our best to monitor your student worker's hours and notify you when his/her award is close to being depleted.

Trustee Participates in Town Hall

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administration is doing what it can to get the economy on track and the job market growing again. Johnson was invited to President Obama's town hall meeting along with several other community college trustees who belong to the Association of Community College Trustees, a non-profit educational organization of governing boards representing trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical and junior colleges in the United States.

The Youngtown Edition Receives CSPA Award

The Youngtown Edition was awarded a silver medal by The Columbia Scholastic Press Association for their work in the 2008-2009 school year.

The Youngtown has been participating in this contest for ten years and has won two gold medals and several silver and bronze medals.

The CSPA is a department of Columbia University in New York City. In 1925 it was established with hopes of improving student publications. Each publication is evaluated by one judge.

The gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded according to numerical scores given by the judge.

The critique complemented many different aspects of the Youngtown, including comments on the editorials, and the entertainment section was praised on, "reader engagement and interest."

"This is a wonderful publication, with opportunity for more growth," one judge said. There are many people to credit for the success of the Youngtown, including, Frank Blaha, editor in chief; Tori Finn, managing editor, Professor Matthew Ayres advisor, and Dr. Noel Robinson, coordinator.

"This is a very good honor for the Youngtown, because it is a very thorough and comprehensive evaluation of the paper. We can be very proud of the Youngtown and its editors," Robinson said.

Interesting Websites

Buying, Giving, and Using Gift Cards

Consumer tips for buying and using gift cards, such as asking about expiration dates and fees, giving the original purchase receipt to the recipient in case the card is lost or stolen, and checking about purchase exceptions. Includes contacts for problems and complaints about gift cards. Also available in Spanish. From the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). URL: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt010.shtm> LII Item: <http://lii.org/cs/lii/view/item/24964>

Holiday Health and Safety Tips

"Give the gift of health and safety to yourself and others by following these [winter] holiday tips." Includes material on washing your hands often, staying warm, managing stress, traveling safely, preparing food safely, and related matters. From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/family/holiday/> LII Item: <http://lii.org/cs/lii/view/item/27101>

A Champagne Primer

Discusses the difference between champagne and sparkling wine, interpretation of champagne labels, proper storage, and how to serve and taste champagne. From Epicurious.com. URL: <http://www.epicurious.com/articlesguides/drinking/wine/champagneintro> LII Item: <http://lii.org/cs/lii/view/item/6953>

U.S. Census Bureau Facts for Features: The Holiday Season

Facts and statistics about the winter holiday season, including shopping and retail sales, mail delivery, Christmas trees and decorations, toys, holiday names, and New Year's Eve and Day. From the U.S. Census Bureau. URL: http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_fe... LII Item: <http://lii.org/cs/lii/view/item/7487>

Courtesy from our Reference Librarian

CSPA Award (cont'd)

"I'm proud of the students and anyone who is part of the Youngtown. This award is a testament to all their hard work," Ayres said. All past and present contributors should be very proud of this wonderful achievement.

CCM Design Students Win Prestigious Award

Last year, six students banded together in a design studio class at the County College of Morris and worked in a real-world environment to produce a slick, 48-page magazine entitled the 2008 Prometheus Literary & Arts Magazine. That publication recently won two national design awards, competing with major corporations and professional advertising agencies across the country.

The students, who worked under the guidance of Stephen Longo, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Graphic Design, were Brian Manna, Wharton; Craig Clifford, Denville; Alex D'Angelo, Long Valley; Cory Bohner, Long Valley; Justin Bradford, Denville; and Michelle Berardesco, Randolph. Most of them have gone on to four-year colleges.

Visit www.ccm.edu under News to read the complete article.

Kudos

- Dr. Bevia, from the Music Department has been invited by the American Academy in Rome to be a Visiting Artist and Scholar in January, 2010.

Also, Dr. Bevia will be a composer in residence at the Visby International Center for Composers in Sweden in June, 2010.

Swap and Shop

For Sale: 2 tickets for Bon Jovi. They are in section 213, row 10 at the new Meadowlands Stadium if anyone wants to check them out. Date is May 29, 7pm. Call ext. 5200 or 973-219-8696. The tickets with tax and fees is \$169.51 each.

Wanted: Tickets for the Metropolitan Opera House Saturday, February 6, 2010 performance of "La fille du regiment". Would prefer orchestra or parterre seating. Call Susan at 973-713-8876.

For Sale: Oak computer desk with hutch (2 years old) \$75; Oak wall unit with opening for 42" TV and shelves with glass doors (2 years old). Call 973-610-5554.

For Sale: Brush Guards for 2005 Ford Expedition- color black along with taillight guards, \$150.00. Contact Jim at jford@ccm.edu or call 908 686-1866

For Sale: Electric 18qt GE roaster oven I would like to sell. Like new. \$20. E-mail jmarron@ccm.edu or call 973-347-1405.

For Sale: 1997 Mitsubishi Mirage, Red, 128,000 miles, 5 speed, 32 mph, timing belt changed at 97K., good condition, \$1,500 or best offer. Call 973-713-8455.

For Sale: GE Profile Arctica Refrigerator: Working, 22.7 cubic feet, side-by-side, stainless steel. Retail \$2899, asking price \$1500 (or best offer). Call Michelle at 862-207-8331 or email maltieri@ccm.edu.

For Rent: 2 Bedroom apt. in Randolph. Newly renovated 1st floor unit. \$1,100/mo. & \$150/occupant for utilities. Private entr. Call 973-945-9090.

For Rent: Apartment over garage in private home in Dover (5 min. from CCM). One bedroom, living room, sitting area, eat-in kitchen, deck, private entrance--\$750 all utilities included. 973-610-5554.

For Rent: Room in Randolph, 5 min. from CCM. Shared full bath, kitchen privileges and internet access. \$450/month. Call Olga at 201-230-8515.

For Rent: Timeshare villas at Bluebeard's Castle on the island of St. Thomas from Feb.13 - 20, 2010. Located in the desirable Hilltop II Villas, unit # 253 rents for \$825/week or save dining out dollars by renting Villa # 252 with a kitchen for \$900. Save money ~ bring the whole family or another couple and take both adjoining units for a discounted price of only \$1600/week. Contact Lora at Lbogdany@ccm.edu or at ext. 5551/days and 201-572-9385/ evenings and weekends.

For Sale: 1994 Honda Accord, White, 99,000 miles, Automatic, 30 mpg, very clean. \$1,800 or best offer. Call 973-713-8455.

For Sale: Expedition Mtn Bike (green) 26". Includes: 24 gears with thumb shifters mirror, peddle stirrups distance/speed meter (digital) large seat with bag water bottle holder, helmet Thule Bike carrier. \$650. Call Russ at ext 5550 or cell phone at 908-249-1139

For Sale: Dehumidifier, room size - for 2200 cubic feet, 3 months old - w/original box and instructions. (List price online \$82-129. <http://www.air-n-water.com/product/edv-2200.htm>). 6.75" x 8.5" x 14", about 1 quart drawer, auto shut off when filled to capacity, low energy consumption. \$50. Call Jane at 862-209-1542 (h) or 917-582-7642 (cell).

For Sale: Short, light brown mink jacket (size 8) and mink stole. "Retro" style - excellent condition. Jacket - \$100; Stole -\$25 (or best offer). Email shubbard@ccm.edu for photos.