CCAC Celebrates Black History Month
Listing of Black History Month Events and Activities

Boyce Campus
• CD Series - Monday thru Thursday beginning 2/9
  • Monday, 2/16 and 2/23 – “Great Black Innovators”
  • Tuesday, 2/17 and 2/24 – “Voices of Civil Rights”
  • Wednesday, 2/11, 2/18 and 2/25 – “Barack Obama from his Childhood Years to his Historic Election”
  • Thursday, 2/12, 2/19 and 2/26 - “The Tuskegee Airmen”
  • Musicians Calvin Price and the Steel Pan Band: DATE TBD; Location and Time TBD
• Black History Month Wall Display: Ongoing

Homewood-Brushton Center
• Will highlight African Americans who have contributed to not only African American society but American society as well. We will select one each week and will have posters and handouts.

Allegheny Campus
• Film – “Lincoln”: 2/12; SSC Auditorium, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
• Film – “Hidden Colors, Part III”: 2/16; Followed by an open discussion about the documentary; SSC Auditorium, 12 p.m.
• Speaker, Mr. Clayton Adams, great-great-great grandson of Solomon Northup, who published his first-hand account of slavery in 1853 and whose story is the focus in the film “12 Years a Slave”: 2/18, 11 a.m.; Followed by Luncheon
• Speaker and Activist, Mr. Khaled Rahim will discuss Black Liberation through the political process: 2/20; SSC Auditorium, 11 a.m.

West Hills Center
• Speaker, Chaz Kellem, Manager of Diversity Initiatives for the Pittsburgh Pirates: 2/11: Room S1308, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
• Film – “Mandela Long Walk to Freedom”: 2/18; Cafeteria, 11 a.m.
• Film – “Remember the Titans”: 2/25; Cafeteria, 11 a.m.

South Campus
• Taste of Africa: 2/11: Regional African food tasting – everyone invited: Mezzanine, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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PITTSBURGH—The Community College of Allegheny County will host job fairs beginning March 4 and continue through April 8 at its four campuses in Allegheny County.
Representatives from many of the region’s employers will be on hand to discuss different job opportunities, answer questions and provide information. The job fairs are open to the public with the exception of those on March 10 and 24 which are limited to CCAC students and alumni of the OTA/PTA program and Nursing program.

CCAC South Campus Spring Job Fair
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015
Time: 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Location: Gymnasium (G502), CCAC South Campus
For more information, including a list of participating companies and organizations, contact South Campus Job Placement and Career Services at 412.469.6214.

CCAC North Campus Spring Job Fair
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Time: 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Location: Atrium, CCAC North Campus
For more information, including a list of participating companies and organizations, contact North Campus Job Placement and Career Services at 412.369.3632.

CCAC Allegheny Campus Spring Job Fair
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2015
Time: 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Location: Foerster Student Service Center, 2nd Floor, CCAC Allegheny Campus
For more information, including a list of participating companies and organizations, contact Allegheny Campus Job Placement and Career Services at 412.237.2545.

CCAC Boyce Campus Spring College Expo & Job Fair
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2015
Time: 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Location: Student Union, CCAC Boyce Campus
For more information, contact Boyce Campus Job Placement and Career Services at 724.325.6771.

Allied Health OTA/PTA Job Fair for CCAC Students & Alumni
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2015
Time: 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Location: Student Union, CCAC Boyce Campus

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Why are you waiting?

Get the schedule you want for the Summer term. Make your Advising appointment on Appointment central or stop in the Advising office S561.

Classes begin on May 18, 2015.

Credit schedules can be viewed online at www.ccac.edu. Click on the Course Catalog link on the right side of the web page under Useful Links for Students.
On this page you can view the Summer 2015 CCAC credit schedule in PDF file or be able to access CCAC Central e-Services for up to date online information.
Bike Share Movement Being Tested in Pittsburgh

Transport with Health Benefits

Story and photo by Liz Hand

Perhaps you’ve heard about the bike share movement. It is already in place in Washington D.C. Cities across the nation, big and small, are getting involved with it.

From Budapest, Hungary, to Pittsburgh, PA, there is a push for plans to come to fruition in 2015. This concept is already being tested in Pittsburgh and is being used as a form of transportation from Carnegie Mellon University to Google located in Latimer, near East Liberty.

This idea is very different from going downtown and riding a bicycle at the Golden Triangle Bike Rental and enjoying a recreational bike ride in the city.

This is because the times that you can rent a bike are limited, it is rather costly and you have to return the bike to the same location that you rented it from.

The concept of bike share is more about having bicycles available in and throughout downtown Pittsburgh at about 50 different locations.

You can use the bike in one location to get to another and drop it off at any of the bike share locations. It is also available 24 hours a day at a reasonable cost.

Bike Sharing is viewed as an alternate form of transportation.

Why does this excite me? When I was growing up, I spent quite a few summers visiting my relatives just 30 minutes or less outside of the thriving city of Budapest, Hungary.

My relatives had a refrigerator about the size students would need for their dormitory rooms. Needless to say, we went to the market almost daily to buy fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, milk and fresh bread.

My relatives did not have a car so they shopped in an area where a bus or a train could be caught within walking distance.

So, we would hop on our bikes and hit the dusty roads and sidewalks. We would bike a mile or two on a daily basis. It was an enjoyable form of transportation.

For me, an avid bicyclist, this was fun, and it was a great way to greet the day. I loved waking up and getting the morning bike ride in and perusing through the market for our food supplies.

While we were out and about I would see people of all ages on their bicycles.

It was not uncommon to see an 85-year-old woman with her babushka around her head going shopping. Women like her looked healthy, hardy and very happy.

How does this translate to my view of Pittsburgh? First of all, I do not go to Pittsburgh much due to the exorbitant parking fees.

Second, if I would go, I would want to bike to work or university, occasionally get off to walk or shop or see some of that great old architecture from both the inside and outside of the buildings.

I have found alternate ways to beat the high prices of parking.

I often park in the Strip District for much less money or the Waterfront in Homestead for free and bike to greet the day.

But, I am very attached to my bike and do not want to leave it out of my sight if I should want to walk around town.

I do not want to pay the high prices for bike rental downtown, so I have to choose whether I would park downtown and walk to events or take my bike but miss out on walking around and into buildings. Soon, this will not be a problem for me.

For the many people who work downtown and need to get to the other end of town for a meeting or may want to visit Point State Park during lunch or even beat the grid of daily traffic jams, they will be able to do this without getting into a car.

These bikes will be available on a 24 hour basis, and you can access this privilege by using your I-Phone or by visiting a kiosk, ultimately, this is using your credit or debit card.

The price will be similar to hopping on a bus and paying a dollar or two or three. This will make it very affordable.

Please visit the Pittsburgh Bike Share Website under the “Frequently Asked Questions” section for more information. http://www.pghbikeshare.org

Right now there are discussions with PENDOT and some bureaucratic hurdles to jump, but I for one am very pleased about this alternate mode of transportation for work or pleasure.

I might just have to take a trip to visit my relatives in Hungary and see how their bike share program is doing, or, better yet, I could invite them to visit our wonderful city of Pittsburgh, which is becoming more like a European city than ever!

I would like to hear your thoughts on whether you are for it or against it and why?

Regenerative medicine interests Boyce students

By Kalina Gardiner

The Boyce Collegian is the official newspaper of the Boyce Campus of the Community College of Allegheny County. Opinions expressed in this newspaper do not necessarily reflect those of the faculty or the administration of Boyce Campus.

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Afer I had moved to another country, I knew it would be too far for me to visit my parents regularly. However, in living in that reality, I needed a form of the win. The physical separation was an emotional rollercoaster.

Even though I lived behind my lavish apartment with nice, expensive furniture, left behind my luxury car, and left behind my cherished friends and loved ones.

Most importantly, I left behind myself and my personal identity. Despite my luxurious lifestyle and comfortable home, I left behind everything behind me because I needed to feel the freedom from the ex-who我看离开了 physically abusing them.

He also wanted to physically abuse them.

My eyes filled with hot tears that stained my face when I thought about them. I left behind my family.

I was very excited for that event, the coming day that I would return home.

For special events, such as weddings, I returned home to Morocco.

These celebrations were the only times that I would allow myself to buy an expensive plane ticket because I would see all of my family, including those members who had left home as I had for some reason or another.

During this time, I got news of my wedding and anxiously awaited, planned, and saved.

Morocco is a county in North Africa, and Morocco is very rich in traditions.

A Moroccan wedding is really beautiful. I like to explain the elaborate nature of the wedding to the people who don’t know about them.

The typical celebration includes several well-organized ceremonies that can last from three days to a week.

There are different ways to celebrate this event which depends on the traditions or customs of the particular town, but in general, more or less, the same elements can be found in different regions of the kingdom of Morocco.

The future couple’s family will have prepared for this event one year before the day. The bride’s family focuses on clothes and money saved for celebration.

The bride will be wearing traditional Moroccan clothes, such as Caftan or Takchita.

Takchita has two parts: it’s a dress as a first layer, and a second layer, or over dress, that often buttons up the front using the traditional “Sfifa.”

Caftan is a sort of long robe. Both styles of dress are made of chiffon, satin, other rich fabrics, fine fabrics or brightly colored silks.

The bride wears between three to seven different outfits with different colors. Some dresses will be her favorite colors, and then others may follow customs according to her state traditions.

Yet, she is free to choose any style that she prefers. The number of dresses that the bride will wear is dependent on how affluent and wealthy of a background that she has.

However, if the family can afford to, the bride will wear seven outfits total.

These seven outfits are different because everyone follows the customs from their specific towns.

For example, most of the time, the bride wears either Caftan or Takchita styled dresses for all of the ceremony.

Sometimes, she might choose some of each. In general, the last dress has to be a white robe or a white Takchita; the color or must be white.

The Groom

The groom’s clothes always must be a white Jebla, Kandoura, which are traditional costumes for men.

The Jebla and Kandoura have buttons along the front using sisal that match the exact same color as the material of the costumes.

The groom also wears two or three different costumes (suit-dress) with colors matching the bride’s dress colors.

Now, it is not required for his outfits to be an exact match in color. He might wear white to match her green or navy with all those different combinations of these colors between the tops and the pants.

His outfits are always less extravagant and showy in comparison to the bride because all of the focus should be given to his bride.

He will never wear black because the color is considered unsuitable for a wedding.

In Morocco, the wedding colors must provide a sense of happiness and black is associated with unhappiness.

The groom’s family’s side focuses on ‘H’dia. If ‘H’dia are the gifts that the groom is expected to give to his bride.

Some gifts may be symbolic, such as an engagement ring, sugar and dates (which represent a sweet and happy life) or milk for purity. It also includes some clothes, shoes, and handbags.

If the groom’s family is wealthy, these gifts also include jewelry and perfume. The H’dia ceremony is in the same evening or the next day.

The bride’s family focuses on clothes and money saved for celebration.

The guests dance from time to time to the rhythm of music. In this event, the majority of the time, two or three different groups or bands of music provide the entertainment.

The celebration ends, the morning of the next day.

Yet, bad things come sometimes in the nice moments. In this beautiful ceremony and amazing festival that I experienced with my friends and sisters and in the moments for dinner when I turned to see my parents, it was a shocking moment for me.

I saw my father eating, or rather trying to feed himself.

I was very busy those two days before the wedding. I did not have a chance to sit with him at the table to eat and discover what I saw in that time.

My father, who was once so strong and authoritative, was struggling to feed himself.

I was so different to me in just three years. He could no longer eat on his own because it was hard for him to lift his hand to his mouth.

Most of his food fell on the floor. I went closer to him to ask if he needed any help. He answered with a nod, “No, I understand.” I felt sorry for him for the first time in my life.

I saw my father, how I felt that moment, was that man was a stranger to me. I saw a man I didn’t even know, and I was sorry for him.

This situation compares to the memoir by Henry Louis Gates JR with his father at his grandfather’s funeral.

For Gates, he saw a new side of his own father when they were at the funeral of his grandfather.

In the moments of his father’s few tears, all Gates wanted to do was cry. He felt, “I was holding back a man I didn’t even know.” And for the first time in my life, I felt sorry for him.

My father was feeling depressed and lonely. This could make his illness worse. In that moment, I was sure he was very angry, disappointed, and sad by his situation. These days were too short for me.

I would have liked to stay with him for a long time to take care of my father. I felt that it was my fault, because I am away from our home.

I was the closest one to him in the family. He was more of a father to me than a friend. I knew that my father was ill, but I could not help him more than the physical pain.

I thought my father was feeling depressed and lonely. This could make his illness worse. In that moment, I was sure he was very angry, disappointed, and sad by his situation. These days were too short for me.

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**CCAC News**  
Wednesday, February 11, 2015

**Listing of Black History Month Events and Activities**

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- **South Campus:** Speaker, Reverend Dr. J. LaVon Kincaid, Sr. 2/2: A friend of Dr. Martin Luther King, who participated in the marches in the South, will present a lecture on clergy during the 1960’s Civil Rights Movement. He will focus on the significance of nonviolent protest principles that were instilled by Dr. King: Room A306, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

- **North Campus**
  - Black History Month Display: 2/1-2/28: Atrium
  - Film - “Remember the Titans”: 2/18: Student Lounge, 11:30 a.m.
  - Speaker, Chaz Kellems, Manager of Diversity Initiatives for the Pittsburgh Pirates: 2/18: Room 3002, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - African Food Sample Tastings: 2/24: Atrium, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - Film - “Mandela Long Walk to Freedom”: 2/26: Student Lounge, 11a.m.

“There are many lessons to be learned from the experiences of African Americans as well as our forefathers and mothers. Their tireless and collective efforts, determination, vision, intellect and persistence to lead change in the world have provided African Americans with a much better world in which to live today and in the future.”

– Dr. Quintin B. Bullock, CCAC President

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**CCAC hosts spring job fairs throughout Allegheny County**

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This job fair is open to current students and alumni of CCAC’s OTA/PTA program only. For more information, contact Job Placement and Career Services at 724.325.6771.

**Nursing Program Job Fair for CCAC Students & Alumni**

Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015
Time: 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
Location: Student Union, CCAC Boyce Campus

This job fair is open to current students and alumni of the Nursing program only. For more information, contact Job Placement and Career Services at 724.325.6771.

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The Dean's List, which recognizes academic achievement, is announced at the end of each semester.

As a full-time student, you make the Dean's List if you have accumulated 12 credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher and have no "F" grades.

List GPA. If you are a part-time student, you will be on the Dean's List if you have accumulated 12 credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher and have no "F" grades.

Calculating Grade Point Average

To calculate a student's grade point average (GPA), CCAC assigns grade points to each letter grade: "A" = 4, "B" = 3, "C" = 2, "D" = 1, "F" = 0, and these are then multiplied by the credits assigned to the class.

Grade points are then added up for all classes completed in a term and divided by the total term credit hours completed. This result is the term GPA. Students can calculate their cumulative GPA by adding up the grade points for all the courses attended and dividing the result by the number of credit hours completed. These calculations are available on CCAC Central e-Services.

In the event of inclement weather, College officials will assess the weather conditions early to determine if the College will open for regular hours, delay opening the College (or campus) for the day. Faculty, staff, and students will be notified through television, e-mail, twitter, Facebook, college webpage, emergency hotline 412.237.4520, and the emergency call tree. Inclement weather notifications for day classes and clinical will be announced and posted by 5:30 a.m. The decision to cancel evening classes will be made by 2 p.m.
Boyce’s Winter Teams Suit Up

Top Left: Boyce’s basketball team takes on an opponent on home court.

Top Right: Boyce’s bowling team poses before practice: (L to R) Starr Edwards, Kevin Hintman and Angela Chusko.

Bottom: Boyce’s basketball team poses before practice: (L to R) James Sero, Greg Spynda, Michael Tait, James Martin, Shy Faulkner, Derrick Smith, Mustaufa Waalee and Cody Billingsley.

Braddock Hills Center Student Council
Knowledge Is Power

BRADDOCK HILLS CENTER: The month of March will be an educational, informative month at CCAC Braddock Hills Center for students. Braddock Hills Center Student Council will be holding three free information workshop sessions for students.

Wednesday, March 11th from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. a Women’s Wellbeing information workshop will be held. Sponsored by the Counseling Center at Slippery Rock University, speakers will be discussing topics regarding Women’s Wellbeing and Domestic Violence.

Wednesday, March 18th 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., “Clean up Your Credit Score” information workshop Sponsored by Bank On Greater Pittsburgh, Dollar Bank. If you have ever had questions regarding your checking account, online banking with your checking account, or how to open a checking account, this workshop will supply the information you need. Each workshop is open to all students at the Campus and Centers. Please call Braddock Hills Center for more information. 412-271-0201.

Wednesday, March 25th 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., workshop and presentation, “Understanding Your Checking Account” sponsored by Bank On Greater Pittsburgh, Dollar Bank. If you have ever had questions regarding your checking account, online banking with your checking account, or how to open a checking account, this workshop will supply the information you need. Each workshop is open to all students at the Campus and Centers. Please call Braddock Hills Center for more information. 412-271-0201.

Braddock Hills Center Helps those in need stay warm

CCAC Braddock Hills Center collected blankets, gloves, hats and other small clothing items to donate to the YMCA of McKeesport Winter Transitional Shelter. The shelter houses 84 people in rooms. People who meet the criteria can be registered for a room. In addition to the 84 registered guests, anyone in need can get out of the cold in their cold weather area. The shelter will provide a safe warm place during the winter months for any adult in need. The evening before we took the donation, an additional 32 people were sheltered from the cold. The shelter staff was so incredibly grateful for the donations. As Velesha Singleton, volunteer shown here packing donations for the shelter, stated, “It was a wonderful experience.”
CCAC Honors Program once again wins Pink Feet Race for the Cure

HONORS PROGRAM: Thank you to the CCAC community for your generous support of the Honors Program’s Pink Feet Race for the Cure. The three colleges’ Honors Programs raised a total of $2,456.50 for Komen for the Cure Foundation.

With your help the CCAC Honors Program raised $1,862.85 to win the 2014 Pink Feet Race, outpacing Point Park University Honors Program at $533.65 and Robert Morris University Honors Program at $60.

On Nov. 19, students and Honors Directors from the three colleges presented their checks to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, and CCAC was once again awarded the Pink Feet Trophy for 2014.

Honors students Fred Astey, Angela Gay, Meghan O’Connor and Kelly Rockenstein accepted the trophy on behalf of CCAC.

The Pink Feet Race is the longest running third-party fundraiser in Western Pennsylvania for the Komen Foundation, raising $25,097.09 since 2007.

Of the money raised, 75% of it remains in the 34 county service area of central and western Pennsylvania, providing free mammograms and educational workshops. The remaining 25% is used for national research.

CCAC Leadership in Honors Scholars Emily Burks, Alyssa Carlson, Rachael Schneider and Alexis Schnepf served as team captains and generously gave of their time, ingenuity and competitive spirit in conducting the race, competing not only with Robert Morris and Point Park, but also between the Honors students at the other CCAC campuses. The competition between campuses was won by North with $626, Allegheny at $562.85, South at $369, Boyce at $275, and the Office of College Services at $30.

Special thanks to the Honors students who participated by working the cafeteria tables and/or returning their sold pink feet: Alyssa Carlson, Chaya Pekkar, Wondwosen Mages, Kathleen Kennedy, Kelly Rockenstein, Angela Gay, Kim Howie, Shantelle Bev., Charles Moore, Ekae Kossi Akakp, Irene Anck, Jennifer Wong, Jack Decker, Kelsey Robinson, Kanvi Sharma, Adrienne Blice, Crystal Gonzales, Emily Burks, Zandra Herron, Danielle Thompson, Kalina Gardiner, Carmen Miller, Dori Washok, Daniel Axare Ofle, Leah Blotzer, Tina Zach, Sherry Durick, Lexi Schnepf, Sheila Snyder, Jeremy Hinnebusch, Grace Lizak, Brian Anderson-Warrick, Katie Voye, John Ivanchan, Jeremy Hinnebusch, Rachael Schneider, Julia Bavaro, Cathey Sirma, Megan O’Connor, Courtney Wallace, Jesse Bauer, Brandy Teprag, Jocelyn Dean, Fred Astey, and Lisa Allen.

Thank you for your continued commitment to help in the fight against breast cancer!

CCAC North Campus Ice Hockey Team surpasses $20K mark for local charities

PITTSBURGH—The Community College of Allegheny County North Campus Intercollegiate Ice Hockey Team has raised more than $20,000 in funds and other donations for area charities since 2008.

On December 6, 2014, the team took on the Pittsburgh Celebrity Hockey Team at the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center in order to raise funds for Operation Troop Appreciation. An all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, OTA supports members of the nation’s military, both active and retired.

All proceeds from the game—totaling in excess of $3,000—were given to the organization, including money raised from sales of custom-made game jerseys, tickets and auction items, which included an autographed Olli Maatta hockey jersey and a “Night on the Town” gift package courtesy of Hyatt Place, Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse and Pittsburgh Public Theater. Other prizes included gift cards and baskets from various local retailers and organizations.
BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT: Dr. Leelavati R. Murthy, Professor of Biology at CCAC’s Boyce campus, recently undertook a Scientific Expedition trip to Antarctica from Dec. 17 to Dec. 30, 2014, as a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

It was a once in a lifetime scientific expedition journey to the earth’s last and final frontier, aboard the expedition ship Corinthian, she said.

The purpose of this scientific expedition was to study life as it exists in Antarctica, the largest continent on Earth, also known as the white continent for its abundance of ice and snow.

This voyage featured an accomplished scientific expedition team, led by seasoned expedition leaders consisting of expert multi-disciplinary scientists, naturalists, ecologists, biologists, conservationists and environmentalists in an effort to understand and discuss the unique features of this awe-inspiring land.

Leading the AAAS team on this voyage was Dr. Robert Rowland of Cornell University who has studied the impact of Antarctica’s geology and glaciology on wild life and has been a lecturer on several Antarctica trips in the recent past.

This trip was particularly relevant to Dr. Murthy since she teaches several biology courses at CCAC, Boyce, such as the study of life on this earth including wild life, the evolution of species in different continents, speciation and extinction of species due to loss of habitat, global warming, melting glaciers, rising sea levels, climate change, animal behavior, biogeochemical cycles, environmental factors on human and wildlife health and the impact of human activities on the earth’s environment.

Wild life in Antarctica is unique and different from the rest of the earth. Albatrosses and Petrels are seen whirling across the expedition ship. Humpback and Minke Whales swim in the Antarctic waters. Shore landings include visits to 10,000-strong Penguin rookeries, old whaling stations, elephant seal colonies and operational scientific research stations.

The expedition ship included experienced and knowledgeable experts on Antarctica’s bird, sea and land life, who educated the AAAS team throughout their voyage via lectures, presentations and on-site nature observations.

Dr. Murthy will bring this travel experience to her classrooms and will make a campus wide slide-show presentation at Boyce and other CCAC campuses on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 12:30 pm.
The Whole Student Approach for Success

Tips to Mastering All of Your Classes

By Liz Hand

As the new semester begins, many students are filled with hope and optimism of acing their classes. Mastering new subjects and opening your mind to new information can be invigorating. How can we make that initial positive energy last for more than a day, a week, a month, or months? Will our enthusiasm and determination last for the entire 14-16 week period and help us to maximize our success?

Perhaps you have read up on tips on how to master classes. That is a great starting point. This presentation is about remembering the whole person as you strive for a successful semester.

Use the WHOLE approach for success

We will consider different strategies using the word WHOLE as a memory aid.

- W = Work efficiently. Work with your body when you are most alert. Have a good work area. Study by windows for natural lighting to boost your mood. Keep your work area uncluttered for mental clarity. Analyze your syllabus and pace out your work so that you do not fall behind.

- H = Have friends who are serious about your work so that you do not fall behind. Help each other to stay motivated. It is important not to isolate yourself. Friends can give you the emotional support that you need. Don’t forget that friends come in all ages. Having someone interested in your progress is very helpful.

- O = Own up to having fun. Obligate yourself to scheduling downtime. It is important to treat yourself to a little recreation every day. You may want to do a little leisure reading, play a computer game, watch some Netflix or meet a friend for coffee. Make sure you take advantage of inexpensive campus activities. The student life office provides discounted tickets for local recreational activities.

- L = Learn when to ask for help. There are many people on campus interested in your success. The Learning Commons has caring facilitators who are interested in your success and will help you to understand your assignments, tutor you in English and Writing.

- E = Essentials. Make sure to eat balanced meals, get enough sleep and exercise. It is important to keep your health and energy so you can perform at your best.

Score More by visiting our SCORERIDORS in the North Wing of floors 4 and 5:

- Learning Commons and Math Café – Room N504 Walk in: No appointment necessary
- Library – N403. On-site and on-line library available.

As for our hours:

Score this semester by visiting our SCORERIDORS in the three corridors, which I nicknamed “Scoreridors.” We hope to see you soon.

Job Placement & Career Services

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“Connecting Majors to Careers”

Friday, February 27, 2015, 12–1:30 PM - SSC Auditorium

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Dr. Ria David President
Brian Arrington Trooper
Tom Shaheen Associate Professor
Rob Thornton Parole Agent
Christine Williams Homicide Detective

Job Fair

Tuesday, March 24
1:00PM–5:00PM
CCAC Boyce Campus

This job fair is open to current students and alumni of the Nursing program only.

For more information, contact Job Placement and Career Services at 724-325-6771.

Individuals should dress professionally and bring copies of their resumes.

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The Application Deadline is March 1st

Looking No More!!
The History Center unveiled a new long-term display honoring one of the most iconic children’s television programs of all time. Exhibited inside the History Center’s fourth floor Special Collections Gallery, visitors will see the largest collection of original items from the “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” television set on public view.

“These objects are important touchstones to the past and important reminders of childhood and a kinder and gentler world,” said Andy Masich, president and CEO of the History Center.

“Mister Rogers touched the lives of millions of children and their parents. These iconic sets and artifacts are sure to bring back memories.”

Featuring select artifacts from the popular children’s show, the new display marks the first time these items are on long-term view. Highlights from the “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” installation include:

- The entryway and living room set that Mister Rogers walked through to begin each show;
- King Friday XIII’s Castle;
- Great Oak Tree, the residence of Henrietta Pussycat and X The Owl;
- Picture Picture, the display that helped Mister Rogers teach children using interactive media;
- Mr. McFeely’s “Speedy Delivery” tricycle and
- A variety of additional items from the “Neighborhood of Make-Believe,” including King Friday XIII’s telephone, Henrietta Pussycat’s outfit, Chef Brockett’s hat, Harriett Elizabeth Cow’s desk, and the bench that Mister Rogers sat on during each show.

Also on view is a life-like figure of Mister Rogers, wearing his iconic sweater, necktie, khakis, and sneakers.

Recognized as one of the most popular children’s shows in television history, “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” originated in 1963 as “Misterogers” on CBC Television in Canada and eventually made its U.S. network debut in 1968 on NET, which later became PBS.

The new “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” collection is included with regular History Center admission: $15 for adults, $13 for seniors (age 62+), $6 for students and children (age 6-17), and free for children (age 5 and under) and History Center members.

For more information, please visit the History Center’s new website at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.
Professor awarded first-of-its-kind recognition for contributions to honors community

PITTSBURGH—Julia Fennell, professor of English at the Community College of Allegheny County, has received the National Collegiate Honors Council Ron Brandolini Award for Excellence at a Two-Year Institution for her work with CCAC’s Honors Program and at the national level. Fennell was presented with the award at the NCHC Conference in Denver, Colo., at the organization’s 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration held Saturday, November 8. Fennell, who joined CCAC in 1988, is one of only two individuals to receive this inaugural award, given to recognize a two-year college honors director or faculty member for outstanding contributions to the honors community.

Upon learning of the award, Fennell was quick to credit others. “All the accomplishments made by Honors at CCAC are due to the tireless and inspired work of Honors Council, our incredibly talented and engaged honors students and faculty, and the generous support of CCAC administration,” she said.

Since 2005 Fennell has served as director of CCAC’s Honors Program. Her many accomplishments include developing Honors Program articulation agreements with five regional colleges; establishing honors credit tuition reimbursement for all students taking honors classes and participating in honors contracts; developing assessment rubrics for all program learning outcomes as well as developing an Honors handbook, newsletter and an annual Honors Forum; and increasing participation in CCAC’s Honors Program from 28 students in 2005 to more than 400 students in 2014.

Fennell also has held many leadership positions, including serving as Northeast Regional Honors Council Vice President (2008), President Elect (2009) and President (2010), as well as serving as conference chair and as a member of various committees. She also has attended nearly two dozen NCHC national and regional conferences and faculty institutes, and has either presented or had her Honors students present at many of these conferences.

In recognition of her work, Fennell has been the recipient of many awards including the John Dziak Engagement Scholarship Award (2014); the Vanguard Diversity Award (2012); the Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Professor Award (2000); the Virginia Master Teacher Award (2000); and the NISOD Teaching Excellence Award for both 1996 and 2009.

Outside of her work responsibilities, Fennell is also active with the Pittsburgh Opera where she has served as a member of the Volunteer Auditory Assistance Team since 2006. A resident of Pleasant Hills, Fennell holds a bachelor’s degree in Speech and Theatre from Westminster College and a master’s degree in Teaching English from the University of Pittsburgh.

CCAC South Campus hosts Black History Month lecture

PITTSBURGH—In celebration of Black History Month, the Community College of Allegheny County South Campus Diversity and Inclusion Committee is sponsoring a lecture on clergy participation during the 1960’s Civil Rights Movement. Presented by Dr. J. LaVon Kincaid Sr., a retired United Methodist pastor, the lecture will take place Feb. 23 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the South Campus Tiger’s Lair, Room A309.

Kincaid’s lecture will focus on the significance of nonviolent protest principles that were instilled by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and embraced by others as a means to defeat Jim Crow laws. At the time of the Civil Rights Movement, Kincaid was a student at Clark Atlanta University. He became friends with King and participated in marches in the South. Previously, Kincaid taught at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and currently serves as a Penn Hills councilman. He also oversees the new start-up church, New Life Ministries, operating out of the Penn Hills Library.

This lecture is free and open to the public. For further information, please visit www.ccac.edu or call 412.469.6285. CCAC South Campus is located 1750 Clairton Road (Route 885) West Mifflin, Pa., 15122.

CCAC part of state-wide initiative enabling individuals to earn college credit for prior experience

PITTSBURGH—The Community College of Allegheny County, in addition to Pennsylvania’s 13 other community colleges, is participating in College Credit Fast Track, the first statewide prior learning assessment (PLA) initiative in the country. The initiative enables current and prospective students to earn college credit at one of the state’s community colleges based on prior work or life experience—and establishes common standards for awarding these credits across the state. Credit can be awarded for previous employment, training programs, military service, independent study, community service and completing free online courses. PLA is the process used by many institutions to determine if an individual’s prior educational, workforce and life experiences can be translated to college credits. According to the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges, students who are granted PLA credits have better academic outcomes, better degree completion, better persistence and shorter time to completion than non-PLA students.

College Credit FastTrack (ccafasttrack.org) is a new website and e-portfolio platform, which provides a single point of entry for adult learners in Pennsylvania to access prior learning credits at CCAC and the rest of the state’s community colleges.

Boyce Faculty Art Show

Featuring work by:
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