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Professors, Former Students Featured on Lifetime TV Show



CCM Professors Joe Bilotti and Yuka Yanagi, along with several former students, are serving as judges for "Pitch Slapped," a Lifetime network television show in which a cappella teams compete while being trained by professional coaches. Pictured above, from left to right, are Joan Bujacich, wife of Bilotti and organizer for the judging of "Pitch Slapped," Bilotti and Diana Hessinger, a former music student at CCM. For more information on the show, head to <http://tinyurl.com/hrrwatn>.

Public Hearing on College's Proposed Budget

The regular public meeting of the CCM Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, January 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Henderson Hall Board Room. At that meeting, the board will consider approval of the college budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 and submission of the budget to the Board of School Estimate pursuant to NJSA 18A:64A-17. The CCM Board

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

SAVE THE DATES

Professional Days

May 18-19, 2016

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Astronomer Interviewed on Radio

CCM Astronomer Chris Fenwick was interviewed this week by the Morning Program host from WRNJ Radio in Hackettstown about the Longo Planetarium and its schedule of programs for the public.

Adjunct's CD Wins More Acclaim

"Constellations," an album by CCM Adjunct Professor Karl Latham and his band by the same name, recently received honors in the 37th annual Jazz Station Awards. Included in the honors was "Constellations" being listed as one of the 20 Best Jazz Instrumental CDs. Read more about this, and other awards won by the album at <http://tinyurl.com/j6hdghd>.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

President's Annual Report 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

of Trustees will also consider the tuition rates and college fee, and revisions to the Schedule of Fees.

At the meeting and prior to the board's consideration and action upon the budget, establishment of the tuition rates and college fee, and revisions to the Schedule of Fees, the board shall conduct public hearings to afford an opportunity for members of the college community to address these items. An itemized statement of the college budget, together with comparative data for the prior year, is now on file and open to examination by the public at the offices of the Division of Business and Finance, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. until the public hearing.

Student Receives Second Drew Full-Tuition Scholarship



Marianna Goncalves Severgnini counts herself fortunate to be the second CCM student to receive a full-tuition scholarship from Drew University to earn her bachelor's degree through the dual admissions program the college holds with the university.

As an international student, who does not qualify for financial aid, the scholarship means she can continue to keep her higher education affordable and within her reach.

"I'm so excited," says Goncalves, who starts at Drew this Spring Semester. "Drew has so many off-campus opportunities, plus it's small enough to form strong relationships. Like CCM, it's a good fit for me. It's a place where I can meet people and also stand out." Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/jjtundx>.

New Active Shooter Awareness Training Resource

CCM Public Safety is alerting the college community that the New Jersey State Police Regional Operations Intelligence Center (ROIC) and the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security Preparedness (NJ OHSP) recently produced a new active shooter awareness training resource. The training incorporates the "Run, Hide, Fight" recommendations, along with video footage from the active shooter incidents that occurred in Paris, San Bernardino, CA, and the Washington Navy Yard.

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://tinyurl.com/hc8x9ov>.

Tax Year 2015 W-2 Forms 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.

HR CORNER

Retirement Webinars Available

TIAA-CREF is offering live webinars to all interested employees. An overview of each webinar can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/juyk9z4>, and a calendar for dates and times can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zxe8tma>. Register at www.tiaa-cref.org/VE.

Here is an example of a webinar that may be

The resource is a good tool to help develop confidence and situational awareness in the event that you have to respond to an active shooter situation. An important point to take away is that your quick reaction and recognition can greatly reduce your chances of being a victim. The video can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/jmajtgz>.

Exhibit Explores the Dimensions of Photography

More than a dozen award-winning photographers will feature their work at the New Jersey Photography Forum (NJPF) exhibition in the CCM Art Gallery starting next month.



Titled "Dimensions: A NJPF Invitational," the exhibit will explore the broad spectrum of possibilities available to today's photographic artists. It also will offer viewers an opportunity to take a trip through the modern-day world of photography.

The exhibit opens February 11 and runs until April 2. An artists' reception is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. All works will be available for sale. Read more at <http://tinyurl.com/hu9jvrw>.

E-forms Reminder

As a reminder to employees, CCM hosts its most widely used forms as e-forms. The conversion to e-forms is part of the college's ongoing sustainability efforts.

In September of 2014, the college instituted a policy requiring the use of the electronic versions of the forms hosted on the e-forms web page. The e-forms are located at www.ccm.edu/facstaff/eforms.aspx. Along with the forms, policies and procedures that apply to specific forms also are provided.

Free Exercise Classes

Sponsored by CCM's Workplace Wellness Program, CCM Health Services is once again offering employees free exercise programs. Beginning January 25, employees can take yoga classes from 5 – 6 p.m. on Mondays. Beginning on January 26, employees can take Pilates classes from 5 – 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Classes will be held in the Health and Physical Education Building, Room 120. Make sure to bring a mat and come to as many classes as you'd like. To sign up or if you have questions, contact Liz Hoban at ehoban@ccm.edu or at ext. 5162.

of particular interest to some: A Social Security representative will provide an overview including who can collect, a discussion of full retirement age, Medicare and how Social Security benefits are calculated. This is being held on Wednesday, March 16, noon – 1 p.m.

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 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.