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## [CCM Gallery to Host N.A.W.A. Exhibition](#)



There is a power in art that can transform lives which the National Association of Women Artists (N.A.W.A.) will be exploring this year at its annual juried members exhibition to be held at County College of Morris (CCM).

Recognizing that art can change the lives of not only artists, but also viewers and at times even society, N.A.W.A. has selected the theme "Art of Transformation" for its 2015 Juried Members Exhibition.

The exhibition, featuring the artwork of 22 female artists from across the country and including two CCM adjunct faculty members, takes place in the CCM Gallery February 16 through April 3. A panel discussion on the "Art of Transformation" also is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, starting at 5 p.m. That will be followed by a reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

## **SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Where applicable, [click event title for more information](#)

### [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

### [Dance Theatre Concert](#)

March 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m.,  
Student Community Center, Dragonetti Auditorium

### [Story Telling and World Music Festival](#)

March 8, 12:30 p.m.,  
Student Community Center

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **Spring Professional Days**

May 13-14, 2015

## **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

### [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

featuring many of the artists. The exhibition, panel discussion and reception are free and open to the public.

The Juried Members Exhibition is N.A.W.A.'s largest show of the year. The exhibition serves to recognize outstanding achievement and includes a variety of juried awards, totaling approximately \$10,000. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/k76hcox>.

### **Free Yoga and Pilates Classes for Employees**

As part of the Workplace Wellness Program, CCM will be holding free yoga and Pilates classes for eight consecutive weeks beginning with yoga on Mondays starting February 9 and Pilates on Wednesdays beginning February 11. All classes will be held from 5-6 p.m. in the Health and Physical Education building all-purpose room. All employees are welcome to participate. For more information or to sign up, contact Health Services at ext. 5160.

### **Freeholders Allocate \$1 Million for CCM Media Center**

The Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the allocation of \$1 million from the county's 2015 capital budget to the County College of Morris (CCM) "Visioning the Future" capital campaign for a new college Media Center.

"Visioning the Future" is the title of the foundation's capital campaign that has raised more than \$900,000 in individual, corporate, private foundation and public support. The new facility will be named in honor of late New Jersey Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, a former Morris County Freeholder, CCM Trustee and Board chair.

The new facility will contain equipment that will upgrade the current technology from analog to high definition/digital. A teaching studio and support facilities, including a control room and an edit suite, will be built. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/nnacyzv>.

### **Library Circulation Increases**

Circulation at the CCM Library has increased over the last two years. From Fall Semester 2012 to Fall Semester 2014, overall circulation



increased by 39 percent, and circulation during the first weeks of the semester increased by 85 percent.

Library staff attributes the growth to overall increased foot traffic, students coming in to the library earlier in the semester, and improvements to and greater visibility of the collection.

In addition, study rooms were used more than 1,000 times during this past fall and foot

traffic peaked at more than 1,400 people per day and 220 per hour.

### **Youth and Adult Swim Classes Resume in March**

Looking for swim classes this spring? Youth and adult swim classes will resume this March with a newly added toddler class for ages 4-5 years. For more information, check out the College for Kids section of the Spring 2015 CCM Continuing Education catalog at <http://tinyurl.com/lfeac3r>. Also, watch for the College for Kids Summer

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](http://www.ccsse.org), or contact the Center for Community College Student Engagement at 512-471-6807 or [info@cccse.org](mailto:info@cccse.org).

### **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 the next event.

#### **Career Choices**

**Tuesday, March 10, 12:30 p.m. in Cohen Hall, Room 156**

This workshop helps students discover their personal interests, abilities and talents while learning about what skills and career opportunities exist. Students will be introduced to FOCUS 2, an online educational and career planning assessment tool. The workshop is perfect for those unsure of what direction to follow and who may feel overwhelmed about finding a major.

#### **Library Novella Book Club**

The CCM Library Novella Book Club will be discussing *Candide* on Wednesday, February 25, from noon to 1 p.m. and all employees

2015 catalog available online in late February. Make sure to plan ahead for sessions the weeks of June 29 (four days only), July 6, July 13, July 20 and July 27. Registration begins later this month.

### **EOF Test Anxiety Workshop**

The CCM Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) is holding a workshop to help attendees learn an easy technique to improve test scores and overall performance. The workshop is open to the public and is being held on Thursday, February 26, from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Student Community Center, Davidson Room A. Learn more at <http://tinyurl.com/l88kzfs>.

### **Transfer Services Hosting College Fair, Other Events**

CCM Transfer Services is hosting a number of events this Spring Semester, including the Spring College Fair on Wednesday, March 11, from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Student Community Center, Davidson Rooms, and the Learning Resource Center, Multipurpose Room. See the full list of events at <http://tinyurl.com/p8esnso>.

### **Get to Know the Seeing Eye at CCM**



Meet the Seeing Eye, the oldest guide dog school in the world. Who trains the dogs? How does training work? How is training supported? What happens to “retirees”? How do dog partners create independence for those who are visually impaired?

Want to participate? A trainer and guide dog will give a presentation and answer questions on Tuesday, February 17, from 1-2 p.m. in the Student Community Center lobby.

### **February Issue of OUCH!**

The newest issue of OUCH!, led by guest editor Steve Armstrong, takes a look at how to securely stay online and get work done while traveling. Find the English version at <http://tinyurl.com/ou9e2ta> and translations at <http://tinyurl.com/legvyps>.

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**

#### **Latest Workplace Wellness Newsletter**

The Department of Health Services has issued its latest Workplace Wellness Newsletter, which can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/mj9yntf>. The January/February issue contains information regarding CCM’s emergency communication procedure, as well as the college’s red envelope initiative.

#### **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/lkgmtz2>. 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](mailto: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, March 10, 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 April 14.