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Officials and Donors Celebrate CCM's New Media Center



The County College of Morris (CCM) Board of Trustees and Foundation Board of Directors hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, December 8, to celebrate the renovation of the Media Center and its naming in honor of late New Jersey Assemblyman Alex DeCroce.

Attending the celebration were members of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and other contributors to the foundation's Visioning the Future campaign that helped to fund the center's renovation. The Freeholders contributed \$1 million from the county's capital budget for the project. Another \$900,000 was raised by the foundation in individual, corporate, private foundation and public support.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Where applicable, click event title for more information

A Holiday Under the Stars (Sold Out)

December 11, 7 p.m.; December 12, 5 p.m.
Longo Planetarium

SAVE THE DATES

Professional Day and Adjunct Faculty Orientation/Dinner

January 14, 2016

Professional Days

May 18-19, 2016

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Support the Holiday Card Scholarship

Each donation to the CCM Holiday Scholarship Card goes directly to the scholarship fund, which is available to full-time CCM employees or their children for books and fees. In late December, an electronic holiday card will be sent to the entire campus community bearing the names of all donors. There is no need to send your signature, as in years past.

Please consider supporting the holiday card. Send your donation of any amount to Trish McGrath, mail station Henderson Hall, Room 119. Please make checks payable to the CCM Foundation. You can also make your gift online by going to www.ccm.edu/donate. On the "Review Your Donation" page, click the "Add special instructions to the seller" line. When the box appears, please type in "Holiday Card."

The deadline for receiving all donations is Friday, December 18. The card will be emailed to the entire CCM community on Monday, December 21. Every donation, no matter how much, is appreciated.

The new facility now features high-definition technology, a digital media editing classroom, scenery work room, two studio control rooms, a green room for guests, and a teaching studio and professional studio both with green screen cycloramas to create a variety of background images for videos. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/qd7ic5j>.

Holiday Safety Tips from Public Safety

CCM Public Safety wants the college community to know that the holiday season brings much joy but also some safety challenges. Whether you are shopping or traveling, the need to be aware in parking lots is critical. It's easy to become distracted and keeping in mind some basic parking lot safety tips can help prevent crime. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/jsm4gcw>.

Award-Winning Professor Releases Second CD

After traveling more than 4,000 miles and crowdfunding \$8,000, Dr. José Beviá, professor of music at County College of Morris (CCM), recently released his long-awaited second CD of original compositions.

Another CCM professor, Denise Barbarita, did most of the recording and mixing work for the album. Two former CCM music students, Bethany Damato and Patricia Anselmo, are featured in one of the compositions and another CCM alumnus, Anouska Swaray, co-wrote the CD liner notes. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/jy6urg2>.

Nominate Students for Who's Who

The CCM community has until Thursday, December 24, to nominate students for consideration in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Those nominated have the opportunity to be considered for one of several national scholarships. If you know of an exceptional student you believe should be nominated, please submit his or her name and student identification number (if known) to Dr. Bette Simmons, vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Management, by the deadline.

Professor's Work Displayed at Mayo Gallery



Leah K. Tomaino, adjunct professor of visual arts at CCM, will have an exhibition of her recent artwork on display in the Starlight Gallery at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown.

The one-woman show opens January 6 and runs through March 1. The opening reception will be held on Sunday, January 24, from 6-8 p.m. Gallery hours are two hours before each performance and by



Library Book Group Holiday Discussion

The CCM Library Book Group's discussion this month will not be about an assigned work, but rather the favorite holiday passages of attendees. The group will meet on Wednesday, December 16, at 12:30 p.m. in the library conference room. Cookies will be provided and you are welcome to bring your own lunch. Come and read your favorite holiday passage. Is your favorite work "A Christmas Carol," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "A Christmas Memory," or another? Those with questions can contact ext. 5278. The club typically meets the last Wednesday of the month.

Student Employment Notice

The last day of the employment period for students who either are graduating or have not yet registered for the Spring Semester is Thursday, December 17. Only those students who have registered for at least six credits for the spring will be permitted to work during the semester break. It is the responsibility of student aide supervisors to ensure that students do not work more than 24.5 hours in any one week during that period. Supervisors should also carefully monitor the earnings of their college-funded and federally-funded student aides. Students on Federal Work-Study (green timesheets) can contact Financial Aid to determine whether their award balances will be sufficient to support extended work hours.

EOF Children's Book Drive

The CCM Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) is promoting children's literacy by participating in the Cops N' Kids Children's Book Drive. The drive runs now through

appointment. To set up an appointment, call 973-539-0345, ext. 6583. The Mayo Center is located at 100 South Street, Morristown.

Tomaino's artwork features pioneering acrylic and paper collages. Each artwork is the product of months of work – as recycled ordinary brown bags are painted with vivid colors, torn apart and hand-applied in myriads of miniature pieces. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/hq4eap5>.

Learn More About Your Favorite Charity

The holidays are a popular time to give to charities and nonprofits. The Foundation Center in the Learning Resource Center wants you to know that you can learn more about the groups you are thinking about giving to. You can find out things such as what the group is rated and how much is spent on programs. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/o2xglrb>.

Latest Edition of 'Campus Life Update'

Find out what's happening on campus and with CCM's clubs and organizations in the latest edition of "CLU: Campus Life Update," available at <http://tinyurl.com/pgsvtw4>.

Latest Edition of 'Youngtown'

The December 9 issue of "The Youngtown Edition," CCM's award-winning student newspaper, can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/jn5kwp9>. This issue contains the final exam schedule for the Fall Semester.

December Issue of OUCH!

The newest issue of OUCH!, led by guest editor Dr. Lance Hayden, takes a look at phishing, a timely topic during the holiday season when cyber criminals tend to be busy. Find the English version at <http://tinyurl.com/zylpxx4> and translations at <http://tinyurl.com/legvyps>.

Friday, December 18. Employees can donate new or gently used children's books at the EOF office in Cohen Hall, Room 211, and the Campus Life office at the Student Community Center, Room 226. More information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/ogjr7cw>.

675 Route 10 Access Road Complete

The access road from campus to eastbound Route 10 past 675 Route 10 has officially opened. The road, named Academic Drive, provides the campus another entrance and exit. Additional wayfinding signage and a formal entrance sign will be installed in the coming months. The relocation of Information Systems and Public Safety will occur as their offices are completed.

HR CORNER

Retirement Consultation

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

TIAA-CREF representative Zhee Sarabia will be on campus Wednesday, December 16, 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 January 26, February 11, March 15, April 13, May 11 and June 9.