

The CCMemo

County College of Morris Employee Newsletter



CCM EVENTS

Legacy Project: [Indebted: How Families Make College Work at Any Cost](#)

Tuesday, December 8
6 – 7 p.m.

Winter Break:

Thursday, December 24 - Wednesday, January 6



CCM Employees Volunteer to Provide Thanksgiving Meals to Morris County Residents

More than 60 CCM employees, along with students, took part in the Table of Hope distribution event on Saturday, November 21, to provide Thanksgiving turkeys, the trimmings and other food items to Morris County residents. This was the third Table of Hope food distribution the college hosted on its campus. A big and heartfelt thank you to all who have participated in these community events to improve the lives of others. To view photos from the most recent distribution, go to CCM's [Flickr account](#).

STUDENT SERVICES

The Library
[In-Person and Remote Service](#)

Online Tutoring Center
More information, click [here](#).



Plum Benefits offers exclusive savings on things you may need right now. And, new members can win a \$25 gift card from PlumBenefits just for signing up.

You can save up to 50 percent on:

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- Streaming Services: Disney+, Showtime and more
- Sam's Club Memberships
- Education and Enrichment: Language Learning, Audiobooks and more
- Health and Wellness
- Home Office: Electronics, Laptops and more
- Insurance, Home Security and Protection Services
- Food and Wine
- Online Shopping: Walmart, Walgreens, Macy's
- Financial Services
- Pet Supplies
- And so much more

Chance to Win \$25 Gift Card!

It's cost free and simple to enroll:

1. Click the link: <https://www.plumbenefits.com/>
2. Fill out the information to become a member (use your work or personal email address - family members can sign-up too.)
3. For Company Code, use "PLUMCCM"

SIGN UP TO WIN A \$25 GIFT CARD NOW – PROMOTION RUNS UNTIL JANUARY 8, 2021



The staff and students of the Educational Opportunity Fund at CCM invite you to attend their Kwanzaa Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 10, at 3 p.m.

All are welcome to join this [ZOOM EVENT](#).
Meeting ID: 980 8410 6301
Passcode: 676871



Solution Center Hours

Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – noon
(periodically monitored after noon)
Sunday: Closed
Contact at solutioncenter@ccm.edu or 973-328-5600

HR CORNER

RETIREMENT CONSULTATIONS WITH NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVED VENDORS

Save for retirement – Receive free, no pressure retirement counseling sessions. Make your appointment today. You do not need to be a member to speak with the representatives.

Equitable representative Mark Sheridan is available at all 908-230-2042 or email Marc.Sheridan@equitable.com
Access Marc's calendar to schedule an appointment:
<https://app.zynbit.com/zyncal/schedule/marc-sheridan>

MassMutual (formerly Hartford) representative Kenneth Quarnaccio is available at 848-248-4313 or email kquarnaccio@gittermanwealth.com.

MetLife/Brighthouse representative David Sharpe is available at 973-575-3254 or email dsharpe@financialguide.com.

CCM Data Analytics Students Take Part in National Conferences

Gaining an Inside View of the World of Scientific Research

Thomas Ortega, of Randolph, a mathematics major at CCM recently gained some significant recognition when he presented his research as part of a poster session at the Advanced Technological Education National Science Foundation (ATE-NSF) Conference.



Poster sessions are a standard way of presenting research at scientific conferences. To present a poster at a conference, researchers need to apply and gain acceptance to participate.

The poster Ortega presented gave an overview of his research to find a correlation between the average number of sunspots per year and varying temperatures in the New York region. As part of his studies in data analytics at CCM, he used R programming to create visualizations to understand any similarities between sunspots and temperature counts. The research revolves around observing whether or not temperature is significantly affected by the sun's electromagnetic energy released on average per year. Along with pursuing his associate degree in mathematics, Ortega is working to earn a Data Analytics Certificate from CCM. [Read more.](#)



For Your Viewing Pleasure

CCM All Access – Professor Samantha Gigliotti discusses the biology and chemistry programs.

<https://youtu.be/KicMxt9hars>

Eric Hates Games – Eric Guadara and his guests Charles Grande and Anthony Russo discuss political themes in games and how they got there.

<https://youtu.be/pi760DAxRNO>

Fall 2020 Choral Concert

<https://youtu.be/N-Vjpfz2e8>



The eSports League team competed against Union County College in a best of three scrimmage a couple of weeks ago. The Titans lost 0-2 to the very experienced Owls, but made a good show of it.



The latest issue of OUCH! focuses on Securing the Generation Gap. Learn about some key steps to help secure family members who may be struggling with technology and might not understand the risks that come with using it. <https://sans.org/security-awareness-training/resources/securing-generation-gap>

OUCH! Archives: <https://www.sans.org/ouch>



CCM Offering Free Hour of Code to Learn Basic Computer Programming

*Don't Just Use Technology,
Create It to Build a Better Tomorrow*

Ever wonder what makes that app work and if you could do something similar? Or perhaps you would like to know how to solve problems better and faster by developing an attention for detail? No matter your age, what field you are in or plan to pursue, knowing how to code can provide a distinct advantage.

To help people get started, the CCM Department of Information Technologies (IT) and Computer Science Club will host a free virtual "Hour of Code: Coding for Good" event on Tuesday, December 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Registration is required at <https://2020hoc-ccm.eventbrite.com/>.

Workshops will be offered in app, web and game development and more. Beginners are welcome.

"Everyone can code," notes CCM IT Professor Nancy Binowski. "Learning to code is not just for those who want to work in IT. Everyone can benefit as it helps to develop your problem-solving skills as you learn to pay attention to detail and exercise your creativity. As Steve Jobs said, "it teaches you how to think."

The CCM session is being offered as part of the annual Hour of Code program that takes place around the world each December to demystify coding and show that anyone can learn the basics.

CCM Hosts Virtual New Jersey Art Association Juried Exhibition



*Professor of Photography Hrvoje Slovinc
Serves as Judge and Curator*

CCM is hosting a virtual exhibition of works from the New Jersey Art Association's most recent juried show.

Featured in the show are creative pieces by more than 35 artists from New Jersey, including paintings, watercolors, photographs, and mixed media. To view the exhibition, go to www.ccm.edu/njaa-exhibition/.



"Green Gourd," a colored pencil drawing by Tammy S. Mcentee, recipient of Best in Show in the New Jersey Art Association's most recent juried show.

"Xango II" an acrylic painting by Chas Palminteri, recipient of an Award of Excellence.

"Wave Study," an oil painting by Paula Pearl, recipient of an Award of Excellence.

[Read more.](#)



CCM was the first community college to be designated a national center of academic excellence by what federal organizations and in what field of study?

Email aognibene@ccm.edu with your answer. First three correct submissions will receive a CCM canvas bag. Please include your room number with your answer.

Prudential

Call 732-428-2314 or email alicia.smith@prudential.com to make an individual appointment to discuss ABP or DCRP investments.

TIAA representative Tatiana Novozhilova is available at 800-732-8353 or visit www.TIAA.org/schedulenow to make an appointment.

TIAA is offering virtual meetings through Adobe Connect which allows employees to follow along as representatives work with them to navigate their investments. If you need to schedule or change an appointment, please go to

<https://shared.tiaa.org/public/publictools/events/virtualsections?eventPIanID=1-9ZR044V/>.

VALIC representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. Call 908-470-4114 or email Maryann.bradford@valic.com Schedule a virtual meeting or phone call: <https://my.valic.com/seminarregistration/availableseminars.aspx?regcode=5296NEW11AA>

VOYA representative John Murray is available for individual appointments.

To make an appointment email johnmurray@voyafa.com or call 609-234-3369.

NOTICES FOR CCMEMO

Email material to both Kathleen Brunet at kbrunet@ccm.edu and Theresa Gehring at tgehring@ccm.edu.

Submissions must be received by 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Looking for past issues of the CCMemo? [Find them here.](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Help us communicate all of the good things happening at CCM by liking, sharing or commenting on the college's social media posts and pages.

