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Employee Newsletter
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Upcoming Events

Summer Hours

Effective June 6

Employees scheduled for a one-hour unpaid lunch period will take a half-hour unpaid lunch period. This will permit them to leave the college a half hour earlier during the summer period.

CCM Picnic

June 10

Breakfast, workshops, softball, games, tricky tray raffle and more!! More information will follow.

TIAA-CREF on Campus

June 16

To schedule an appointment contact Ana Pfalzgraf at 877-658-4221.

Art Exhibit - Leah Tomaino

Until June 30

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

Leah Tomaino's art exhibit titled "Recycled" is on display at the Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters Gallery. Tomaino's floral collages celebrate nature in the fullest way. Not only do the images evoke the beauty of nature, but they celebrate its materials as well. All of her collages are made from painted or torn recycled brown shopping bags that were once trees themselves. By appointment only; admission free. 1 Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick (732-524-6957, leah-tomaino.artistwebsites.com).

Congratulations to the Class of 2011

County College of Morris (CCM) held its 42nd commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 26. A total of 1,123 students, who completed their studies between August 2010 and May 2011, were eligible to participate in the ceremony.

Holding to tradition, Dr. Edward J Yaw, CCM president, gave the commencement address, using the opportunity to highlight several outstanding students.



Students highlighted by Dr. Edward J. Yaw at this year's commencement ceremony were (bottom l-r) Robert Hurzog, Justin Mackowiak, Richard Koval, (top l-r) Gabriella London, Danielle Idler and Kelly Miller.

Those students were:

Robert Herzog of Ledgewood, who holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and began his career in that field as an auditor for the Morris County Sheriff's Office. When a spot opened up in the Morris County Police Academy, he applied and began a career in police work. He earned a master's in education while on the force. Soon he will be retiring from that career and has decided to become a nurse. His interest in nursing came from his involvement with emergency medical squads at the scene of accidents. What he liked most about the CCM nursing program is that it combines class work,

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New Sitemap for CCM Website

The Department of Communications and College Relations has launched a new sitemap for the CCM website. The sitemap is an alphabetical listing of our website's pages to make it easier for visitors to find the information they are seeking.

A link to the new sitemap is included at the bottom of every page. On the sitemap page, you can click the A-Z index at the top of the page, which will take you to an alphabetical listing of pages beginning with the letter you select.

The sitemap is a work in progress, and we will be continually adding pages to the listing. If there is something that you think should be included, please contact John Hester at jhester@ccm.edu.

Gala Sets New Record for Scholarships

On May 6, some 200 guests gathered at Florham Park's exclusive Park Avenue Club to celebrate County College of Morris and raise funds for the college's General Scholarship Program. The event turned out to be the CCM Foundation's most successful ever, with more than \$78,000 in net proceeds raised for the scholarship program.

In addition to contributing needed funds, guests danced to the jazz sounds of the Warren Daniels Band, enjoyed great cuisine and selected from some 60 Silent Auction items.

As has become tradition at the gala, Alumni Awards were presented for humanitarianism, achievement, service and Alumnus of the Year. Also, the Foundation's second annual Leadership Award was presented to Walter Van Brunt, president and CEO of Delta Dental of New Jersey.

Van Brunt, who has been with the company since 1993 and has headed it since 1998, was recognized for his business leadership and philanthropic service. During Van Brunt's tenure, the Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million a year primarily for dental care for the underserved but also in support of many non-profit endeavors.

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labs and working in a clinical environment. As the recipient of the Newton Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarship, he was awarded \$4,000 toward his education and will work part-time for the hospital for three years. This fits well with his current full-time position, which he will retire from in three years. Eventually, he would like to continue his schooling to become a nurse practitioner.

Gabriella London of Randolph, who had always hated school before coming to CCM. Her learning disabilities made school difficult and frustrating. While most students might study for an exam for a few days, she would have to prepare weeks ahead of time, but still did not always receive the grades that reflected her efforts. When she enrolled at CCM, she had no particular direction or plans. She just wanted to get through school and get a degree. Then something wonderful happened. For the first time in her life, she found herself enjoying school. The atmosphere at CCM was positive and friendly. Her learning disabilities were accommodated with special tutoring and testing through Case Horizons. And the enthusiasm of two of her professors ignited a passion for a degree in elementary school teaching, which she will pursue this fall at Fairleigh Dickinson University with a full scholarship.

Danielle Idler of Rockaway Township, who was another student who came to CCM with absolutely no idea what she wanted to study. An outgoing person who enjoys interacting with people, she soon discovered a field that is uniquely suited to her personality—the hospitality industry. What she liked most about this major at CCM was that the program shows how the hospitality industry really works. This summer, she will put what she has learned into practice as she participates in a cooperative work experience with Hamilton Park Hotel and Conference Center in Florham Park. In the fall, she will be attending Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island, one of the nation's best hospitality schools, where she will study International Hotel and Tourism Management.

Richard Koval of Rockaway, who served as the student speaker for commencement. A former police officer, he felt a bit apprehensive about returning to school, mostly because he had not been inside a classroom for many years. But like his son who attended CCM before him, he says he found his CCM teachers extremely supportive, as he also found his fellow students most welcoming. It wasn't long either before he became involved in student activities. He was elected

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Daren A. Cortese '87 of Lutherville, MD, was the 2011 Alumnus of the Year. Cortese is president, owner and operator of Brinton Woods Senior Living, consisting of four skilled-nursing homes in Maryland and Washington, DC. He is also director at large of the Board of Directors of the Health Facilities Association of Maryland (HFAM).

Laura Reilly '95 of Dover, NJ, was the winner of the Alumni Humanitarian Award for her work in healthcare. Reilly is a critical care nurse in the Neuro/Surgical/Trauma ICU at Morristown Memorial Hospital. In 2010, she was named the Atlantic Health Neuroscience Institute's Nurse of the Year.

Janice (Roe) Smith '75, '77 of Monroe, NC, was the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award. Smith is Managing Director and Line of Business Executive for the Real Estate Structured Finance Servicing Group for Bank of America. She had previously held executive positions for Chase Manhattan Bank and JP Morgan/Chase in commercial loan servicing.

This year's Alumni Service Award was presented to Glenbrook Technologies of Randolph, NJ, and its president, Gil Zweig. Glenbrook is a leading innovator of real-time x-ray inspection technology for the electronics, security and medical device industries. In addition, Glenbrook was recognized for its participation in the CCM co-op program and for service to the CCM Career Services and Engineering/Technology Advisory committees. Today, more than half of Glenbrook's employees are either CCM graduates or former students.

In addition to the awards, guests heard remarks from CCM student David Seale, of Denville, an international studies and mathematics major who was selected as a member of the prestigious All-USA Community College Academic Team by USA Today. As the recipient of CCM's Dean Gallo Memorial Scholarship, Seale represented all scholarship students.

The evening was capped by a performance by an ensemble of the college's performing arts students. The students sang selections from Phantom of the Opera and Into the Woods, the two musicals performed at CCM this year.

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president of the business honor society, Alpha Beta Gamma. He also participated in fundraisers to provide textbooks to disadvantaged students as a member of the national honor society, Phi Theta Kappa. Because of his academic achievement, he was awarded the Robert Ramsdale Memorial Business Scholarship, which underwrote a large portion of his tuition. He is studying for a second career in business and will be continuing his education at William Paterson University on scholarship. He also will be continuing his relationship with CCM as the alumni representative on the CCM Board of Trustees.

Kelly Miller of Rockaway Township, who discovered she had more talent than she realized as a CCM student. When she began her music concentration at CCM, she thought she would become a music therapist because she didn't think she had a voice sufficient for the performing arts. Then she met Professor Marielaine Mammon, chair of the Department of Music, Dance and Performing Arts, and her world changed. She says that while CCM was not her first choice, it turned out to be the best choice because of the one-to-one attention she received. That attention paid off. She landed the leading roles in CCM's productions of Cinderella, Into the Woods, and The Phantom of the Opera. She also appeared in plays at the Brundage Park Playhouse in Randolph and the Dover Little Theatre. Not stopping there, she auditioned and was chosen for the All State Choir, which performed at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and Carnegie Hall. Finally, she found the confidence to compete against 300 auditioners and was chosen as one of five performers to sing the national anthem at Citi Field in New York. She was accepted for transfer by several colleges, including NYU which is where she has decided to continue her studies in its elite music program.

Justin Mackowiak of Oak Ridge, who had to overcome a number of challenges to complete his education. He comes from a family of 14, and minds his younger siblings when his parents are at work. His other challenges included a sister who was fighting leukemia, who has since beaten the disease, academic issues, extreme financial difficulties and juggling school with family needs. All this, and he is legally blind. Known as "Big Red" because of his long, striking red hair, he started at CCM in the summer of 2006. Those who know him say that his outgoing spirit disguises his severe disability remarkably well. With every hardship that came his way, he became more determined to succeed and finish school. He now hopes to transfer to William Paterson to study world history and archeology.