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Students Place in Top 10 at State Mathematics Competition

Three County College of Morris (CCM) students ranked within the top 10 in the Individual Competition category at the 12th Annual Garden State Undergraduate Mathematics Conference recently held at Monmouth University.

Scott Schofield, Paul Caravaglia and Michael Masino ranked second, fifth and seventh respectively among the 33 community college participants in the Individual Competition category. Among the total 102 participants, including those from four-year schools, Schofield ranked 22, Caravaglia 27 and Masino 32.

The competition consisted of problems in calculus, linear algebra, differential equations, discrete math and number theory. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/kgmfrnj>.

Vice President Honored for Outstanding Achievement

Dr. Bette Simmons, vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Management, has been selected by Montclair State University to receive its Outstanding Professional Achievement in College Counseling/Student Affairs award. Simmons received the award on the university's campus on Wednesday, April 29.

Simmons was honored with Sue Nobleman, executive director of The Willow Tree Center in Morris Plains. Nobleman was honored with the university's Outstanding Professional Achievement in Addictions Counseling award.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Where applicable, click event title for more information

"The Devils" - Drama

May 1- 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

Upon the completion of the Spring Semester, the SEM Steering Committee will begin reviewing the initial reports and findings from the Task Groups that have been collecting and examining data related to enrollment, population and labor market trends, recruitment and retention, academic programs, revenue management and marketing strategies. The Steering Committee will utilize those reports to identify what strategies merit further consideration to build enrollment and increase student success. Those findings then will be turned over to the Task Groups for their input and any additional research that may be needed. Dr. Bette Simmons, vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Management, who is leading the STEM initiative, also plans to hold an informational session at the start of the Fall 2015 Semester for the college community to provide its input.

For a short article explaining how SEM can create a more responsive and student-centered institution, visit

<http://www.resccu.com/respaper3.html>.

"We were thrilled to come across both of these individuals because they're doing amazing things with their degrees — stuff we tell our incoming students that they can do," Matthew Shurts, associate professor of counseling in Montclair's Department of Counseling and Educational Leadership, told the Daily Record.

Simmons earned her master's at Montclair before receiving her doctorate at Seton Hall. Read more about the honor in the Daily Record article at <http://tinyurl.com/kxtdcw4>.



Commencement Processional Instructions

County College of Morris' 46th Commencement Exercises will take place Friday, May 22. The processional begins promptly at 10 a.m. and faculty are asked to assemble no later than 9:30 a.m. Please thoroughly review the full list of processional instructions at <http://tinyurl.com/onc66at>. Information for students and guests can be found at www.ccm.edu/gradnew. For those who will be posting to social media regarding graduation, please use #ccmgraduation with all posts.

CCM Inducts Communication Students into Honor Society



Twelve CCM students recently became the first to be inducted into the college's new chapter of the National Communication Association's community college honor society, Sigma Chi Eta.

Stephanie Brady, Krystina Cuozzo, Tamara Curovic, Marina Distasi-Gray,

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Purchasing Deadlines for Fiscal Year 2014-15

Please note the purchase requisition deadlines for 2014-15 as the fiscal year starts to come to an end. The deadlines help ensure Purchasing has adequate lead time to procure all goods and services.

If you are planning to purchase any capital equipment or audio-visual equipment, please email Purchasing immediately. CCM is currently in a bid situation for audio-visual equipment and specialized capital equipment. Therefore, Purchasing cannot guarantee a June 30 delivery date unless the item(s) are available under a state or consortium contract.

Deadline dates are:

- **Miscellaneous (excludes repair and maintenance):** May 13
- **Blanket Order Change Request:** June 1
- **WB Mason Office Supplies:** June 12
- **Blanket Order Releases:** June 12
- **Check Enclosed Orders:** June 12
- **Chartwells (Food Service):** June 12

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.

Julia Filiberti, Alina Gilman, Abigail Lengyel, Sandra Riano, Victoria Saavedra, Luisa Salzar, Eva Stepanova and Tayah Swedlund were each welcomed into Sigma Chi Eta for displaying excellence in their study of communication.

Sigma Chi Eta aspires to foster growth in the communication discipline among community colleges by rewarding students who demonstrate academic excellence and by encouraging professional development. Once inducted, a student is a member for life.

Members of Sigma Chi Eta must meet the requirement of 12 credit hours at their current or transfer institution, possess a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, have taken nine credit hours in communication studies with a minimum 3.25 GPA in those courses and must be deemed in good standing at their college. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/o6yhn7>.

EOF Names Birx its Educator of the Year



Professor Emily Birx, English/Philosophy, was chosen by Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) students to receive the 2015 Educator of the Year Award. Birx was formally recognized during the EOF Awards and Recognition Dinner on Thursday, April 23, in the Student Community Center, Davidson Rooms. EOF students cited her exceptional instructional capabilities, as well as the commitment and support she provides to EOF students throughout the academic year. Pictured above, from left to right, are Edie Nelson, EOF counselor; Pam Marcenaro, EOF director; and Birx.

Birx has been teaching English and writing at CCM since 2008, and has been a full-time professor since 2011. She is the co-chair of the Legacy Project at CCM, and will serve as the editor of the "Journal of New Jersey Poets" beginning in the fall. For the past seven years, she has also taught for the EOF program at Rutgers.

Enter the 2015 Facebook Spring Campus Photo Contest

As an employee of CCM, you see our beautiful campus every day. Why not capture that beauty and have a chance to win a great prize?

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 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 today.

2015-16 Online Catalog Now Available

The online catalog for the 2015-16 Academic Year is now available at

<http://catalog.ccm.edu/>. The catalog covers the Summer 2015 semester through Spring 2016 semester and also includes the Summer College for Kids and Teens catalog. For those who would like a print version of the catalog, two versions are available in the Print Shop, the full credit catalog and a shorter and less expensive version that just includes Programs and Courses. Also available is a print version of the Summer College for Kids and Teens online catalog.

CCM Gourmet Club's Victorian High Tea

Join the CCM Gourmet Club and a Food Production class for soup, salad, finger sandwiches, scones and fruit sorbet during a Victorian High Tea on Saturday, May 2, in the Student Community Center, Room 240. Two seating times are available at 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Tickets can be bought at the Campus Life information window in the Student Community Center. Tickets are \$5 and children under 12 are free. Table reservations may be made for two, four or six people. Seating is limited in availability. The event is sponsored by the Gourmet Club.

Beginning Monday, May 4, submit your photos of CCM's campus during this spring to the official CCM Facebook page's timeline. First place receives \$50 in American Express gift cards, second place receives \$25 in iTunes gift cards and third place wins a Camelback CCM water bottle.

The submission period ends on Friday, May 8. Voting will take place from Monday, May 11 – Friday, May 15.

Full details and rules can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ocpucof>. Take your best shot and see if it's good enough to win!

EOF Thanks Tricky Tray Participants

The CCM Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) would like to thank the CCM community for helping to make their April 23 tricky tray fundraiser a success. EOF would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of the event, including those who donated items for baskets, volunteered to help sell tickets, and who purchased tickets. EOF employees says they couldn't have done it without the help they received.

Library Novella Book Club

The CCM Library Novella Book Club will be discussing "Trout Fishing in America" by Richard Brautigan on Wednesday, May 27, 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.

HR CORNER

Discounted Monster Truck Tickets

CCM employees who are fans of monster trucks are able to purchase discounted tickets for the upcoming Monster Jam: Path of Destruction, coming to MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford on Saturday, June 13. The deadline to order is Thursday, June 4. More information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/kako2hh>.

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 Wednesday, May 13, 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 June 1.

MetLife representative David Sharpe will be on campus on Thursday, May 7, 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 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.