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CCM Honor Society Chapter Receives Gold Award Again



Alpha Kappa Kappa (AKK), the County College of Morris (CCM) chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) national honor society, has once again been recognized at the Middle States Regional Convention.

AKK for the second consecutive year was honored with the Middle States Gold Award at the convention, held this year in CCM's home county at the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel. The chapter was also honored again with a certificate for five-star chapter development achievement. In addition, AKK received Honors in Action recognition. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/py7ks9s>.

Professor Selected to National Engineering Education Project

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Where applicable, click event title for more information

"Little Women" - Musical

April 8-11, 7:30 p.m., April 11, 2 p.m.
Student Community Center, Dragonetti Auditorium

Space Extreme

April 10, 7 p.m.
Longo Planetarium

Shapes in the Sky

April 11, 1 p.m.
Longo Planetarium

Tour of the Planets

April 11, 3 p.m.
Longo Planetarium

"The Devils" - Drama

April 30- May 2, 7:30 p.m.
Student Community Center, Dragonetti Auditorium

Spring Professional Days

May 13-14

SEM ALLIANCE

The Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) process now underway at CCM is an exciting one involving every area of the college. It is an opportunity to examine what we do well, what we can do better and how we can build recognition among the college community that we each play a role in the success of our students. It is a process that is solidly based on data – data to drive decisions, evaluate strategies and determine our direction. Some of the data the SEM Council is reviewing are:

- The number of high school graduates in New Jersey is expected to decrease by 4.1 percent from 2009 to 2022.
- The top feeder high schools for CCM students currently are Roxbury High School, Morris Knolls High School, Jefferson High School, Mount Olive High School and Parsippany Hills High School.
- The top five out-of-county high schools are Sparta High School, Hopatcong High School, West Orange High School, Hackettstown High School and Livingston High School.
- 43 percent of students at CCM receive



Mary Anne Wassel, professor of Engineering Technologies/Engineering Science at CCM, has been selected to help revitalize community college engineering programs across the nation.

Wassel was recently selected to participate in the Leadership Capacity Building project, a year-long fellowship that assists instructional leaders with developing strategies and execution plans to revitalize engineering technology programs. The project will also assist in

revising curricula to be aligned with the latest developments in manufacturing to attract more students and provide a greater value to them. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/mhf6w5l>.

Criminal Justice Education Blog Names Irons Top Professor

Nicholas Irons, professor of Criminal Justice at CCM, has been featured as one of the top criminal justice professors on Criminal Justice Pursuit, an educational publishing website specializing in criminal justice degrees and careers. The article, "Top 5: Student-Rated Criminal Justice Professors" can be found at <http://criminaljusticepursuit.com/blog>.

Creative Leadership Club Helps Veterans



The CCM Creative Leadership Club (CLC) hand painted wooden key racks for homeless veterans who will receive permanent housing through Morris County's Community Hope Inc., a non-profit veterans organization. Pictured are, from left to right, Jenn Stivers, Morris County Community Hope director of supportive services; Edie Nelson, CCM Educational Opportunity Found counselor and CLC coordinator; and Carmine Deo, Morris County Community Hope chief operating officer and vice president of clinical services.

Founded in 2012, CLC became the first official employee club in 2014 when it received a generous donation from a local business. The club meets monthly to create practical items for local charities or the military, providing employees with a creative outlet where they can get to know each other across departments, while promoting CCM's involvement in the local community. Anyone interested in joining should

financial aid, most in the form of loans.

- 50.8 percent of CCM students are age 21 and older.
- Part-time students over the age of 24 represent the second largest student population at CCM, with full-time students under the age of 21 being the largest.
- 45 percent of Morris County residents ages 25 and older do not hold a college degree.

To learn more, visit

<http://www.ccm.edu/sem#data>.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

2015-16 Advising Cadre Application

Requests to serve on the 2015-16 Advising Cadre are now being accepted. Interested full-time faculty should review the 2015-16 Advising Cadre Guidelines and send their request to serve to Margaret Shepard (mshepard@ccm.edu) no later than Monday, April 6. Applicants will be notified of their selection by email after April. To read the guidelines, go to <http://tinyurl.com/kf3guke>.

Job Fair Comes to CCM on April 15

The Spring Job Fair, hosted by CCM Career Services, will be held on Wednesday, April 15, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Student Community, Davidson Rooms. More information can be found at the events webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/n6vwj2b>. A list of attending employers, updated on an ongoing basis, can be found directly at <http://tinyurl.com/og5bdyz>.

35th Annual Health and Wellness Fair

The 35th annual CCM Health and Wellness Fair will take place on Thursday, April 16, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Student Community Center. The event is free and features 40 local health and wellness vendors. Event goers will be able to take part in health screenings, raffles, giveaways and more. See full details at <http://tinyurl.com/odkc9rd>.

Volunteers Wanted for National Event

CCM will be hosting Send Silence Packing, a nationally recognized public education exhibit of 1,100 backpacks, representing the number of students who die by suicide every year. It will take place on Thursday, April 30, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with a candle-light vigil to

contact Nelson at ext. 5268.

Film, Discussion to Focus on Media's Portrayal of Women

Join CCM and the Girl Scouts Alumnae Association for a screening and discussion of the film "Miss Representation" on Tuesday, April 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Community Center, Davidson Rooms.

The film and discussion will focus on how women are portrayed in the media. Panelists will include CCM professors Dr. Rita Heller and Dr. Olivia Hetzler, as well as Lorena Kirschner, program development and delivery manager for Girls Scouts of Northern New Jersey. Dr. Matthew T. Jones, chair of the Department of Communication at CCM, will be the moderator. Registration is required and can be completed at <http://tinyurl.com/nr3btk5>.

CCM, Randolph PD and Township Fighting Distracted Driving

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and CCM is doing its part to help alert the college community to the perils of distracted driving. Representatives from CCM, the Randolph Township Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Randolph Police Department will be distributing brochures produced by AAA on Distracted Driving and what you can do to prevent it. Please take the time to read and understand the information in the brochure at <http://tinyurl.com/ml2qedk> so that we can make the campus, the township and the county a safer place.

Police will be cracking down on distracted driving this month as new research suggests that the problem is even more prevalent among teens and young adult drivers than previously feared. "Access to crash videos has allowed us to better understand the moments leading up to a vehicle impact in a way that was previously impossible," AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety President Peter Kissinger said. "The in-depth analysis provides indisputable evidence that teen drivers are distracted in a much greater percentage of crashes than we previously realized." It is estimated that 58 percent of drivers who have been involved in moderate-to-severe accidents were distracted in some way.

Foundation Gala to Raise Money for Scholarship Program

Each year, the CCM Foundation Scholarship Gala represents CCM's most important means of raising funds for the college's General Scholarship program.



This year's event will be held at the Hanover Marriott, Route 10 East, on Friday, May 1. It begins with cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the awards program at 7:30 p.m.

This year's honoree will be Dr. Joseph A. Trunfio, retiring president and CEO of the Atlantic Health System. In addition, four CCM alumni will be receiving awards: Paul Goudreau '86 (Alumnus of the Year); Jean

Snopkowski '94 (Alumni Achievement); David Artuso '86 (Alumni

follow.

Volunteers are needed to help monitor the backpacks, to hand out information cards and to guide attendees who'd like to speak with a counselor from the counseling office. Those who'd like to volunteer are asked to contact Ariella Panek at apanek@ccm.edu or ext. 5238. The event is sponsored by Campus Life, CCM Special Events, Counseling and Student Success, and the CCM Active Minds Club.

The powerful outdoor exhibit of 1,100 donated backpacks sheds light on college student suicide and promotes a healthy dialogue around mental health. To give a "face" to the lives lost, personal stories and testimonies written by families and friends accompany the backpacks. For more information, please see the video on CCM's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/E85vB4mx34s>.

Library Ready to Help Students

Did you know that the CCM Library can help students with research for their finals or other assignments? Faculty and staff are encouraged to inform students that library staff can help by phone, chat, email or in person. More information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/obbtv73>.

EOF Tricky Tray Coming Up

The eighth annual Educational Opportunity Fund Tricky Tray is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Student Community Center lobby. Tickets are one for \$1, six for \$5 and 15 for \$10. Winners will be contacted on April 27 and need not be present. For more information, see the flyer at <http://tinyurl.com/n56pteg>.

Library Novella Book Club

The CCM Library Novella Book Club will be discussing "Paterson" by William Carlos Williams, in celebration of National Poetry Month, on Wednesday, April 29, 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 library conference room. Those with questions can contact ext. 5278. The club will discuss "Trout Fishing in America" by Richard Brautigan in

Service) and Margaret "Peggy" Lund Fitzgibbon '88, '95 (Alumni Humanitarian).

Faculty and staff tickets are \$195 per ticket, \$180 off the external price of \$375 per ticket.

The invitation that contains the internal price can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/pmf34gy>. Join the foundation as it raises funds for CCM's General Scholarship program.

Even if you are unable to attend the gala, you can still help raise funds for scholarships. Purchase a \$25 ticket and fruit snack, representing the popular app game Fruit Ninja, and you'll receive one of only 100 chances to win a silver 16 GB iPad Air 2. Contact Colleen McArdle at cmcardle@ccm.edu to purchase your chance.

Campus Life Update

The latest edition of CLU: Campus Life Update is available at <http://tinyurl.com/njd8cg>. Highlights include information about the Phi Theta Kappa blood drive, open mic night and information on upcoming performing arts events.

April Issue of OUCH!

The newest issue of OUCH!, led by guest editor Guy Bruneau, takes a look at pasphrases, what they are, why they are better than passwords and how to use them securely. Find the English version at <http://tinyurl.com/nut5qkh> and translations at <http://tinyurl.com/legvvs>.

May.

HR CORNER

T-Mobile Discount for Employees

T-Mobile is now offering CCM employees a 15 percent discount off its monthly rate plans to current and new members. For more details, see the flyer at <http://tinyurl.com/ge3dtt4>.

Retirement Consultations

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

TIAA-CREF representative Zhee Sarabia will be on campus on Thursday, April 30, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 107. Call 800-732-8353 to make an appointment. She will also be on campus May 13 and June 1.

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

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