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Professors Receive State Grants to Enhance Student Success

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) Center for Students Success has awarded two \$500 grants for County College of Morris (CCM) faculty members to develop and implement programs to enhance the success of community college students. The Student Success awards are supported by a grant from the Kresge Foundation, a national foundation that funds arts and culture, education, environment and human services.

One of the grants will allow Lee Nigle Collins, assistant professor of mathematics, to attend the national Mathematical Association of America's MathFest conference this summer to gain insight into how other colleges have encouraged more students to take math courses. In his proposal, Collins noted that his goal is to change the "culture of fear" that surrounds math "into a culture of curiosity, exploration and fun."

The other grant will allow Evelyn Emma and Dee McAree, assistant professors of English, to develop learning sessions and other resources to assist adjunct faculty who teach remedial English courses. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/pqw13r8>.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Where applicable, click event title for more information

CCM Open House

April 25, 10 and 11:30 a.m.

"The Devils" - Drama

April 30- May 2, 7:30 p.m.

Student Community Center, Dragonetti Auditorium

Space Extreme

May 8, 7 p.m.

Longo Planetarium

Shapes in the Sky

May 9, 1 p.m.

Longo Planetarium

Tour of the Planets

May 9, 3 p.m.

Longo Planetarium

Spring Professional Days

May 13-14

SEM ALLIANCE

Over the last several months, the Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Task Groups have reviewed data related to enrollment, population and labor market trends, and recruitment and retention strategies, conducted an academic programs analysis, and examined revenue management and marketing strategies. Those groups now are scheduled to submit their initial reports and findings to Dr. Bette Simmons, vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Management, by the end of April. The SEM Steering Committee then will be tasked with reviewing those reports, identifying key priorities and recommendations, and establishing a direction for the Task Forces' ongoing work so a final plan can be developed to increase enrollment at the college. The initial reports also will be made available to the CCM community for comments and suggestions to assist the Steering Committee with its work. To learn more about the college's SEM initiative, visit www.ccm.edu/sem.

CCM Student Newspaper Wins Trio of First Place Awards



"The Youngtown Edition," the student newspaper at CCM, continues its run of success on the state level. The publication once again garnered several top-level honors from the New Jersey Collegiate Press Association (NJCPA), this year winning first place awards in news writing, sports writing and overall website in the 2014-15 College Newspaper Contest. A luncheon recognizing award winners, presented by the New Jersey Press Foundation, took place on Saturday, April 11.

Editor-in-Chief Chelsea Lauren Cattano was honored with first place for her news story "CCM faces \$4M budget crisis." Cattano also took top prize for overall website and third prize for feature writing for her "County College of Morris director wins award" profile. Senior Managing Editor Tayah Grace Swedlund picked up a second-place prize for news writing for her story "Students seek grading system parity." Swedlund also picked up a pair of third-place nods for her sports piece "1,000 points: No hassle for Ryan Harris" and her entertainment feature "'Jekyll and Hyde' cast transforms expectations." Staff writer Stephanie Brady rounded out the victories with a first-place win in sports writing for her story "Gender equality extends to lacrosse at CCM." Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/ph2k3sf>.

Six EOF Students Receive Statewide Awards



Six CCM students received awards at the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Board of Directors and the Secretary of Higher

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

CCM to Host New Jersey Poetry Event Honoring Prize Winner

On Tuesday, April 21, CCM will host a reception to celebrate the publication of the 2015 issue of the "Journal of New Jersey Poets" and honor this year's New Jersey Poets Prize recipient, Dr. Judith Rowe Michaels.



The event, featuring a reading, book signing and

reception, is free and open to the public. It begins at 7 p.m. in the Davidson Rooms of the Student Community. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/nvc4tay>

Film, Discussion on Portrayal in Media

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 Rita Heller and 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>.

Faculty Development Endowment

The Louise and Samuel Olshan Endowment for Faculty Professional Development exists to help faculty members offset the cost of professional memberships and/or travel to professional conferences and meetings.

Grants are available to:

- Full-time faculty (excluding academic department chairs and assistant department chairs)
- Adjunct faculty who have taught 20

Education Academic Achievement Award Ceremony held this month at Georgian Court University.

EOF campus programs across the state are invited each year to identify graduating EOF students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement during their college careers.

The CCM students and the awards they received are Michael Kelly, Tuyen Nguyen and Amanda Testa, Outstanding Academic Achievement; Michele Franchi and Marco Garcia, Academic Achievement; and Henry Rincon, Outstanding Achievement. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/ls8nt7q>.

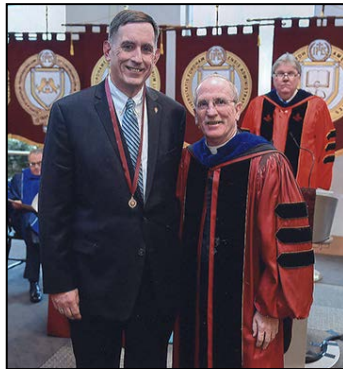
Radiography Students Win Awards at Conference

Radiography students at CCM not only gained a better understanding of their field by attending the annual New Jersey Society of Radiologic Technologists (NJSRT) meeting at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Hotel in Atlantic City last month, several also won awards. They walked away with cash prizes, not from the casino, but from winning first and second place in the radiography poster competition.

CCM students, Blair Cooper, Joenell O'Brian, Katelyn Holder and Danielle Titus were awarded \$300 for winning first place in the radiography poster competition for their "Exit for the X-Ray" exhibit, and Devin Lee, Matthew Gross, Jonathan Codispoti and Joshua Schaikowitz were awarded \$200 for winning second place for their "Properties of X-Rays" poster. Gross also placed eighth out of more than 190 students who competed in the Emma Wolfe Memorial Student Competition, a quiz bowl with trivia about radiography. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/qj5ayqn>.

Professor Wins Service Award

Dr. Craig W. Pilant, associate professor of History at CCM, was awarded the "20-Year Bene Merenti Award" from Fordham University on March 1. He received the award from the university's president, Father Joseph McShane, S.J. The award was in recognition of Pilant's 20 years of service as an adjunct instructor of History and Theology since 1995. He had also served as an assistant dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences during that time. During his time at Fordham, he also received his MBA and Ph.D. from the university.



LHT Plant Sale

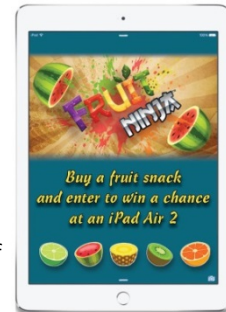
The CCM Landscape and Horticultural Technology (LHT) department will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale on Monday, April 27, through Wednesday, April 29, from noon until 6 p.m. at the LHT greenhouses located beside Parking Lot 1. This year's sale will include flats of annual,

semesters (fall and spring) in the last 12 years

Criteria details and the application can be found at <http://www.ccm.edu/cte/grants.aspx>. The deadline for applying is Friday, May 1.

Foundation Scholarship Gala

This year's CCM Foundation Scholarship Gala 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 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.

The Writing Institute II

Because of everyone's reaction to the last Writing Institute workshop in December, Professor Ken Shouler, philosophy, will continue to deemphasize the mechanics of

herb and vegetable transplants, including heirloom tomato varieties, along with flowering perennial plants and hanging baskets. Proceeds benefit CCM LHT student activities. For more information contact the LHT department at 973-328-5363.

CCM on TV

Dr. Craig W. Pilant, associate professor of History at CCM, recently was interviewed on “Life & Living with Joanna Gaigis” on the value of international travel. The program airs on FiOS 1 on Saturday, April 18, at 9 a.m. and Sunday, April 19, at 11:30 p.m. It also can be found on the CCM YouTube channel at <http://tinyurl.com/lav8tbu>.

Dr. Dwight Smith, VP of Academic Affairs at CCM (center), and Dr. Richard Novak, VP of Continuing Studies at Rutgers (right), recently appeared on “One on One with Steve Aduabato” (left) to discuss the Rutgers at CCM program,



which allows students to earn a Rutgers bachelor’s degree on the CCM campus. The show airs on NJTV on Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. For more on the Rutgers at CCM program, visit <http://rutgersatccm.org/>

Plant and Maintenance Briefing and Questionnaire

A procedural briefing on Plant and Maintenance operations will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 11 a.m. in Sheffield Hall, Room 101. If you or your staff process work orders or fixed asset transfers for your department, it would be helpful to attend this meeting. Other topics to be discussed will include vehicle maintenance and use, the recycling program and college mail.

The department also asks that you fill out a questionnaire, as they are interested in feedback regarding services for all areas. Today is the last day to fill out the questionnaire, which can be found at <http://goo.gl/forms/W4TmeigcW3>.

Stormwater Management Regulations

The Safety Department in compliance with Federal Stormwater Management Regulations brings the educational brochure found at <http://tinyurl.com/psnanej> to your attention. Stormwater management, was enacted in 1999 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to address the health and safety of our ecosystems and subsequently, the quality of our lives.

Opportunities to engage in boating, swimming and fishing are diminished if water quality is impaired. Impaired water quality impacts shellfish production, tourism at beaches and coastal communities. It also increases drinking water treatment costs. For more information, contact the Public Safety Department at ext. 5550.

Useful Teaching Tools at the CCM Library

selling writing and emphasize the principles of good writing. The final Writing Institute II meeting is 12:30 p.m. in the CTE office on Tuesday, April 28. Register for the Writing Institute workshop on the CTE website at <http://www.ccm.edu/cte/workshops.aspx>.

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 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.

Read more about the event at <http://tinyurl.com/pphypop>.

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 in May will discuss “Trout Fishing in America” by Richard Brautigan.

HR CORNER

Retirement Consultations

One-on-one counseling sessions are available

Planning Fall 2015 classes? Check out new books in the library on teaching, higher education and college students. You'll find a handbook for adjunct/part-time faculty and teachers of adults, as well as books on topics such as civic engagement in higher education, teaching and learning at a distance, and more listed at <http://tinyurl.com/kp2wevz>.

Student Employment Notice and Change in Hours

The first day of the summer student employment period is Tuesday, May 12. Only those students who have been officially hired or rehired for the summer employment period will be permitted to work from that date on. Please note that student aides will not be permitted to work more than 24.5 hours per week during the summer period. No averaging of hours is permitted.

If your department would like to hire student aides to work this summer, please print, complete and submit a Summer Student Aide Request Form (found at <http://tinyurl.com/cafk6s>) to Career Services in Cohen Hall, Room 203.

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.

Prudential and DCRP representative Lily Lau will be on campus Tuesday, May 5, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 107. Call 732-236-6782 to make an appointment.