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Upcoming Events

TIAA-CREF on Campus

July 13
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

To schedule an appointment for a one-on-one session, you must RSVP by calling Ana Pfalzgraf at 877-658-4221 or www.tiaa-cref.org/letstalk1.

Space EXTREME!

Longo Planetarium
July 22 at 7 p.m.

July 23 at 3 and 5 p.m.

The massive gravitational power of black holes, the speed and power of neutron stars, the sheer size and strength of galaxies - we will see all of these extremes and more.

CCM Summer Academy Helps Students Build Bridges to a Higher Education

18 Students from Dover High School Participate in this Year's Program

Nick Warholak, who will be a sophomore at Dover High School next fall, enjoys inventing. One of his ideas is to develop an easy-to-use household system to cut plastic bottles into ribbons to reduce their volume and make them easier to recycle. He already has the details worked out and hopes someday to find the financing to turn his idea into reality. As a participant in the 2011 Summer Academy at County College of Morris (CCM), Warholak, along with 17 other students from Dover High, was able to exercise that spirit of inventiveness and discovery.

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College for Kids and Teens Summer Programs at County College of Morris

Enriching and Affordable Learning Opportunities for Children, Pre-Teens and Teens

Studies show that students lose more than 60 percent of what they learned in school over the summer if they are not actively engaged in academic activities. County College of Morris (CCM) has the perfect solution. CCM's College for Kids and Teens Summer Academy (July 18 - August 12) offers students in grades 3 - 12 a variety of fun and enriching classes.

For Grades 3 - 8 offerings include weeklong, half-day three-hour program "Majors" or individual, hour-long sessions.

The **Fine Arts Major** is a great choice for those who enjoy learning about and creating art. Courses include a variety of styles and mediums. There are Green Art, Comic Art, and Masterpiece classes. If your child is looking for a creative week, this is the one.

The **Liberal Arts Major** is perfect for those who like a little sprinkling of everything academic. Children can brush up on classroom skills and learn about new cultures and language, history, and writing. Public Speaking, Virtual Tours of Europe and Asia, and Creative Writing are just some of the offerings.

The **Math and Science Major** is for those interested in learning how things work. More than a program of worksheets, the major involves students in real-life scenarios. They can Learn How to be a Millionaire, use logic in a Minute to Win It, and explore space in Astronomy.

New this year, students in Grades 9 - 12 can select from among several career exploration programs during the week of August 8 - 12.

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CCM Summer Academy Helps Students Build Bridges to a Higher Education

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The theme of this year's academy, which took place June 27 through July 1, was "Building Bridges" both from the perspectives of inventing and developing a plan for continuing an education through college.

"We want to instill in the students that college is a real possibility and show them that they can succeed," said CCM Professor Alexis Thurman, the program's director. Along with participating in hands-on activities, such as building bridges out of balsa wood and K'nex building pieces, the students learned about budgeting, researched scholarship opportunities and gained insight into the college application processes.

"I've learned a lot," said Yarin Rivera, who will be a senior at Dover High next fall. "I've learned how to get into college."

For Warholak, the learning by doing was a key aspect of the program. "The hands-on concept is good. It's always best to learn by doing things rather than just being told in a lecture format. The program also did a really good job familiarizing me with what it is going to take to get into college."

Originally established as Pathway to College in 1990, the program was renamed the Summer Academy in 1992 when Thurman assumed the position of director. Now in its 21st year, the academy provides students with multiple learning opportunities, lunch and free transportation to and from the CCM campus.

The 2011 Summer Academy was supported with a \$5,000 grant from the Provident Bank Foundation, \$5,000 from PSE&G and \$2,500 from Verizon.



Yarin Rivera

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The **Real World: Science and Technology** course is designed to educate high school students about career choices in the fields of forensic, chemical, environmental and biomedical technology, while actively engaging them in the use of scientific instrumentation found in industry labs through a series of experiments. Staff scientists also will be available for career choice discussions.

The **Fashion Merchandising** course is for students interested in the field of fashion. This hands-on course will open the eyes of teenagers to the many career possibilities available in the field, from color specialist, to piece goods buyer, to fashion forecaster, to designer, to patternmaker, to production assistant, to name a few.

To see the list of course offerings for each week, visit www.ccm.edu/cfk and go to the section "Attention Parents" where you can link to a chart of all course offerings and times or download the program brochure. Registration is open at webadvisor.ccm.edu (follow the prompts for non-credit).

Note to Colleagues

Always. That one word describes a characteristic of your reference librarians, who are always looking at ways to improve the library's collection. What they've noticed lately is that the library does not have publications by faculty and staff. A recent bookstore display of faculty works emphasized that there is need to "beef-up" that area of our collection. If you have published any materials, please send the title to rhodd@ccm.edu. Should you have a copy you would like to donate, send it through interoffice mail, attention Becky Hodd. Help the reference librarians make sure the work of our faculty and staff is well-represented in the library.

Thanks for your help with this important project.

New Mileage Rate

Effective July 1, 2011 the IRS standard mileage rate will be 55.5 cents per mile. This is for all business miles driven from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Swap and Shop

Free: 12 Quart-size mason jars. Call 973-697-0122.

For Sale: Troy-Bilt lawn tractor. 17HP B & S engine. 42" mowing deck. Excellent condition. Mowing deck needs a new right hook. \$500. Call Nadir at 908-421-0685 or email nkaddour@ccm.edu.

For Sale: 2006 Jeep Cherokee Laredo, white, 94,000 highway miles; good condition, interior recently shampooed. \$10,000 negotiable. Call 973-347-2289.

For Sale: 12 piece patio set with 60 inch square tempered glass table with forest green edge, 8 matching sling back chairs plus umbrella with stand and small round side table (excellent condition) originally \$2,000. Asking \$400. Call Janice at 973-886-6169.

For Sale: Franklin wood-burning stove, black, in good condition and fireplace tools. Asking \$200. Call Teddy at 973-398-1624.

Interesting Websites

Want a short video clip to introduce a subject in your classroom? Or perhaps you would like to acquaint your class with a current cause and link it to an historical or a scientific event. Do you have a personal cause that you'd like to emphasize what others are doing or have done for a particular audience? Then explore this website: <http://www.explore.org>. Created "to champion the selfless acts of others" and "to create a portal into the soul of humanity," the Explore website was created in part with support from the Annenberg Foundation. On this website, visitors can view films that cover themes such as animal rights, poverty, the environment and spirituality. Clicking on the "Films" tab brings up a grid of recently added films, complete with another section that divides them up by "Places and Causes." The films range in length from a two to 30 minutes, and visitors can also create their own playlist of films for their own use. Some of the more recently added films of note include "Fish Out of Water" and "Gorillas...98.6% Human." Also, visitors can connect with other parties by using the "Discussions" section to talk about travel, philanthropy or filmmaking. The "Minds" area features profiles of the filmmakers and others profiled throughout the site, and visitors can filter them by countries and causes. Source: From The Scout Report, Copyright Internet Scout 1994-2011. <http://scout.wisc.edu>.

Courtesy from our Reference Librarian

Friendly Reminders

- **Looking for Assistance from Past and Current Students**
The Office of Campus Life is looking to recruit students to assist at the "First Year Information" Student Orientation Program in August. The office is looking for past and current students who would be willing to share their college experience with new students through a panel and informal interaction during the program. Interested students will be paid \$35 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on any of the following days; August 2, 3, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 and/or 25. Click here to download the student leadership application. If you have any questions, contact Don Phelps in the Office of Campus Life at ext. 5225 or email dphelps@ccm.edu.
- **CCM Team for Verizon 5K**
The race is being held at Headquarters Plaza in Morristown on Thursday night, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. The 5K (3.1 miles) race is Morris County's largest fitness event with over 3,500 participants last year. People of all athletic abilities, including walkers and slow joggers, are welcome to join our CCM team. For more information, and to register, click here and follow the registration link to "Registration," "Company Team," and "Company Team - Individual Pays."
- **Deadlines for Expense Reimbursement**
July 8, 2011 will be the last day to submit to the Accounting/Bursar departments any petty cash and expense/travel reconciliations and reimbursements for fiscal year 2011.