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College Connect: Offering Support to Parsippany Graduates

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Dear students of the Class of 2020: Congratulations to you all; now the work really begins.

Summer is right around the corner. It's a summer that none of us could've anticipated. Nobody knows what tomorrow will bring.

Coronavirus has compromised every aspect of daily life, and all but eliminated traditions for many residents across Parsippany. Now, as the season warms up, the end of the school year is drawing near. For most high school students, the joys and memories of senior prom, graduation, and celebrating the transition into adult life won't be anything like what their predecessors experienced.

But what happens after high school? How will Parsippany students tour their colleges, get a feel for student life, or prepare for their fields of study without even being allowed on campus? These challenges could be overwhelming for students, who've already endured plenty while trying to adapt to a truncated curriculum to round out their senior year. That's where Parsippany College Connect is hoping to make the transition a little easier.

Parsippany College Connect is an online platform created by Alexei Sepe, Nicky Pareth, Alisha Gangadharan, Rebecca Klausner, and Lucas Folan, high school graduates from Parsippany's Class of 2017, hoping to engage and support incoming college freshman from the community.

"This platform was a direct result of COVID-19," Gangadharan told me recently. "High school seniors don't have the opportunity to see colleges or get the transition benefits that they normally would. We wanted this to be a unique experience for Parsippany students." The group of friends wanted to create an online platform, supported by recent high school graduates and college students from Parsippany. They began compiling an online directory of college students and high school graduates. Incoming college freshmen can connect with college students from Parsippany, who can offer knowledge, expertise, and encouragement as these freshmen transition into this all-too-critical next step in education. In just a few short weeks, the group now includes hundreds of high school and college students, all from the Parsippany-Troy Hills area. The website features blog posts, videos, and other content to engage both high school and college students alike.

To be a part of the forum, information that students provide will be available on a public website, but phone numbers aren't published, they're for contact use only.

I'm proud of these Parsippany graduates for what they've created for our community, and strongly suggest our high school graduates consider using this resource to see if it can help you in the next step of your academic lives. Check it out at www.parsippanycollegeconnect.com.

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Jess Colletto Named to East Stroudsburg University's Dean's List



Jess Colletto

PARSIPPANY — Jess Colletto, an Athletic Training student from Parsippany was among those named to East Stroudsburg University's Spring 2020 Dean's List.

A total of 1,802 students have been named to the Dean's List at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania (ESU) for the Spring 2020 semester of the 2019-2020 academic year, according to Joanne Bruno, J.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs.

East Stroudsburg University, one of the 14

institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, opened in 1893 as East Stroudsburg Normal School.

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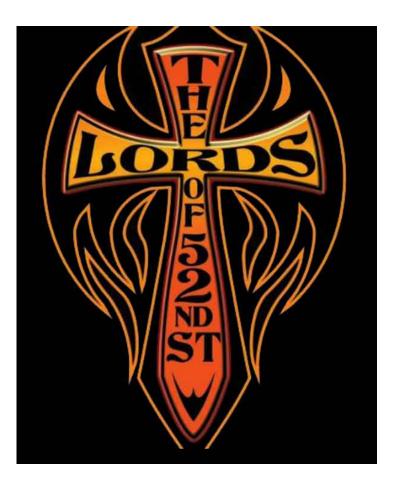
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The Lords of 52nd Street: Legends of the Billy Joel Band

The Lords of 52nd Street, Legends of the Billy Joel Band, will be performing at Mayo Performng Arts Center, 100 South Street Morristown, NJ 07960, on August 28 at 8:00 p.m. To purchase tickets call (973) 539-8008.

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SCHOOL NEWS

There's Still Time to Earn Credit this Summer at CCM



With two summer sessions starting later this month, County College of Morris (CCM) offers college students and recent high school graduates the opportunity to keep moving forward with their education.

A Five Week session begins on June 29 and runs through August 1. A Seven Week session begins on June 30 and runs through August 15.

A Better Alternative Than a Gap Year

Given the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, some students reportedly are considering taking a gap year. A gap year traditionally consists of traveling either nationally or internationally to explore, work or serve as a volunteer. This year being in the midst of a pandemic, the option of traveling and being far from home, however, is a concern for many. "The better alternative," notes CCM President Anthony J. Iacono, "is to keep moving forward and not delay earning a college degree and getting started on a career by enrolling at your community college."

Those uncomfortable about starting at a four-year college or university can take advantage of the opportunity to complete their general education requirements at CCM and then transfer those credits when they are ready to move on to another institution. CCM holds more than 150 transfer agreements with colleges throughout New Jersey and across the country to ease the process of earning a bachelor's degree.

For continuing college and university students, CCM presents the opportunity to stay on course and close to home during these uncertain times. Both the Five Week and Seven Week sessions include a wide range of courses in disciplines ranging from the liberal arts, to science and technology, to business and criminal justice. To see what courses are being offered, go to https://titansdirect.ccm.edu/Student/and click on "Browse Course Catalog," "Advanced Search" and select which session you want to review.

To apply to the college, go to www.ccm.edu/admissions/.

Online Information Sessions

CCM is offering weekly online information sessions to provide students, their parents and guardians with the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of enrolling in their community college, close to home. The Admissions Office will be holding "Titan Tuesday" online information sessions every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. through the spring and summer.

Each session, hosted by an Admissions counselor, will provide participants with the opportunity to learn about the college's academic programs, transfer agreements to earn a bachelor's degree, student services and co-curricular programs. The admissions and registration process also will be covered and a questions and answers session held during each session. Preregistration for "Titan Tuesday" is required, which can be done at www.ccm.edu/admissions/visiting-us/.

Login information will be emailed following registration.

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Peter Nardi to Attend Misericordia University



Parsippany Hills High School Senior Peter Nardi will be attending Misericordia University and has been accepted into the 6 1/2 year Physical Therapy program. He will also be playing Lacrosse for the University. GO Cougars!!

Misericordia University is a Catholic university in northeast Pennsylvania, founded by the Sisters of Mercy, that provides caring, motivated students with a challenging education.

He is the son of Peter, Sr. and Elizabeth Nardi, and lives in Rainbow Lakes.



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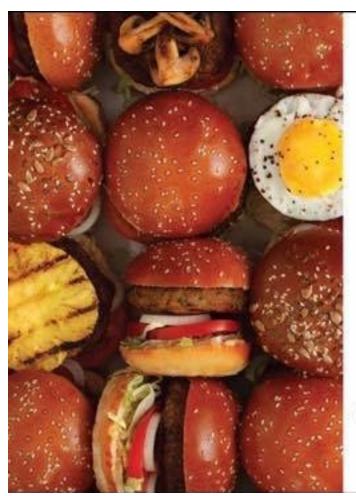
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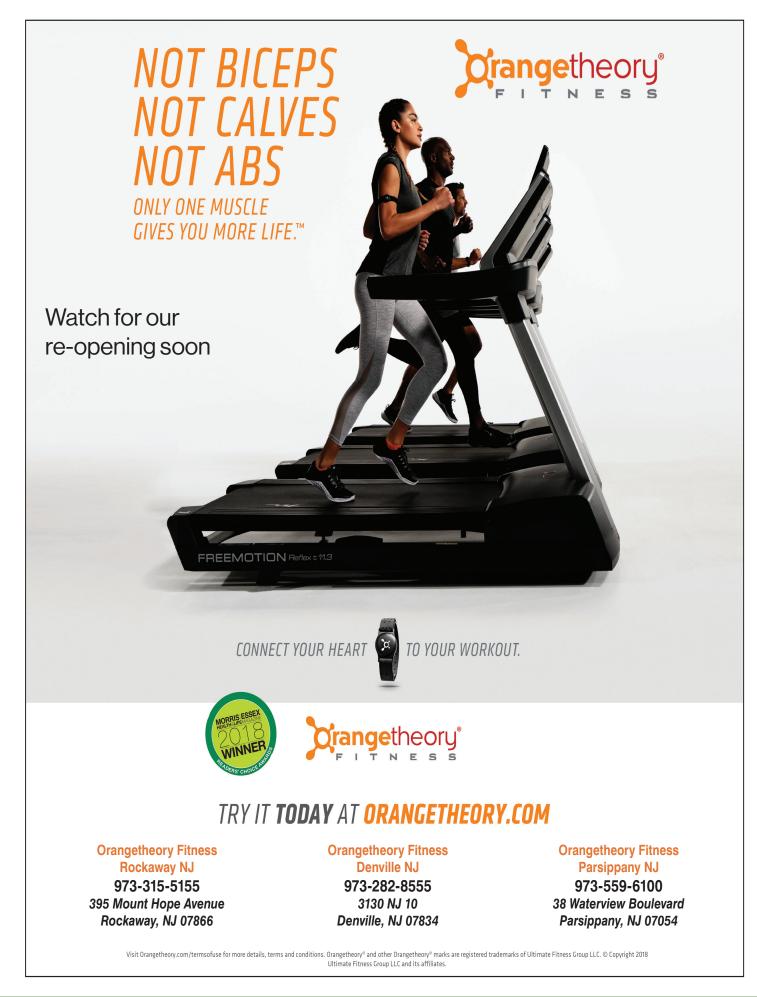
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The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more.

The results of this once-a-decade count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

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Federal Funding

The results of the 2020 Census will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding to communities across the country—for hospitals, fire departments, school lunch programs, and other critical programs and services.

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Woman's Club of Parsippany-Troy Hills Honors Parsippany Students

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Woman's Club of Parsippany carried on with honoring students at all levels as they have done for many years. Using some of the proceeds from the 2019 annual "Tee Off for Education Golf Classic and Luncheon" twenty-four students have been recognized.

It's the 65th year the club has given student end of year awards. The club started the 8th grade citizenship awards in 1955, just a year after the club was founded. This was followed by scholarships a few years later and finally the reading awards.

Reading awards have been given to one student in the 5th grade from each of the ten public elementary schools. The award consisted of a certificate and a \$25 Amazon gift card. Citizenship Awards have been provided to Central Middle School, Brooklawn Middle School and All Saints Academy. Two students from the 8th grade (one male and one female) in each school received a certificate and \$50 check. Eight graduating seniors from Parsippany High and Parsippany Hills were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and certificate. The well deserving students are:

Parsippany High: Bon Jean Koo, Jason Punskovsky and Kristine Yang

Parsippany Hills: Nicholas Kuo, Morgan Marron, Andrea Potesta-Olivia, Samantha Serino and Colin Smith

Members from the club Scholarship Committee made a visit to each of the scholarship winners homes to bring a little something extra to celebrate these exceptional young people.

For more information call Marilyn at (973) 539-3703, e-mail the club at womansclubofpth@gmail. com, check us out on the web www.parsippanywomansclub.org or follow the club on FACEBOOK.



Zack Taylor Announced His Commitment to the Scarlet Knights



Zack Taylor #51

The search for Rutgers' next long snapper has gone through a familiar school and familiar family. The Rutgers coaching staff issued an offer to class of 2021 Parsippany Hills High School long snapper Zack Taylor.

"I've been talking with Coach Scheier and he says he would love to have me on his unit," said Zack. "Me and him have been talking for a couple of months and we have a pretty good relationship."

Taylor has been a frequent visitor of Piscataway, having seen a bunch of his brother's games and coming on a couple of unofficial visits over the last few years. Throughout all those trips, the younger Taylor came away impressed with what he has seen. to get down there and hang out with my brother and his friends. I think it's great to play in front of the home crowd and represent your home state in the Big Ten," said the 6-foot-2, 220-pound Taylor.

Scarlet Knights was the first offer for Zack, whose brother, Billy, is currently a three-year starting long snapper for the Scarlet Knights.

Zack Taylor was in seventh grade when his brother Billy started long snapping as a way to increase his playing time for the Parsippany Hills High School football team. Billy, then a sophomore, excelled at it, becoming one of the best in the country and ultimately earning an opportunity to continue long snapping at Rutgers.

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"It's a beautiful campus and I'm always happy

COLLEGE NEWS

Zack Taylor Commits to the Scarlet Knights



Parsippany Hills High School Vikings Football team, North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 NJSIAA State Champions

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Zack Taylor's commitment addresses one of the three specialist spots for the 2021 season.

Rutgers is currently scheduled to have a complete overhaul with kicker Justin Davidovicz and punter Adam Korsak also entering their final college s easons (although Korsak, an Australian, could potentially petition the NCAA for another year of eligibility based on the specifics of his time at Melbourne's Maribyrnong College prior to enrolling best long snapper in the nation for the class of at Rutgers).

His brother, Billy, has been the Scarlet Knights' starting long snapper for the last three seasons.

It could potentially be eight straight years of Billy and Zack long snapping for Rutgers.

Coming out of high school, Billy Taylor was ranked the top long snapper in New Jersey and the ninth-best long snapper in the nation for his recruiting class by Rubio Long Snapp.

"Zack like billy has earned himself a Division 1 scholarship through hard work and dedication to his craft. For as long as I can remember Zack has been working on long snapping and all his work has paid off. Zack's father Billy Sr. would often tell me that Zack was going to be just like his brother like Billy," said Parsippany Hills Coach David Albano.

Rubio Long Snapping rates Taylor as the 16th-2021, and the top at his position in the northeast.

Taylor is the 12th member of the Scarlet Knights' 2021 recruiting class, and the eighth New Jersey talent to pledge to Rutgers.

Taylor's teammate Jordan Thompson previously committed to the Scarlet Knights 2021 recruiting class, which is ranked 19th nationally and eighth in the Big Ten by 247Sports.com.

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Nisha Godbole graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts & Science in Biology and Public Health. Nisha is a 2016 graduate of Parsippany High School.

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\$8,000 donation to Table of Hope in Morristown (a food bank that supplies the Parsippany Food Pantry)

\$10,000 donation to the Rockaway Neck Volunteer First Aid Squad (The Squad plans to purchase UV lights for disinfection of their rigs and PPE for the squad members)



Rose Defilippo (Reading Specialist), Joe Gesu Maria (ESC, Troy Hills School), Alexandra Partington (Fourth Grade Knollwood School), Jennifer Sikora (Chief Parsippany Volunteer Ambulance Squad), Emma Sikora, (2nd grade student Lake Parsippany School) and Mayor Michael Soriano

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CCM "Titan Tuesdays" Offer Virtual Info Sessions on Academic Programs



County College of Morris is offering weekly online information sessions to provide students, their parents and guardians with the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of enrolling in their community college, close to home. The admissions office has scheduled "Titan Tuesday" online information sessions every Tuesday at 7 p.m. through the spring and summer.

Each session, hosted by an admissions counselor, will cover the college's academic programs, transfer agreements to earn a bachelor's degree, student services and co-curricular programs. The admissions and registration process also will be covered and a questions and answers session held during each session.

Preregistration for "Titan Tuesday" is required. Login information will be emailed following registration.

CCM Titan Tuesday Virtual Info Sessions:

June 9: Titan Tuesday information session spotlight on School of Business, Mathematics, Engineering and Technologies

June 16: Titan Tuesday general information session

June 23: Titan Tuesday information session spotlight on School of Liberal Arts June 30: Titan Tuesday information session spotlight on School of Liberal Arts July 7: Titan Tuesday information session spotlight on School of Health Professions and Natural Sciences July 14: Titan Tuesday information session spotlight

on School of Business, Mathematics, Engineering and Technologies

July 21: Titan Tuesday information session spotlight on School of Liberal Arts

July 28: Titan Tuesday general information session August 4: Titan Tuesday spotlight on School of Health Professions and Natural Sciences

August 11: Titan Tuesday general information session

August 18: Titan Tuesday spotlight on School of Business, Mathematics, Engineering and Technologies

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Ava Arthurs Drive-by Birthday Celebration

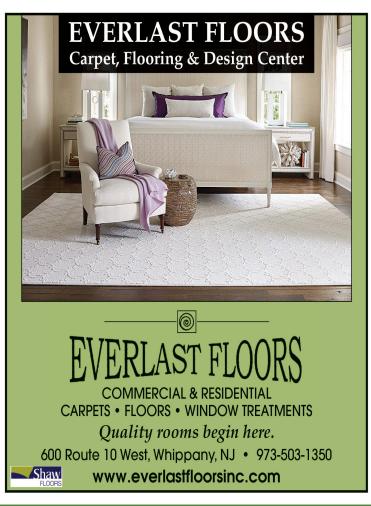
COVID-19 has robbed kids of so much — going to school, playing with their friends, competing in sports, enjoying a playground, seeing their relatives, buying ice cream at a store, visiting museums, and zoos. Even celebrating birthdays.

Until now.

Rockaway Neck Volunteer Ambulance and Parsippany Rescue and Recovery and a dozen friends and relatives refused to let Ava Arthurs miss out on her birthday joy.

"We wanted to brighten her day when so many of the days are gloomy," said Paul Anderson, Parsippany Rescue and Recovery Deputy Chief.

Ava turned six on Tuesday, June 2.







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