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NASA Getting Help from High Schoolers Studying at CCM



Not many students can say they have played a part in the International Space Station. Come this Spring Semester, however, high school students enrolled in the Engineering Design and Advanced Manufacturing (EDAM) program at County College of Morris (CCM) will become part of a select group as they work as NASA affiliates to build products for the International Space Station.

After attending a conference where he met the program's founder, Eric

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 Featured on NPR Broadcast

Did you begin a running streak, or another type of daily exercise, as your resolution this year? Mark Washburne, associate professor at CCM, is the president of the U.S. Running Streak Association and has been running every day for 26 years.

Washburne appeared on the National Public Radio show "Here and Now" hosted by Peter O'Dowd. The interview was broadcast on stations across the country. You can listen to the interview at <http://tinyurl.com/zvdp8pd>.

Cops 'n' Kids Director Thanks CCM

Judith A. Dickerson, director of the Cops 'n' Kids of Easton Children's Literacy Program, is thanking the entire CCM community for its participation in the program. Dickerson's thanks came in the form of a letter sent to Pam Marcenaro, director of CCM's Educational Opportunity Fund, which helped promote the children's book drive. The letter can be read at <http://tinyurl.com/glszt6f>.

Habitat for Humanity Thanks CLC

Morris Habitat for Humanity thanked the

Pedersen, lab assistant for the engineering programs at CCM, applied to see if the high school students at CCM could take part in the NASA High School Students United with NASA to Create Hardware (HUNCH) program for the International Space Station. CCM is the first college to partner with NASA HUNCH.

To mark the launch of the project at CCM, Dr. Florence Gold, NASA HUNCH implementation project manager, met with the EDAM students on Wednesday. Gold, a graduate of both Randolph High School and Rutgers University, reviewed their assigned task for the space station, offering recommendations and suggestions for a successful project implementation. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/jkdoz9u>.

CCM Awarded 'Citizenship Under Siege' Project Grant

CCM is one of seven community colleges, and the only one in New Jersey, awarded a \$17,500 grant through the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) to take part in a new nationwide project on "Citizenship Under Siege."

AAC&U, along with The Democracy Commitment, is providing the funding through a \$200,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to sponsor a series of public forums around the country. The project builds on a previously NEH-funded initiative, Bridging Cultures to Form a Nation: Difference, Community, and Democratic Thinking, in which CCM also was a recipient and participant.

Public forums, supported by the grant, will explore critical questions about citizenship such as historic struggles for social justice and how the humanities can provide fresh understanding for contemporary issues involving equality, individual dignity, opportunity, liberty and happiness. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/gwtbdb1>.

CCM Gallery to Hold Pop-Up Exhibit of Faculty Artwork



The CCM Gallery will soon hold its first-ever Pop-Up Exhibit featuring recent works by three professors in the Department of Visual Arts. The exhibit opens January 25 and will run for two weeks to February 6. A reception – free and open to the public – is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Professor Todd L. W. Doney will be showing his new works titled "Italy Visited," which were inspired by a recent CCM trip to Italy. Professor Keith Smith will be exhibiting his recent photos titled "Bi-Coastal," depicting images of the East and West coasts. Professor Andrea Kelly will be including her recent work of landscapes, horses and figures. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/hfqrff6>.

CCM Creative Leadership Club recently for creating and donating holiday-themed wreaths for new homeowners. You can read the thank you notice in the newsletter found at <http://tinyurl.com/hus7smy>.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

IS Now at 675 Route 10 East

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

HR CORNER

Program Helps Communicate to Children About Drug Use

Human Resources is hosting "The 15 Minute Child Break," a one-hour, interactive, multimedia presentation, based on current research that will inform, encourage and

President's 2014-15 Annual Report Now Available Online

Academic Year 2014-15 was another successful one for CCM, as the college continued to build upon its reputation for providing a high-quality education at an affordable price. Included among the year's accomplishments was the launching of a Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) process that is identifying how CCM can better support students through the completion of their educational goals.

The college also was fortunate to receive \$1 million in capital funding from the Freeholders to renovate the Media Center, which now is named in honor of late New Jersey Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, a former Morris County Freeholder, CCM Trustee and Board chair. And as is the case each academic year, students were able to take advantage of all CCM has to offer to transform their lives and turn their dreams into reality. To read about the year's successes and accomplishments, visit <http://www.ccm.edu/publications/annualreport.aspx>.

Tax Year 2015 W-2 Forms Available Online

Tax year 2015 W-2 forms will be available online via CCM Webadvisor prior to January 30. As was the case last year, W-2 forms will only be available in this electronic format. In accordance with IRS regulations, employees are required to consent to receive an electronic W-2. After logging into Webadvisor, go to the "Employees" menu. Once there, click on "W-2 Electronic Consent" and then click the top option that reads "by selecting this option I agree to receive ..."

After giving consent, you can view and print your W-2 from the "Employees" page by selecting "W-2 Statements." Five years of W-2s will be available for access at any time, including years that paper forms were issued.

New Mileage Rate for 2016

As of January 1, the IRS standard mileage reimbursement rate for business driving is 54 cents per mile. The previous rate was 57.5 cents per mile.

January Issue of OUCH!

The newest issue of OUCH!, led by guest editor Lori Rosenberg, takes a look at securing a tablet. Find the English version at <http://tinyurl.com/htz68f8> and translations at <http://tinyurl.com/legvvpvps>.

empower parents, educators and caregivers to effectively communicate with children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

This program includes comprehensive information on the heroin epidemic that is facing our communities and how to effectively address the issue with children.

The program helps address:

- Tips for effectively talking to your kids about drugs and alcohol
- Influence of media and pop culture
- Effects of specified drugs
- Keeping your kids drug-free
- Strengthening parenting skills
- Utilizing teachable moments
- Additional parent resources provided

Two sessions will be held on Wednesday, February 3, one from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. and on from 4 – 5 p.m. Both sessions will take place in Emeriti Hall, Room 119. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please email Rita Ragany-Bayer at rragany-bayer@ccm.edu to sign up for the event and indicate which session you would like to attend.

Retirement Consultations

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.

Prudential representative Lily Lau will be on campus on Thursday, January 21, from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 107. Call 732-236-6782 to make an appointment. She will also be on campus February 10, March 3 and 22, April 28, May 18, June 6 and July 7.