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[Titan Point Guard Ryan Harris Scores 1,000th Career Point](#)



CCM point guard Ryan Harris, of Randolph, has surpassed the 1,000-point barrier for the Titans men's basketball team on the strength of a 34-point performance against Valley Forge on Thursday, February 5. Harris, who is averaging 24 points per game this year, now has 1,025 points in his career. He becomes just the fifth Titans men's basketball player to reach 1,000 points, surpassing Angelo Parenti ('85-'87) and his 1,013 points for fourth place all time.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Where applicable, click event title for more information

[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

[Get to Know the Seeing Eye at CCM](#)

A trainer and guide dog from the Seeing Eye dog school will be giving a presentation on Tuesday, February 17, from 1-2 p.m. in the Student Community Center. This event is sponsored by the Disability Awareness Committee.

[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 and Pilates on Wednesdays. 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.

Harris was honored with a 1,000-point ball commemorating his accomplishment prior to the Titans' game against Harcum College. Harris, a criminal justice major at CCM, has made a verbal commitment to play basketball for Division I St. Peter's University (Jersey City) next season. In his two years at CCM, he has made an impact on the program. See the full story at <http://tinyurl.com/n92t36e>.

2015-16 Advising Cadre Application

Requests to serve on the 2015-2016 Advising Cadre are now being accepted. Interested full-time faculty should review the 2015-2016 Advising Cadre Guidelines and send their request to serve to Margaret Shepard (mshepard@ccm.edu) no later than April 6, 2015. Applicants will be notified of their selection by email after April. To read the guidelines, click [here](#).

Biology and Chemistry Students Benefit from Industry Input



High-performance liquid chromatography, nuclear magnetic resonance, and ultraviolet visible spectrophotometers are instruments used in industrial laboratories, and also are the apparatus students train on in the Instrumental Methods of Analysis class at CCM. Dr. John Berger and Professor Keri Flanagan have designed their class to mimic an industrial laboratory to help develop the skills to meet the needs of employers.

Instrumental Methods of Analysis, along with the other biotechnology and chemical technology curriculums at CCM, are designed through the collaborative effort of professors and industry representatives from such companies and organizations as Air Products, BASF, Elusys Therapeutics, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Pfizer Inc. and Picatinny Arsenal, to name a few. Together they form the Industrial Advisory Committee at CCM.

The committee works to incorporate applicable laboratory, technical and soft skills into the college's biotechnology and chemistry technology programs through hands-on course work and internships. The cooperation has resulted in sound preparation for careers in science and technology, notes Anthony Di Stasio, professor of chemistry and chair of the Industrial Advisory Committee.

Adult Open House

Adult Open House, specifically designed for those who have been out of high school for a few years and are seeking to expand their professional

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>.

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.

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.

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.

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 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

opportunities, will be held on Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Community Center, Davidson Room.

CCM faculty and advisers will be on hand to address those special circumstances facing adult students, such as juggling work, family and college. Participants also will have the opportunity to learn about financial aid and scholarships, while discovering what career possibilities may be best for them.

The \$30 application fee will be waived for anyone who applies for admission at the open house. Those who wish to register for credit classes at the open house should bring the following items, if applicable: 1) an official high school transcript or a copy of their GED, 2) an official college transcript in a sealed envelope, 3) SAT scores. Open house visitors can park in Lot 6. See the full story at <http://tinyurl.com/om5veac>.

Student Nursing Association Crest Design Contest Winner

The Student Nursing Association is proud to announce Edithce Zambrano as the winner of the CCM Student Nursing Association Crest Design Contest. Ms. Zambrano's design was selected among a collection of drawings for its representation of the journey to become a nurse. The Student Nursing Association can now use the crest to stand out from other national organizations. T-Shirts with the winning design will be available for purchase. To purchase a T-Shirt, contact Professor Reilly at breilly@ccm.edu.



CCM Forum Helps Broadcast Your Personal Requests

Have an item to sell? Looking for volunteers for an outside event or program? Are you interested in perusing those postings? The CCM Forum is the place for you. The CCM Forum was created in early 2011 as a discussion board for faculty and staff. You'll find categories such as Marketplace, which allows for posting goods and services. Check out the CCM Forum at <http://forum.ccm.edu/>. You'll need your CCM login and password to access the forum.

2016 Tour of Great Britain and Ireland Information Meeting

The first meeting for the upcoming 2016 *Flings, Reels and Rocks!* tour of Great Britain and Ireland will be held on Thursday, February 24, at 12:30 p.m. in DH 114. This is a no-obligation information session for those

direction to follow and who may feel overwhelmed about finding a major.

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/p8esns0>.

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 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:

MetLife representative David Sharpe will be on campus on March 17, April 23, May 7 and

interested in traveling to Scotland, England, Wales, and Ireland. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Professor Pilant at cpilant@ccm.edu. If you cannot attend the first meeting, please visit <http://www.ccm.edu/uk> for more information.

June 12. Email dsharpe2@metlife.com to make an appointment.

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.