

# The CCMemo

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS  
Volume 2011 / 154

Employee Newsletter  
March 11, 2011

## Upcoming Events

### MetLife on Campus

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
March 15, LRC 115  
April 12, HH 107  
May 19, LRC 115  
June 8, HH 107

Email [dsharpe2@metlife.com](mailto:dsharpe2@metlife.com) or call 800-492-3553, ext. 28337 for an appointment.

### Shapes in the Sky

March 19  
11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

This is part of a series of programs especially for children ages 3 to 7, with stories and fun for every age! Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by contacting the reservation desk at ext. 5076.

### 5th Annual Storytelling Festival of World Music & Story

March 20  
12:30 - 4 p.m., Student Center, Davidson Rooms

Outstanding storytellers will bring to life tales and tunes old and new. Be entertained by folk tales, family stories, fables and tall tales from many lands, cultures and times. Musician Andy Wasserman will present a vibrant demonstration of authentic wind, string and percussion instruments from around the world. Wasserman's artistry connects music and storytelling in innovative ways.

International guest artist and storyteller Rafe Martin will be the keynote performer. Since writing his first book, published in 1984, 20 others have followed from this writer and storyteller who has performed in nearly all 50 states including Alaska and Hawaii.

NJEA accredited teaching workshops in storytelling will be offered in the morning. For information and to register for the NJEA accredited CPP teaching workshops, go to <http://www.ccm.edu> and click on "News & Events."

## Art Exhibit, "things & places"

In the CCM Gallery through April 5

Heather Ossandon is a professional artist and educator who started her career as a teacher and ceramic technician. Taking the opportunity while studying at Montclair State University, Ossandon started and maintained a ceramic program at an independent art school and continues to teach locally today.

Throughout her career, she has traveled through Asia, Central America, Europe and the United States.

During her time traveling, she has learned techniques and methods that she incorporates into her curriculum and studio practice.



Predominately a wheel thrower, Ossandon produces a line of custom-made wares for The Chase Studios, which she owns and operates. Additionally, she has both functional and sculptural pieces in permanent collections in the US, Costa Rica and China.

Heather maintains a studio in Oaklyn and resides in Westmont.

## Welcome Reception

March 21  
3 p.m., HH 210

Please join in welcoming Dr. Maureen Stivala, director of Academic Services. Light refreshments will be served.

## Comedy Show: Seaton Smith

March 22  
7:30 p.m., Student Center, Davidson Rooms

Applying smooth charisma to a layer of explosive energy, topped off with unforgettable characters sure to permanently reside in your brain, Seaton Smith leaves his audience in a state of comedic euphoria. His credits include the Opie and Anthony Virus tour and the New Faces show at Just for Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal.

For more information, contact ext. 5076. Free. General seating.

## Transfer Fair

March 24  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m., SCC, Davidson Room

Learn more about the transfer process by speaking to an admissions representative about entrance requirements, degree options, scholarships, campus organizations and schedule a tour. Many colleges will be in attendance. For more information, call ext. 5142.

## Housing Partnership's Home Buyer's EXPO

March 26  
Noon to 4 p.m.

The EXPO is a great place to obtain valuable information and learn about the Housing Partnership's different programs – step-by-step to home buying, down payment assistance and much more. Some assistance depends upon income levels, but you will never know unless you inquire. Housing Partnership of Morris County is located on Blackwell Street in Dover and lends assistance and education not only to Morris County residents but other counties as well. To view complete details, [click here](#).

## Commencement Volunteers Needed

---

This year's Commencement exercises will be Thursday, May 26.

There are several ways you can participate in commencement. You can don a cap and gown and be part of the processional and ceremony, volunteer as an usher or attend as a spectator. If you wish to volunteer as an usher, please email [rsmith@ccm.edu](mailto:rsmith@ccm.edu).

If you plan to attend as a spectator, in lieu of an invitation or ticket, present your employee ID at the door for admittance. You may also watch a live simulcast of the ceremony on CCM TV Channel 77 (Cablevision) from your home or in the Dragonetti Auditorium.

The commencement committee will issue tickets only to students. Each student may receive up to four tickets, which will be issued at cap and gown pick-up. Any remaining tickets will be available to students and their families on a first-come, first-served basis on Thursday, May 26, in the HPE lobby from 4 until 6:30 p.m. or until no tickets remain.

## New Procedure for Institutional Research Requests

---

A new procedure has been instituted for requesting research or reports from the Office of Institutional Research and Planning. Anyone requesting research is asked to fill out an Institutional Research Request Form, which can be found on the Faculty & Staff page of the CCM website under "Forms." Those requesting research data are asked to fill out the form, save it to your computer and email it to Dr. Chuck Secolsky. Chuck will then call or email you to discuss your request in further detail. Using this form will assure that Dr. Secolsky has all the information needed to complete your project accurately and in a timely fashion.

## CCM Policies

Please note that all CCM policies – Administrative/ Business, Faculty, Human Resources and Student – are now accessible through the Faculty & Staff page on the CCM website.

## **Save the Date**

### **Spring 2011 Technology Days**

Presentations on instructional and office technology for faculty and staff.

April 4

11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. (College Hour)

April 7

2:30 - 3:50 p.m. (College Hour)

For more information, contact Professor Nadir Kaddour at ext. 5406.

### **CCM Annual Health & Wellness Fair**

April 7

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Student Center, Davidson Rooms

A fun-filled day with over 40 local health and wellness vendors participating. Health screening, hearing and vision screenings, NJ blood center donation, massages, raffles, giveaways and much more.

Registration for adult blood screening begins on March 14. Contact Health Services at ext. 5160 for more information and registration forms.

NJ Blood Center Blood Drive scheduled for April 21. There will be a signup table at the health fair.

### **Foundation Scholarship Gala**

May 6

The Park Avenue Club, Florham Park

Visit <http://www.ccm.edupdf/2011CcmGalaInviteInternal.pdf> to view our 2011 invitation with the internal ticket price of \$175 (a 50-percent discount off the regular price).

## **CCM Style Guide**

The office of Communications and College Relations has created a Style Guide for Writers. Please view this guide at [http://www3.ccm.edu/spider/pdf/ccm\\_style\\_guide.pdf](http://www3.ccm.edu/spider/pdf/ccm_style_guide.pdf).

We also have a limited supply of printed copies available. If you would like one, email [rsmith@ccm.edu](mailto:rsmith@ccm.edu).

## **Interior Lighting Replacement Project**

The college will begin an interior lighting replacement project on Monday, March 14.

The project includes the replacement of interior lighting in most classrooms, some offices and other spaces in multiple buildings. The buildings receiving interior lighting upgrades are Sheffield, Cohen, DeMare, Emeriti, HPE, a portion of the LRC and Plant and Public Safety. The replacement will be handled by the contractor between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. most weekdays; however, it will start during the day over the week of spring break. The overnight work is scheduled to minimize any disruptions to our academic functions. Each room will be started and completed during the same overnight period, so the project should be relatively invisible to the college community.

The new fixtures will improve the energy efficiency of the college's lighting system and provide more reliable performance. The project is funded by a federal grant received by the County of Morris, of which a portion was generously marked for the college.

If you have any concerns, contact the Public Safety Department at ext. 5550.

## **Mental Health Players**

The Mental Health Association of Morris County and EOF are presenting the "Mental Health Players" on Tuesday, March 29, from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in the LRC Reading Room. All are welcome!

This program is a set of skits depicting common mental health disorders and the conflicts they create. The audience will have the opportunity to interact with the players, while in character, by the narrator.

Encourage students to attend. Psychology, Sociology, Human Services or other related classes that meet at this time are also welcome. Please email [enelson@ccm.edu](mailto:enelson@ccm.edu) or call ext. 5268 with the number of students that will be attending.

## General Locker Room/Fitness Center Hours

---

Starting on Monday, March 21, the outer doors will be locked at 4 p.m. Swim teams will access the locker rooms through the aquatics facility only.

ALL locks are to be removed from ALL lockers by Friday, May 6.

Also, starting on March 21, the Fitness Center will have the following hours:

Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

A weekly class schedule is listed on the door.

## CTE Workshops

---

### Tools for Your Teaching Toolbox

March 16

10 a.m. - noon, SH 120

This two-hour workshop will prepare faculty for a student-centered, active-learning curriculum. This workshop will address learning styles, student-centered approaches and lesson planning techniques. Faculty members will experience a student-centered session during the workshop.

Facilitated by Shelley Kurland, instructional designer.

Register for workshops at <http://www3.ccm.edu/cte/WorkshopRegistration.html>. All sessions that lack sufficient enrollment will be cancelled.

## Swap and Shop

---

**For Sale:** Antares, black, 6 string guitar with hard case. Excellent condition. \$125 for both. Will sell separately. Call 201-841-9706

**Wanted:** A 'tweet loving human who is definitely for the birds! Three very beautiful, sassy cockatiels in need of a new home. Call Sandy Jackson at ext.5455.

## Student Technology Helpdesk

---

The Student Technology Helpdesk is open for business on the 2nd floor of the Learning Resource Center.

This service is available to help students with Blackboard, student email, WebAdvisor, the CCM wireless and provide basic assistance with Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

The hours are as follows:

Monday	10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. 2:30 – 6:30 p.m.

If you have questions, contact the Technology Help Desk at ext. 5600 or email [helpdesk@ccm.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ccm.edu).

## Interesting Websites

---

Source: From The Scout Report, Copyright Internet Scout 1994-2011. <http://scout.wisc.edu/>.

Historical Myth a Month [http://nsla.nevadaculture.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=683&Itemid=418](http://nsla.nevadaculture.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=683&Itemid=418).

What's the story behind some of the tall tales told in Nevada? Is Carson City the smallest capital in the United States? Were Elliott Gould and Barbara Streisand once married in the Silver State? All is revealed on this excellent site, which contains thoughtful commentary on some of Nevada's tallest tales offered by Guy Rocha, the former Nevada state archivist. The pieces are divided into nine different sections, including "Finding Famous People," "Women in Nevada History" and "Historic Places." A good place to start is the "Historic Places" area. Here visitors can learn about Carson City's oldest tree, Mark Twain's time in the state and Las Vegas' first post office. Moving on, the "Events" area is quite a pip, as it contains pieces like "Who's On First? Nevada's First Newspaper" and "Staging a Robbery Without a Coach".

*Courtesy from our Reference Librarian*