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CCM and FDU Launch Reduced-Tuition Admissions Program



County College of Morris (CCM) and Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) signed a formal agreement on June 16 launching the CCM-FDU Scholars Program to provide students with a significantly more affordable pathway for earning bachelor's and master's degrees from the university.

The articulation agreement, signed by CCM President Edward J. Yaw and FDU President Sheldon Drucker, allows students to enroll in the dual admissions program as CCM freshmen or during the course of their first year at CCM. Under the agreement, students who graduate with an associate degree from CCM can have all their credits, up to a maximum of 64, considered for transfer to a bachelor's or combined bachelor's/master's degree program at FDU.

Students in the CCM-FDU Scholars Program will be eligible for a 40 percent reduction in the university's tuition on either of its campuses. High-achieving CCM students who are NJSTAR II recipients or members of the college's Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society also are eligible for an additional tuition reduction. Students who want to reside on either FDU's Metropolitan Campus or Florham Campus also will

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Where applicable, click event title for more information

[CCM Picnic \(Click for schedule\)](#)

Today

[Space Extreme](#)

July 10, 7 p.m.

Longo Planetarium

[Shapes in the Sky](#)

July 11, 3 p.m.

Longo Planetarium

[Tour of the Planets](#)

July 11, 5 p.m.

Longo Planetarium

SEM ALLIANCE

The SEM Task Forces have completed the data analysis phase of the college's SEM process and produced initial reports on their findings. The Task Forces looked at data in the areas of enrollment trends, population characteristics and labor market, recruitment practices, retention, academic programs, revenue management, and marketing strategies and trends.

"Each of the Task Groups has done an extraordinary job of analyzing the college's past and present landscape as we plan for the development of a strategy that will stabilize our enrollment," noted Dr. Bette Simmons, vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Management, who is spearheading the SEM process at CCM.

The SEM Steering Committee met earlier this month to review those findings and identify key priorities that merit further consideration to build enrollment and increase student success at CCM. Those priorities will be shared with the college community later this summer.

In the meantime, if you have not already done so, visit www.ccm.edu/sem for more information on the college's SEM process.

receive an additional \$1,500 per year housing grant. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/pk483x2>.

CCP Dean to Receive Community College Spirit Award



Dr. Jane A. Armstrong, dean of Corporate and Community Programs (CCP) at CCM, has become the college's latest administrator selected by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) to receive its Community College Spirit Award.

Armstrong was selected based on her dedication to and excellence in advancing the community college mission. In particular, the award recognizes her leadership in working

with the NJCCC Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development to provide workforce training to employees in partnership with the New Jersey Business & Industry Association.

Armstrong is the sixth CCM employee in five consecutive years to be selected for the NJCCC Spirit Award. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/nq5ekkz>.

Library Offering Workshop on Finding Grants for Nonprofits

The CCM Library Foundation Center Funding Information Network is offering a free workshop for nonprofit organizations on finding grants.

The Guide to Online Grantseeker Resources: Introduction to Finding Grants workshop takes place Friday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Sherman H. Masten Learning Resource Center, Room 205.

In this introductory workshop, participants will learn the 10 most important things they need to know about finding grants. They also will have the opportunity to practice navigating the Foundation Center's Grantspace page and searching the Foundation Directory Online. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/pkgb84a>.

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 topics 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.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Accounting Fiscal Year-End Reminders

Please note that Friday, July 10, is the last day to submit Fiscal Year 2015 petty cash reimbursements, expense reimbursements and travel reconciliations.

Library Book Group

The CCM Library Book Group will be discussing short stories by Margaret Atwood on Wednesday, July 1, at 12:30 p.m. and all employees are welcome to attend. Prior to the discussion, those planning to attend should read Atwood's "Stone Mattress" which can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/on996xn>.

The group will meet again at the same time on Wednesday, July 29, to discuss stories by James Joyce and on Wednesday, August 26, to discuss stories by J.D. Salinger. Those with questions can contact ext. 5278.

HR CORNER

PERS Pension Contribution Rate Change

Under Pension and Health Benefit Reform legislation, employee pension contribution rates for all Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) members will increase to 7.06 percent beginning with the first pay in July.

Retirement Consultation

Voya (formerly ING) representative Brandon Zisa will be on campus on Wednesday, June 24, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 107, to offer retirement planning sessions. Email him at brandon.zisa@voyafa.com to make an appointment.

Tips for Effective Communication

CCM's employee assistance provider Saint Barnabas Management Services has provided information on how to effectively communicate. The newsletter discusses the importance of listening, engaging and body language. Read the newsletter at <http://tinyurl.com/nutkmg8>.