

The CCMemo

County College of Morris Employee Newsletter



CCM EVENTS

[Admissions Virtual Open Houses](#)
October 17 and November 14

Legacy Project
[We Were There: Stories of Black Veterans](#)
October 20, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

[We Are Not Done Yet: Poetry and PTSD Awareness](#)
November 10, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.



Virtual Hispanic Heritage Arts Series

Professors, students and staff at County College of Morris (CCM) have created a virtual Hispanic Heritage Arts Series, featuring dance, poetry reading, musical performances, a play and more, in celebration of the rich cultural traditions and linguistic diversity of Morris County.

To view the series, consisting of five videos, click [here](#).

Featured are:

Acoustic Guitar Duo

Professors Carol Hamersma and Victor Keremedjiev playing traditional music from South America and Spain in front of the college's Music Technology Center.



Mariachi Mi Serenata

Featuring Carlos Orozco, Alfredo Urbano, Eduardo Iquira, and Alejandro Corrales.

Poetry Reading

Featuring William Gomez, a local resident who performs dramatic readings of Hispanic poems as well as one of his own. He is introduced by Julian Gomes, director of Ideal Cultural.

La basura

A play about two people who discover love as they take out the garbage, written by Argentina's Alfredo Zemma and performed by CCM students Juan Osorio and Priscilla Ponzano. Professor James Hart, chair of the Department of Languages and ESL, provides an introduction both in Spanish and English.

Latin Music Styles

Jose Bevia, an internationally respected and award-winning musician and professor of music at CCM, talks in Spanish about different Latin music styles and plays several pieces.

CCM's Departments of Music, Performing Arts and Music Technologies, Art and Design, Languages and ESL, Campus Life and Special Events, along with the Educational Opportunity Fund, developed the series in collaboration with Morris Arts and The Dover Initiative. The Dover Initiative consists of CCM administrators and business and community leaders focused on advancing opportunities for community residents and economic development.

STUDENT SERVICES

Computer Lab for Students
www.waitlist.me/w/computerlab

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

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

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@axa-advisors.com.

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.

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.



For Your Viewing Pleasure

CCM All Access

The latest broadcast of CCM All Access features Professor Todd Doney, Art and Design, who discusses some of the careers graduates can pursue, along with providing a quick lesson in drawing. <https://youtu.be/RsrIMfRvstk>

Eric Hates Games

Erich Hates Games, hosted by Professor Eric Guadara, Information Technologies, returns with a program on Games Don't Have To Be Infinite. In this broadcast, the question of whether games should have an ending or go on forever is discussed. <https://youtu.be/4rVUUH1yOCQ>



Health Benefit Open Enrollment

October 1 - 31

All full-time employees will be automatically enrolled in the NJ EDUCATORS HEALTH PLAN (NJEHP) effective January 1, 2021, unless you complete a health benefit application to enroll in the NJ Direct 10 or NJ Direct 15 plan, if eligible.

- Watch the prerecorded webinar from Horizon BCBS for more information: www.horizonblue.com/shbp/open-enrollment/2021-open-enrollment-webinars/local-education-employee-plans
- Visit Horizon BCBS open enrollment site: www.horizonblue.com/shbp/open-enrollment

Alumni Spotlight

Developing a Prowess to Tackle Complex Topics

"CCM was a really good jumping off point for me. There I was inspired by my professors and discovered a prowess for analyzing complex topics."



A much analyzed play, "Waiting for Godot" captured the interest of Nick Sisti so much so he was thrilled to write a commentary for his literature class at CCM. He was even more thrilled when he submitted the piece,

["Metaphysical Existentialism and the Timeless Confoundment of 'Waiting for Godot,'" to Medium](#), which reviewed it and included it in its Philosophy section. Medium is an online publication focused on "compelling ideas . . . and perspectives."

Dr. Matthew Jones, professor and chair of the Department of Communication at CCM notes, "This is something that generally isn't seen until graduate school, and we're doing it right here at CCM, helping students to become part of an academic discourse."

Sisti, who graduated from CCM in 2017 with a degree in communication, initially wrote the paper for Dr. Philip Chase's literature class. "Professor Chase took something that you might think is boring and broke it down in a way that made it fun. He and Professor Jones really opened my eyes to things I never would have explored."

When writing his commentary, Sisti was determined to author a piece that "was more than a drop in the bucket in the extensive discourse on "Waiting for Godot." His goal was to "break down complex topics and use good examples so people could better understand them, like Neil deGrasse Tyson does with science."

[Read more](#)

Accessibility Tips and Tricks for Distance Education

Learn how you can make sure that your course tools are accessible to distance learners. Topics covered in upcoming CTL sessions include Word documents, media and use of alternative text. Be sure that Word documents are truly accessible and can be read by assistive technologies such as screen readers and Braille devices and meet ADA compliance.

Sessions will be conducted via Webex. Facilitated by Sheri Ventura, coordinator of Distance Learning, Virtual Campus.

October 13

Time: 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Link: <https://ccm.webex.com/ccm/j.php?MTID=m427f57305271b6fcf664e2c4f02f8ff>

October 27

Time: 12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Link: <https://ccm.webex.com/ccm/j.php?MTID=ma19844d23737a0d664ee784d08cc8c44>

Visit the [CTL Instructional and Professional Learning Session webpage](#) to register. Drop-Ins are welcome!

Support UNICEF: Shop the World

As in recent years, the EOF Student Alliance is asking the college community to consider supporting UNICEF this Halloween. EOF is not able to run its annual UNICEF drive event this year due to COVID-19. However, an alternative is to shop from its World Market for holiday gift-giving. This special market has beautiful things made by artisans from around the world, such as clothing, jewelry, Christmas cards, home décor and practical gifts, such as face masks, as well. All proceeds help poor children worldwide with food, medicine, clean water and more.

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/public_tools/events/virtualsections?eventPlanID=1-9ZR044V/.

VALIC representative MaryAnn Bradford is available for individual appointments. Call 908-470-4114 or email Maryann.bradford@valic.com

VOYA representative John Murray is available for individual appointments.

To make an appointment email johnhmurray@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

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

