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Professor Named AARC Fellow



John Rutkowski, professor and program director of the Respiratory Therapy program at County College of Morris (CCM), recently was named a fellow of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for his lasting contributions to the profession and to AARC.

Rutkowski was formally inducted as a fellow during AARC's 60th International Respiratory Congress in December in Las Vegas.

In addition, Rutkowski recently was recertified as a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Being named a fellow of ACHE signifies expertise, experience and a commitment to continuing education and professional development. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/no7pfm2>.

CCM's Customized Training Remains State's Leader

Named the 2014 statewide leader for providing no-cost business skills training for employees, the Center for Business and Technology (CBT) at CCM continues to remain the leading provider in the state.

Since the start of the fiscal year in July 2014, the CBT at CCM has provided and scheduled more than \$359,000 worth of free training for Morris County employers through a partnership developed by the New Jersey Department of Labor with the New Jersey Business and Industry Association and the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development. Morris County employers to date have received more training opportunities for their employees than any other section of the state. Read more at

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Where applicable, click event title for more information

Welcome Back Bash

February 3, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.,
Student Community Center Lounge

Legacy Project: Sayon Soeun

February 12, 12:30 p.m.,
Student Community Center, Dragonetti Auditorium

Space Extreme

February 13, 7 p.m.,
Longo Planetarium

Shapes in the Sky

February 14, 1 p.m.,
Longo Planetarium

Tour of the Planets

February 14, 3 p.m.,
Longo Planetarium

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Professional Days

May 13-14, 2015

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Spring Counseling and Student Success Workshops

The CCM Office of Counseling and Student Success is hosting multiple upcoming workshops that are designed to help students in a number of important areas. A full schedule of Spring Semester workshops can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/nw46tdr>. The following is a description of an upcoming event this month.

Time Management Skills

Wednesday, February 4, 2 p.m. in Cohen Hall, Room 255

Procrastination is a typical result when feelings of being overwhelmed and frustration occur while trying to balance work, school and family. This workshop assists in gaining a realistic view on managing and prioritizing commitments and time while still leaving room for fun.

Library Novella Book Club

<http://tinyurl.com/qhxxqzu>.

Commencement to be Held Friday, May 22

Upon the request of the CCM Commencement Committee and approval by the Board of Trustees, the 2014-15 Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 22, beginning at 10 a.m. Further details will be sent to participants as the date approaches.

CCM Participating in National Survey

This spring, CCM has an opportunity to participate in a national survey focused on teaching, learning and retention in community colleges, the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). The project is part of the Center for Community College Student Engagement and the Program in Higher Education Leadership at The University of Texas at Austin.



Research shows that the more actively engaged students are with college faculty and staff, other students and the subject matter being learned, the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve at higher levels. Identifying what our students do in and out of the classroom, knowing their goals and understanding their external responsibilities can help us create an environment that can enhance student learning, development and retention.

The survey will be administered in classes randomly selected by the center to ensure a representative sample and to preserve the integrity of the survey results. Instructors whose classes are selected for survey administration will receive specific information from the appropriate administrator.

CCM is intent on being a leader in higher education, and this survey can assist us in improving course completion rates, as well as the rate of student persistence to the completion of their educational goals. To learn more about CCSSE, visit www.ccsse.org, or contact the Center for Community College Student Engagement at 512-471-6807 or info@cccse.org.

Tennis Players Wanted for League

Interested in playing tennis with your colleagues? The Morris County Industrial Recreation Association is currently taking team registrations for its tennis league's winter session. Interested parties are asked to contact Philip Chase at ext. 5461 by Tuesday, February 3.

The winter session will consist of 12 matches at the Mountain Lakes Racquet Club in Mountain Lakes. League play will begin near the end of February. Matches are played Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6 – 8:30 p.m. A team match requires six players per match and rosters generally include 12 to 15 individuals.

The CCM Library Novella Book Club will be discussing *Candide* on Wednesday, February 25, from noon to 1 p.m. and all employees are welcome to attend. The club typically meets the last Wednesday of the month in the LRC Café. Those with questions can contact ext. 5278.

HR CORNER

State Retirement Workshops

The Division of Pensions and Benefits has scheduled new dates for retirement workshops designed for employees who plan to retire anytime within the next two years. Both live classroom sessions and online webinars are available. Reserve a seat now by registering at <http://tinyurl.com/lkqmtz2>. The page also provides a list of available dates, times and locations.

The workshops provide a step-by-step look at the retirement process. They explain retirement benefits, beneficiary options, group life insurance and how to submit the retirement application online using MBOS.

Retirement Consultations

One-on-one counseling sessions are available as follows with state-approved representatives:

TIAA-CREF representative Helena Gaffney will be on campus Tuesday, February 10, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 107. Call 800-732-8353 to make an appointment.

MetLife representative David Sharpe will be on campus Monday, February 9, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 107. Email dsharpe2@metlife.com to make an appointment. Sharpe will also be on campus March 17, April 23, May 7 and June 12.

AXA Equitable representative Marc Sheridan will be on campus Tuesday, February 3, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 107. Call 908-230-2042 to make an appointment. Sheridan will also be on campus March 10 and April 14.