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### ***The 2017 CCM Peace Prize Winner Announced***



CCM recently announced the winner of its 2017 Peace Prize, a competition intended to inspire students to use their imagination and creativity in the design and production of a work that both commemorates the events of September 11, 2001, and makes a positive statement about the importance and pursuit of world peace.

Jessica Ann Jones of Hopatcong, winner of the 2017 Peace Prize, produced a video titled "Light." In her production, Jones uses the

power of her words to shine a beacon of light on the need to replace cynicism with empathy and to foster hope instead of despair. To watch Jones' award-winning video, visit <http://tinyurl.com/lz2ct3a>.

Jones is an English major at CCM. The faculty mentor for her

## **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

### **Events**

[CCM Graduation Ceremony](#) – Friday, May 26, Mennen Sports Arena, Morristown

The Best of the Best Student Exhibition – Through May 26, CCM Art and Design Gallery

## **SOCIAL MEDIA CORNER**

### **Help Market CCM**

Please help us market all the good things happening at CCM by sharing college events (performing arts, Open Houses, etc.) with your friends through your social media accounts.

Also, be sure to follow Dr. Anthony J. Iacono's Twitter account, @CCMProud.

Here's what to talk about this weekend:

*"Graduates, family of graduates and friends of graduates – it's time to celebrate this May's graduation by posting your photos on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram from May 26 - 28 with #CCMGraduation17. You will be entered into a drawing in which one winner will be randomly chosen to receive a Fitbit. For full details, refer to <http://tinyurl.com/lmxvxxw>."*

### **Retirement Party for Kathy Avola**

Please join us in saying farewell to Kathy Avola, who will be retiring after more than 25 years at CCM. A party will be held in her honor on Tuesday, May 30, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., in Henderson Hall, Room 202. If you would like to contribute towards a gift, please contact

project was Professor Laura Gabrielsen, Department of English and Philosophy at CCM.

[Read more.](#)

**CCM Last Lecture 2017: Professor Sander Zulauf**

Professor Sander Zulauf, Department of English and Philosophy, delivered his "Last Lecture" to fellow CCM faculty and staff on Thursday, May 18. A recording of the lecture is available on CCM's YouTube channel at <http://tinyurl.com/mjphhgb>.

**Message to the CCM Community from Professor Nial McCabe**

Friends/Colleagues:

I wanted to thank all of you publicly for the kind wishes I have received as I retire from CCM.

Our college has been a wonderful place to work over these past 36 years. I feel very fortunate to have been part of the CCM "family."

Top marks to my teammates in the Engineering Science department. I've never worked with a finer group of people. It's been an honor.

As I leave this institution, I want to speak about the importance of what this college will continue to do. CCM has made enormous and positive differences in the lives of thousands of students. Without CCM, many local people would have no opportunity to go to college. I'm the first person in my family to attend high school. So I understand very personally how education makes a difference.

Much of the good work of CCM is accomplished in the classroom. But not all of it. Every time any faculty or staff member takes an extra moment to talk to a student, or to give directions to a confused visitor, or to advise a curious parent, we carry on with that positive effect. Even these little things are important, especially to people who are "on the fence" about college. Your involvement, though it might seem minor, could "tip the scales" and encourage a wavering person to complete a CCM degree.

I've always viewed the college as an optimistic place of great possibilities. And it's all of you, the people at CCM, that create that positive energy.

By the way, if any of you ever feel your optimism lagging, just spend five minutes talking to Derrick Turner in B-Cafe and your optimism will be fully revitalized. It has always worked for me. [Note to Administration: if you ever need a Dean of Enthusiasm, I know just the person.]

Retirement will mean that Linda and I can start working on that list of stuff we always wanted to do (apparently we have a "bucket list").

Mary Ellen Poh at ext. 5015. Hope to see you there!

**Purchasing Deadlines for "01" General Fund Accounts**

Deadline dates for FY 2016 - 17 purchase requisitions are established to ensure that the Purchasing department has adequate lead time to procure all goods and services for the current fiscal year.

If you are planning to purchase any capital equipment or promotional printed items, please email the Purchasing department immediately. The department needs to determine if in the aggregate, requests have exceeded any legal thresholds which would require public advertisement. Capital items that are available under a state contract or a consortium eliminate the need for public advertisement; therefore, a June 30 delivery may still be achievable.

Blanket Order Change Request – June 2  
WB Mason Office Supplies – June 9  
Blanket Order Releases – June 12  
Check Enclosed Orders – June 12  
Chartwells (Food Service) – June 12

Please make sure there are sufficient funds to support your blanket order increases. Blanket order change requests with insufficient funds will be returned.

When processing blanket order releases, please monitor your remaining balance to ensure that your release is not flagged as an "Unauthorized Purchase." All releases must be processed no later than June 12.

Thank you for your support in adhering to these deadlines.

We're planning our own version of The Great American Road Trip later this year. Next year we'll do some of the international travel we've been putting off, especially to Ireland and other EU countries.

I'll continue to race my vintage MG at places like Lime Rock and Watkins Glen. I've been racing sports cars since I was a teenager and I'm finally starting to get the hang of it.

And we are lucky to have all four of our adorable grandkids here in New Jersey. Retirement will give me even more time to spoil them.

Thanks again to all of you and best wishes in your future successes at CCM.

Kind Regards,  
Nial McCabe

#### **Higher Education Information**

Employees who have earned a higher education degree (associate, bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees) during this past fiscal year (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) are asked to contact Rita Ragany-Bayer in the Human Resources department at [rragany-bayer@ccm.edu](mailto:rragany-bayer@ccm.edu) or ext. 5041.

#### **Information on Grants at CCM Library**

Are you looking for a grant for your project? Search Foundation Center databases at the CCM Library.  
[Read more.](#)

#### **Procedural Briefing on Petty Cash and Expense Reimbursement**

The Accounting department will hold a procedural briefing on petty cash and expense reimbursement on Tuesday, May 30, at 10 a.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 204.

#### **Baking Contest at Annual Staff Picnic**

Save the date – the annual staff picnic is being held on Friday, June 23. To participate in a baking contest this year and enter one of your desserts, please register with Mary Ellen Poh at [mpoh@ccm.edu](mailto:mpoh@ccm.edu) by June 9. More details to follow.

## **HR CORNER**

### **Monster Jam**

Feld Motor Sports presents Monster Jam at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford on June 17. Review the information in the link below and purchase tickets to the event.  
[Read more.](#)

### **Retirement Consultations**

Are you saving enough for retirement? One-on-one counseling sessions are available with state-approved service providers as follows:

**Prudential** representative Lily Lau will be on campus June 13 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Henderson Hall, Room 107. Call 732-236-6782 to make an appointment to discuss ABP or DCRP investments.

**TIAA** representative Zhee Sarabia will be on campus June 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Henderson Hall, Room 107. Call 800-732-8353 to make an appointment.

**MassMutual** (merging with MetLife) representative David Sharpe will be on campus June 6. Call 973-575-3254 or email [dsharpe@financialguide.com](mailto:dsharpe@financialguide.com) to make an appointment.

**MassMutual** (formerly Hartford) representative Kenneth Quarnaccio is available for individual appointments. Call 848-248-4313 or email [kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com](mailto:kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com) to make an appointment.

**AXA-Equitable** representative Mark Sheridan is available for individual appointments. Call 908-230-2042 or email [Marc.Sheridana@axa-advisors.com](mailto:Marc.Sheridana@axa-advisors.com).

**VOYA** representative Brandon Zisa will be on campus May 23, June 20 and July 20. To make an appointment visit <http://meetme.so/BrandonZisaCCM>.