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Upcoming Events

Invaders of Mars!

The Longo Planetarium

October 15 - 7 p.m.

October 16 - 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

We will explore the Martian surface as seen by Earth's various spacecraft "invaders" and use the data gathered to explore the red planet as only computer generated imagery can. You will have an immersive view of the history of the study of our neighbor in space, and will emerge with a new perspective on the planet Mars.

Employee Appreciation and Recognition Dinner

October 16

6:30 p.m., Student Community Center

The CCM Employee Appreciation and Recognition Dinner will be honoring 10, 20, 30 and 40 year employees.

FREE Legal Information Workshops

Sponsored by the Women's Center

October 19

Post matrimonial relief - what to do if support does not come through or if circumstances change.

October 26

Financial aspects of divorce, tax implications, retirement, pension plans, insurance, children's education.

Job Fair at CCM

October 20

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., SCC, Davidson Rooms

View participating employers at <http://www.ccm.edu/studentlife/careerservices/jobfair.aspx>

CCM Presents *The Phantom of the Opera* as One of the First in the Nation on a Community Stage

CCM will be presenting *The Phantom of the Opera* in November as one of the first theater groups in the nation to present this poignant love story on a community stage.

Performances take place November 2 – 6 at 7:30

p.m. with a Saturday matinee on November 6 at 2 p.m. in the Dragonetti Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for CCM students, children under 12 and seniors 62 and older.

"We're delighted to be among one of the first community groups to present Andrew Lloyd Weber's masterwork and Broadway's longest-running musical on a local stage," said Director Marielaine Mammon, chair of the Department of Music, Dance and Performing Arts at CCM. "This is an opportunity for local residents to be entranced by the most haunting love story ever told on a stage close to home and at an affordable price."

CCM has launched a blog – <http://ccmphantom.wordpress.com> – detailing the performance's development from addressing the musical's specific technical challenges, to the choreography and musical score. "We wanted to provide a way so all can share in the journey of bringing *The Phantom of the Opera* to Morris County," said Choreographer/Producer Colleen McArdle, an adjunct dance professor and coordinator of special events and CCM Foundation programs.

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Blood Drive

October 21 and 25 - Register, SCC Lobby
Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

October 28 - Blood Drive
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., LRC Reading Room

Health Services is sponsoring the blood drive in conjunction with the NJ Blood Center.

Hispanic Heritage Month

October 21

7 p.m., LRC 115

Idioma e Identidad: El Poder de la Lengua Materna
(Language and Identity: The Power of the Mother Tongue)

November 4

7 p.m., LRC 115

La Presencia del Pasado: Los Matices de la Identidad
(The Presence of the Past: Nuances of Identity)

CPP Administrative Professionals Classes

October 27 - November 3

Improving Your Business Writing Skills

November 10 - 17

Planning and Coordinating Business Meetings and Conferences

For complete information, click here. Tuition waivers may apply.

Art Exhibit

"Mindscapes" by Endel Uiga

Until October 28

Art Gallery of the Masten Library

Halloween Happenings

October 29

4 - 6 p.m., SCC Lounge and Cafeteria

Join us for some spooky fun! Ghosts and goblins are in the air but we will have fun, not a scare. Come trick-or-treat wearing your fairy princess best, your fabulous superhero cape or a monstrous special creation of your own. Listen to the sounds of the season while creating your own one-of-a-kind Halloween craft to take home! Special guest artist/professional storytellers will get us in the spirit of the season as they bring to life, through story and song, some of our favorite classic Halloween tales. Free Admission.

Phantom (cont'd)

The production, presented by the Department of Music, Dance and Performing Arts, includes both CCM students and actors from the metropolitan area. Playing Christine Daaé is Kelly Miller, of Rockaway, a music performance major at CCM; in the role of the Phantom is Robert Farruggia of Rockland County, NY. Playing Raoul de Chagny is Esteban Vasquez, of Rockaway; and in the role of Carlotta Giudicelli is Katelyn Spinosa of Bayonne, NJ. Serving as technical directors are Ahmed Bennane and John Landers, technical directors of CCM's Dragonetti Auditorium. The musical director is Rick Edinger, of New York, NY, adjunct music professor at CCM.

For tickets, call ext. 5076.

The Youngtown Edition Wins Awards

The Youngtown Edition, the County College of Morris student newspaper, recently won a number of awards from the New Jersey Press Association (NJPA) and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) for the 2009- 2010 academic year.

The NJPA competition, the New Jersey College Newspaper contest, is judged by professional journalists in the state. *The Youngtown* was awarded second place in the two-year college category for General Excellence. A number of individual writers received awards as follows:

- **First Place Awards**

Newswriting, Candice Hall, "Traffic Complaints"

Editorial Writing, Jose Diaz, Unsigned editorials

9/16, 10/14 Column/Opinion Writing, Harrison

Mulligan, "Money Talks" Arts & Entertainment,

Ashleigh Parr, "Hot Lights, " and "This is It"

Sports Writing, David Danzis, "Lady Titans," "Quiet Leader" and "Yankee Stadium"

- **Second Place Awards**

Bio/Personality Profile, Jose Diaz, "Professor Irons"

Arts & Entertainment, Candice Hall, "Coraline" & "Mara's Café"

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Construction Update

Restrooms in DeMare Hall: All DeMare Hall restrooms were opened on October 11. Some minor punch list items remain, including adjusting the operation of a few plumbing fixtures and installing additional lights above the mirrors. These items will be taken care of during periods when the buildings are minimally occupied and on Saturdays.

Restrooms in Cohen Hall: Demolition began this week in the restrooms in Cohen Hall. Rough plumbing work and tile preparation will begin next week.

Academic Complex Second-Floor Corridors: The ceilings have been completed in most areas. DeMare Hall will receive new HVAC registers in the ceiling in the next week or so. There are additional light fixtures that will be installed as they are delivered to the campus.

Cohen and DeMare Halls HVAC: The chillers (which provide air conditioning) arrived on campus and half are now installed. The pumps are tentatively scheduled to arrive in the next 10 days. The pumps will be the top priority when they arrive to provide heating to the perimeter classrooms and offices.

Rooftop Unit Replacement Project: The new rooftop units were installed on October 8. The contractor is working on the gas service, ductwork modification on the roof, and providing power to the new units. The new units will be brought online as soon as the work is completed and they are inspected. We anticipate they will be fully operational by the end of October.

Learning Resource Center (LRC) Upper-Level HVAC: Fabrication of the new air handler and fan wall is progressing as the materials are delivered to the site. The work in the second-floor LRC ceiling has begun and is on schedule. The LRC staff is assisting in coordinating the work to help minimize the impact to the LRC users.

The Youngtown (cont'd)

- **Third Place Awards**
Arts & Entertainment, Larissa Ackerman, "Lovely Bones" & "Lost Symbol"

The Youngtown Edition was also awarded Gold Medalist status from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This is the third time in the last 10 years that *The Youngtown* has achieved this honor. In addition, for the first time, the newspaper was awarded All-Columbian Honors for writing and editing, graphic presentation and business operations. All-Columbian Honors are given when a publication has achieved the 95th percentile or higher in each of the categories.

The CSPA recognition was based on the Scholastic Newspaper 20-page critique of the spring 2010 edition of *The Youngtown*. The CSPA has been evaluating and judging school newspapers since 1934.

The adviser to *The Youngtown Edition* is Professor Matthew Ayres. Students in the journalism classes of Dr. Noel Robinson submit most of the articles. Last year's editor and managing editor were Allison Shadel and Larissa Ackerman. The editors for the fall semester 2010 are David Danzis and Jose Diaz.

Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

County College of Morris has the opportunity to nominate students for consideration in the *Who's Who Among Students* in American Junior Colleges. This distinction furthers the aims of higher education by rewarding and recognizing individual academic excellence on a national level. Those nominated have the opportunity to be considered for one of several national scholarships.

The assistance of the entire college community in identifying potential nominees is appreciated. Students should demonstrate excellent academic achievement, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, citizenship, and community service that are decidedly above average.

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Kudos

"Dr. Rita Heller, associate professor of History, gave a screening and lecture on the documentary film "Chanceman's Brothers and Sisters: The Origins of the Twentieth Century Morris County Black Community," on Tuesday, October 5, to the Mount Olive Historical Society. Dr. Heller served as executive producer of the film, which premiered on New Jersey Network in 1998. The college Foundation office is selling a DVD version for a nominal \$10."

Friendly Reminder

- **Open Enrollment - October, 2010**
The open enrollment period runs until Oct. 29. Changes made at this time will be effective January 1, 2011. During open enrollment, employees can enroll in or make changes to healthcare coverage and dental coverage, including adding or removing eligible dependents, and may enroll in the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Plan for the 2011 calendar year. (FSA elections do NOT carry over from year-to-year; you must re-enroll even if you have been participating.) For complete information click here.

Who's Who Among Students (cont'd)

Those students nominated by the college will receive local and national publicity, and their singular accomplishments will be presented in the 2010/2011 edition of *Who's Who Among Students* in American Junior Colleges recognition program.

Please submit the names and student I.D. numbers (if known) of your recommendations no later than November 12 to bsimmons@ccm.edu.

CTE Workshops

Week of October 18

October 18

5 - 6 p.m., SH 120

Grades on WebAdvisor

The "ins and outs" of submitting grades in WebAdvisor. Facilitated by professor Kimberly Smith, director of the Center for Teaching Excellence. Please register at cte@ccm.edu.

October 21

2 - 3 p.m., SH 120

Using Excel for your Grades

This session demonstrates how Excel may be used to keep track of attendance, calculate grades, determine a letter grade from a number grade, and keep track of material covered in classes. It is suggested that those who attend have some Excel experience, especially with functions. Facilitated by professor Mike Walsh, Information Technologies. Please register at cte@ccm.edu.

Swap and Shop

For Sale: Country style farm table, new condition, hardwood in natural pine finish. 35" wide x 75" long. Extends to 85" using self-stored leaf. Beveled edge top and "turned" legs. \$185. Also, three coordinating arrow back chairs (one swivels). \$40 each. Will deliver locally. Call 973-945-0330.

For Sale: Garage kept, free-standing kayak rack. Holds 2 kayaks and has paddle shelf. For indoor or out door use. \$150. Call ext. 5674

For Sale: 1999, 32', year-round camper with kitchen, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. As is, \$2,000. Call 973-288-1179.

For Sale: 2004 Audi Turbo A4 \$8,900. New timing chain and water pump. 90,000 miles. Call 973-538-4178.

For Sale: 4 used Goodyear tires, size 245 R70 16. Best offer. Call John at 973-895-3415.