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Cake Competition Serves as Real-World Experience



County College of Morris (CCM) hospitality and culinary arts students recently were able to take part in a real-time baking experience that saw them put together beautiful and tasty cakes for judging.

Students in the college's Food as Art class were charged with creating and decorating cakes that were then judged by the Hospitality and Culinary Arts Program Advisory Board on Thursday, December 11. The cake competition is considered part of each student's portfolio and participation, which accounts for 20 percent of the final grade.

Each student cut and served his or her respective cake to the judges while answering their questions. The advisory board consists of many area business men and women from the hospitality and culinary world. Following the competition, the cakes were served at the college's annual holiday gathering. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/o77xksf>.

Information Systems Moves to 675 Route 10 East

Information Systems (IS) completed its move to 675 Route 10 East this week. Phone numbers for all individuals in the department – and the

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Where applicable, click event title for more information

Space Extreme

January 15, 7 p.m.
Longo Planetarium

Shapes in the Sky

January 16, 3 p.m.
Longo Planetarium

Tour of the Planets

January 16, 5 p.m.
Longo Planetarium

Professional Day and Adjunct Faculty Orientation/Dinner

January 14, 2016

SAVE THE DATES

Professional Days

May 18-19, 2016

KUDOS

Professor's Article Published in Bulletin

Dr. Maryanne Garbowsky, professor of English at CCM, recently had her article "The Slanted Life of Emily Dickinson," which is about graphic artist Rosie Bruno and her work with the poet, published in the November/December 2015 issue of the "The Emily Dickinson International Society Bulletin." Garbowsky is the series editor for "Visualizing Dickinson," a continuing feature of the bulletin. Garbowsky also spoke on November 16 at the Great Horizons' Group on the topic of Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie."

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Last Day to Support the Holiday Card

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. Next week, an electronic holiday card will be sent to the entire campus community bearing the names of all donors.

Help Desk – remain the same.

As part of the move, CCM has been provided with a new server room at 675. That building also has a backup gas generator so power can be provided to the facility during power outages. This ensures that the college will be able to continually provide access to all software services during widespread power interruptions. The server room at Emeriti Hall now is being used as a backup and replicates all the servers and systems running at 675.

Although most individuals from IS are now located at 675, a few employees will remain in the Academic Complex. Roger Flahive, chief information officer, says that IS response times will not be impacted by the relocation.

The Department of Public Safety also will be moving to 675 early in 2016. That move will provide the college with a more robust incident command center. The center will include multiple displays to view activity captured by the many cameras that have been placed around campus. A SMART Board also will be installed to provide Public Safety with a direct connection to the Morris County Office of Emergency Management.

Assemblyman Again Hosts Exhibition of Student Artwork



Assemblyman Anthony Bucco is hosting another exhibition of artwork created by CCM visual art students in his Randolph Office.

The exhibition, which will be on display through March, features Morris County scenes created by students in Professor Todd L. W. Doney's Watercolor and Drawing II classes. This is the third year Bucco has held an exhibition to provide CCM students with a venue for displaying their work. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/obnzzlz>.

Watch the Alex DeCroce Media Center Ribbon Cutting

A video of last week's dedication of the Alex DeCroce Media Center can be found at <https://youtu.be/aBrPwy2pcsU>. Attending the celebration were members of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders and

There is no need to send your signature, as in years past.

Please consider supporting the holiday card. Provide your donation of any amount to Trish McGrath, Henderson Hall, Room 211. 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 today. Every donation, no matter how much, is appreciated.

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 today. 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>.

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/ism4gcw>.

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

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. The facility is named in honor of late New Jersey Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, who had previously served as a Morris County freeholder, as a CCM trustee and as Board of Trustee chair.

Holiday Closing and Payroll Reminder

CCM will be closed beginning Friday, December 25, and will reopen on Monday, January 4.

In connection with the closing, please submit all timesheets and PTAA summary timesheets(TC-41's) for the pay period ending Wednesday, December 23, to Payroll prior to leaving for break. If you are taking time off during this pay period to extend the holiday break, please complete your timesheet and submit to your supervisor before you leave.

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. Check www.Charitynavigator.org and www.give.org to find out information on the charities you are interested in. You can also drop into the library where they can show you how to use The Foundation Center. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/o2xglrb>.

Simmons, vice president of Student Development and Enrollment Management, by the deadline.

HR CORNER

Special Offers for CCM Employees

CCM employees are currently able to take part in a number of special offers.

Select dates for "Disney On Ice: Treasure Trove" at the Prudential Center in Newark are available for special pricing starting at \$15. The deadline for ordering tickets is Thursday, January 7, at noon. Dates and ticket options can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/pzx7bog>.

Plum Benefits is offering a number of great deals, including up to 50 percent off on lift tickets and equipment rentals at ski resorts nationwide. Find out more by visiting www.plumbenefits.com. As a CCM employee you are eligible to sign up for plum benefits by using your work email address.

Retirement Consultation

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

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