

CCRI to celebrate third annual All College Week

Every year, the Community College of Rhode Island showcases its educational opportunities, artistic achievements, ideas for the future and community spirit through a series of special events during All College Week.

This year's festivities begin on Friday, April 9, with the CCRI Technology Open House, during which visiting high school students will learn about career opportunities in science and technology at the Knight Campus in Warwick.

The next day also is career-oriented, but on a much grander scale. The second annual Educa-

tion Expo, to be held at the Knight Campus on April 10, is an open house where all potential students can learn about admissions and

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financial aid, take campus tours, meet faculty and staff, and see first-hand the opportunities CCRI has to offer.

On Monday, April 12, Rhode Island Congressman James Langevin will host more than 100 business and institutional leaders in an invitation-only discussion

about the state's economy at the Knight Campus. In December, Langevin nominated CCRI President Ray Di Pasquale to represent CCRI and the state at the 2009 Jobs and Economic Growth Forum held at the White House. This summit aims to replicate that activity to see how these ideas can be applied to improving Rhode Island's economic situation.

Many events throughout the rest of the week will celebrate CCRI's faculty, staff and students, while highlighting their work throughout the year so far.

Tuesday, April 13, will be all about giving back to the com-

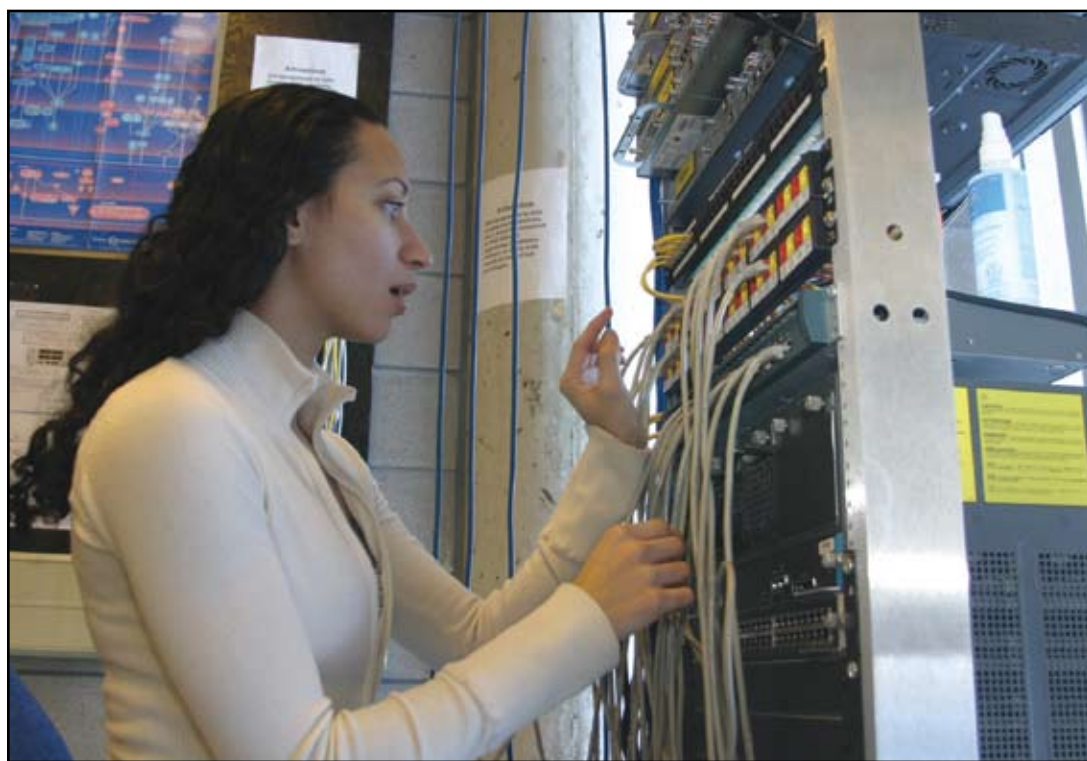
munities near CCRI's campuses. Students, faculty and staff will volunteer at six nonprofit organizations throughout the state between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. during the fourth annual Community Service Day.

This year's sites include The Boys & Girls Club of Cumberland-Lincoln, Meeting Street, Norman Bird Sanctuary, Rhode Island Indian Council, Trudeau Center and the Visiting Nurse Service of Newport & Bristol Counties. Projects at the sites vary from painting, landscaping and power washing gym equipment to working with consumers

and reading to children.

On Wednesday, April 14, the Flanagan Campus Human Services Club will sponsor a pair of presentations at the Knight Campus by Dr. Donald Meichenbaum, one of the most highly regarded psychotherapists of our time and a designer of cognitive behavioral modification. Dr. Meichenbaum is research director of the Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention in Miami and professor emeritus at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. His presentation at 9 a.m. will be geared toward those in the education field,

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts more than 150,000 network systems and data communications analyst jobs will be added over the next eight years. Programs such as CCRI's networking degree and certificate offerings and many others can help prepare students for predicted "hot jobs" of the future. Pictured above is student Anne Consuegra.

Many CCRI programs lead to jobs in fast-growing fields

After years of recession, the economy is showing tentative signs of recovery, including a strengthening job market in some sectors, and the Community College of Rhode Island is prepared to help students enter these promising fields.

The college offers several programs in careers that the Bureau of Labor Statistics has predicted will see excellent growth through the year 2018, including nursing, biomedical engineering, food service and computer studies.

Some programs, such as nursing and culinary, will allow students to enter the work force right away while, in other cases, the college offers a springboard for students to begin their education, saving money before transferring to a four-year institution.

Nursing has long been one of CCRI's flagship programs, and this career is projected to add more than half a million jobs over the next decade. There is no longer a waiting list for this program.

Students in CCRI's Nursing program graduate as Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) or as Reg-

istered Nurses (RNs), who have greater responsibilities and seniority. Registered nurses often assign tasks to LPNs and nursing assistants, so CCRI's nursing students also are taught delegation and leadership.

Another hot job in the medical field is the biomedical engineer, who studies how the body works and uses that knowledge to design medical technology. Although this job requires a bachelor's degree, CCRI students can get started toward their degree in the school's Biotechnology Certificate Program before finishing their bachelor's degree at a four-year institution.

CCRI also offers a certificate in biotechnology and an associate degree in science, both of which would allow graduates to enter the field of biotechnology on an entry level.

Whether they go on to further education or enter the work force after CCRI, students learn the basics of science and engineering that are equivalent to the first two years of instruction at four-

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Culinary certificate to become credit program this fall

Starting next semester, students at the Community College of Rhode Island can take the college's popular Culinary Arts Assistant Program for credit. Formerly a noncredit certificate program, Culinary Arts now awards students general education credits to continue their education in any field they choose.

The Culinary Arts Assistant Program was created in consultation with restaurant industry veterans and is taught by food service professionals. Graduates leave with the skills to become entry-level cooks, from food preparation and sanitation to menu-writing and business skills, all geared to prepare them to work in a field that the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training identified as one of the fastest growing in the state.

Peter Woodberry, dean of Business, Science and Technology, said the switch to a credit format has several advantages for students, such as adding eligibility for financial aid and supporting students as they continue their education.

"Students now will have a seamless way of taking these credits and applying them to programs that have free electives," Woodberry said, adding that these certificate credits will transfer to most collegiate institutions.

Even those students interested in staying in food service may find it useful to earn credits.

"We talk about careers but we also talk about education," said Emilio Colantonio, director of Community Education for CCRI's Center for Workforce and Community Education, which

oversaw the culinary program when it was a noncredit program. "As hard as people work sometimes, if you don't have a background in higher education you are somewhat limited."

Colantonio said that even students considering pursuing a career in restaurant management or hospitality will benefit from their experiences in the Culinary Assistant Program.

However, students who do not wish to spend more time in school, or who want to take a break, will find plenty of opportunity as well to get right into the workplace.

"It's something that you can train for in 15 weeks and there are jobs out there when you're done," said Teresa Squizzero, chair of the college's Administrative Office Technology Department, which offers certificates in Travel, Tourism and Hospitality.

She added that the new financial aid benefits should allow more students to enter this promising field.

The Culinary Arts Assistant Program is offered at Davies Career and Technical Center and costs \$3,284, which includes the cost of two uniforms, textbooks, a knife kit and the food that students will be preparing.

And there is a lot of food to prepare. After some preliminary classroom instruction, students will spend 15 to 18 hours in the kitchen every week, followed by a 75-hour professional internship.

The program includes five courses over 16 weeks, including the cooperative internship, and will next be offered in the Fall 2010 semester.

Heard on campus ...

Who do you think will win the NCAA Basketball Tournament?



"My favorite is [University of] Kentucky because I'm in love with [Kentucky point guard] John Wall."

– Will Dawson



"I pick Kentucky because they have a very strong team and they play hard the whole game."

– Noel Bullock



"I would say Duke. I think they're a well-rounded offensive and defensive team, and that's how you win games."

– Yves Alexandre



"My pick would have been URI but they didn't make it."

– Patrick Malone



"UCONN women because they're unstoppable and they have the two best players in the country."

– Cassie Novicky

Lecture will focus on new and re-emerging diseases

The senior clinical laboratory scientist at the Rhode Island Department of Health will visit the Knight Campus next month to discuss the threat of previously unknown illnesses and those that are making a comeback despite the advances of medical science over the years.

Frank Meglio will present "New and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases" at 7 p.m. on April 1 in the Bobby Hackett Theater in an event sponsored by the Biology Department and the CCRI Foundation. A reception will follow, and the event is free and open to the public.

"There are diseases from the past that we thought we had gotten rid of, like mumps and measles, but they're coming back, and I'm going to be talking about those," Meglio said.

He said he also will discuss problems such as food-borne pathogens and the threat of bioterrorism.

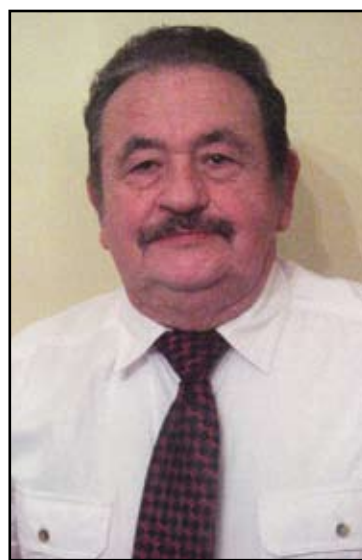
Meglio said the presenta-

tion will appeal to the college's health services students as well as any members of the faculty, staff or public with an interest in biology, medicine, health care or virology.

For his lecture, Meglio will draw on his 35 years of experience as a clinical laboratory scientist and educator. He has worked at the state Department of Health for 14 years, where he was the state's lead biologist in combating the West Nile virus and was involved in a national training program to prepare hospital staff to respond to bioterrorism attacks.

Meglio also has many years of teaching experience at CCRI, the University of Rhode Island, Fatima Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital. He has taught microbiology for students in CCRI's Nursing and Allied Health programs for 14 years.

A Rhode Island native, Meglio has strong connections to the state and to CCRI; his wife, Roberta, and daughter are alumnae. His first experience in the



Frank Meglio

medical field was at the age of 12 when he had a job washing test tubes at Cranston General Hospital.

Meglio went on to graduate from the microbiology program at the University of Missouri School of Medicine and moved back to Rhode Island when he married. He earned his master's degree in clinical microbiology and immunology from North-

eastern University and was the supervisor of the clinical immunology laboratory at Rhode Island Hospital for 24 years.

For his upcoming presentation, Meglio said he originally planned to discuss the H1N1 virus, but that topic has lost its potency as the flu season draws to a close. Instead he will focus on other issues that he believes the public should be aware of, such as salmonella, E. coli, and other food-borne pathogens that he said are becoming more widespread.

"When people are exposed to these bacteria, they often don't know food is what made them sick," Meglio said. He added that having awareness of food-borne illnesses can help people avoid them and even reduce the risk for others when they report the illness to the department.

Meglio also will talk about how diseases move throughout the world via travel and immigration.

"Years ago when people came into our country, they got inspected and tested, but that's not

the case anymore," he said. "So as a result they're bringing the diseases from the countries they came from to our shores. Many South American diseases are popping up here and we are very susceptible to them."

Meglio said that these topics may seem a bit scary, but they are important to everyone's health.

"I do think that the public should be aware of things that are going on," he said. "I am making this presentation to be informative, reporting on diseases that we have to look out for now."

Meglio is one of several speakers the CCRI Biology Department has hosted in the last few years, including experts on evolution, stem cell research and renewable energy.

"Every year the Biology Department asks somebody of importance who can shed light on information for the community to come into the college," said David Vito, CCRI assistant professor of biology. "This year I think we have someone of great interest."

CCRI programs match areas targeted for growth

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year institutions.

Assistant Biology Professor R. Scott Warila said students leave CCRI knowing about cell biology, chemistry and physics, and engineering basics such as relays, thermal couples and resistors.

"It's kind of a double discipline. They need the biology side and the engineering side," he said.

Students who wish to go on to earn a bachelor's degree will find this to be a strong background, said Jerry Bernardini, chair of the CCRI Engineering and Technology Department.

"We provide the basics of math, science and introductory engineering courses, which translates to almost the first two years [of a bachelor's pro-

gram]," he said.

Bernardini said students should make sure they are taking the correct courses by carefully reading the program's requirements and regularly consulting with an academic adviser.

While biotechnology is a growing field, other professions hit hard by the recession are poised to recover. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that companies will continue to expand their information technology, including wireless networks, and CCRI is preparing students to meet this demand.

The college's Computer Studies and Information Processing Department offers several certificate and associate degree programs in such areas as information technology support, computer programming and net-

working.

Many students in this program choose to become Cisco Certified Network Professionals, making them qualified to use networks created by Cisco Systems Inc., the largest supplier of Internet network equipment.

Some students may choose to build on their associate degree with a bachelor's degree, making them eligible to become a network systems and data communications analyst, another job expected to have substantial growth in the next decade. These workers design, build and oversee the same kind of Internet networks that Cisco Certified Network Professionals maintain.

While many industries were hurt by the recession and are preparing to come back, oth-

ers were not badly affected and continue to grow. One of these is food service. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that jobs in this field will continue to grow past the current nationwide work force of about 7.7 million.

Some of these jobs are entry level and do not require outside education, but CCRI offers a way to enter the industry in a better position, as a cook or culinary assistant.

The college's Culinary Arts Assistant Program has offered students realistic, hands-on training in food service and preparation for several years, and was recently approved by the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education as a for-credit program (see related story on Page 1.)



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Deadlines approach for many scholarships

In tough economic times, the cost of a higher education, with tuition, textbooks and other expenses, can seem overwhelming. To help with the burden, Community College of Rhode Island students can choose to apply for some of the more than 70 different scholarships offered through the CCRI Foundation and CCRI Alumni Association.

Scholarships are being offered to students in specific fields, including office administration, business administration, computer studies and information processing, criminal justice and legal studies, fine arts, health and rehabilitative services, dental health and nursing. Many others can go to students of any major.

Most of the scholarships were created by individuals who hope to help specific kinds of students, such as transferring students, student-athletes, students of a particular heritage, people facing economic hardship and many more.

Many applications are due on April 1; a second application period starts in the fall.

With so many scholarships to choose from, the application process can seem daunting, but students can make it easier by taking a few simple steps.

First, applicants should research individual scholarships, find out which ones are a good fit and what they require. This often means a transcript, updated résumé and a personal essay and sometimes recommendation letters, community service information or other criteria. Students can find further information online or can visit the Student Success Center for individual help.

Even if students miss the upcoming April deadline, they should continue to check for scholarship applications due at later times or for new awards being offered.

“Now more than ever, scholarships are very important for helping our students, and we have grown them from a few dozen to more than 70,” said Geraldine Peixoto, special events and annual fundraising coordinator for CCRI’s Office of Institutional Advancement. “Through CCRI’s Imagine capital campaign, scholarships were identified as a priority for fundraising.”

The campaign steering committee hopes to raise \$1 million in scholarship aid for students.

“We’re hoping to have more donors come forward to support our students,” Peixoto said.

Students should apply for as many scholarships as they are eligible for.

Just ask Jillian Stone, the winner of five academic scholarships last year, who also serves as the CCRI Alumni Board’s student representative.

The Business Management major received the Liberty Mutual Scholarship, the Raymond A. Ferland and Joseph P. DiMaria Student Assistance Scholarship, the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship and the Maria Pacitto Scholarship, among others offered outside of the school.

“I applied for a lot of [scholarships] and those were the ones I was fortunate enough to receive,” she said.

As a part-time student taking classes at night while working during the day, Stone said she appreciated the help her scholarships gave her.

“It allows me to continue to go to school, that’s the first and foremost,” she said. “It makes the difference between taking a class or taking a semester off.”

After applying for so many scholarships, Stone has become a sort of unofficial expert on the process and understands that it can be intimidating, especially for someone without any experience in it.

“The first scholarship I ever applied for was not through CCRI, and it was about 12 sections long, with essays,” she said. “That first attempt to go through it can be overwhelming if you don’t know what to do.”

Stone said that students should not hesitate to apply for scholarships and risk missing out on a great opportunity. Her most important piece of advice: “Apply for everything. Don’t be afraid because the worst thing that could happen is you don’t get it, and you don’t know until you try.”

For a complete list of scholarships, students can check the CCRI Foundation Web site at www.ccri.edu/foundation and click on the link: CCRI Foundation/Alumni Association Scholarships.

For help with the application process, visit www.ccri.edu/foundation and click on the link “How to Build a Scholarship Application.”



Gov. Donald L. Carcieri gets an up-close look at the work of the 18 children enrolled in the preschool at the CCRI Liston Campus, operated by Ready to Learn Providence, during a recent open house visit.

Preschool takes center stage

Governor, officials visit open house

Students of all ages attend the Community College of Rhode Island Liston Campus but one classroom skews particularly young: the preschool that Ready to Learn Providence operates.

The classroom is a site for the Rhode Island Pre-Kindergarten Demonstration Project, a state-sponsored program offering preschool education at seven locations in Central Falls, Providence, Warwick and Woonsocket. Imagine Preschool at CCRI’s Knight Campus is also part of the demonstration project.

On Feb. 26, the preschool hosted an open house for Gov. Donald Carcieri, CCRI President Ray Di Pasquale, state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Deborah Gist, State Sen. Juan Pichardo, State Rep. Grace Diaz, Providence School Superintendent Tom Brady and Kids Count Executive Director Elizabeth Burke Bryant.

The Rhode Island Department of Education announced the Demonstration Project last July. Until then, Rhode Island was one of the few states that did not offer a state-funded preschool education to young students.

“I think the whole preschool effort, particularly in urban centers, is very important,” Carcieri said. He added that these programs allow students to enter kindergarten prepared for a life-

time of academic success.

Ready to Learn Providence is a program of The Providence Plan and operates with a vision that all children in Providence will enter school healthy and prepared. The group has been active since 2003 and opened its Liston location in 2008.

Ready to Learn Providence works closely with the Early Childhood Education program in the Human Services Department at CCRI, and the classroom serves as a field site for CCRI students who are taking early childhood education courses.

Di Pasquale said that this partnership is a natural fit for the college because, while CCRI is not involved in educating young children directly, child care centers support the college’s mission of working with the adult population.

“With more and more adults returning to school, it’s absolutely critical that we provide day care at a reasonable cost,” he said. “It’s critical to helping parents go to school and it helps faculty as well.”

The child care facilities at Liston and the Knight campuses were vacant when Di Pasquale became CCRI’s president and he said he made it one of his early goals to get them up and running. Both of CCRI’s child care centers are operated through a partnership – with Ready to Learn at Liston and Imagine at the Knight Campus.

“This visit is about making sure people understand how

important partnerships are,” Di Pasquale said.

Leslie Gell, the director of Ready to Learn Providence, said that preschool education has immense benefits for students entering kindergarten, giving them greater literacy, oral language and social skills.

“The difference between those children who have received a quality education before kindergarten and those who haven’t is remarkable,” she said.

In 2003, when Ready to Learn first started, Gell said that only 55 percent of Providence kindergarteners were meeting literacy benchmarks for their age group, with many students behind by as much as one or two years.

“If students enter school behind it just gets harder and harder to catch up,” she said.

The 18 children in Ready to Learn at CCRI were eager to show off their classroom during the visit.

The students were paired in small groups with each visiting official and demonstrated the preschool’s different play and learning stations from a firsthand perspective.

“One of the goals we have for the children is for them to learn to make choices and move toward independence,” said Christine Chiacu-Forsythe, director of educational partnerships for Ready to Learn Providence.

“We thought, ‘what better way to show the classroom than to have the students do it themselves?’”

Spring enrollment sets a record for full-time equivalency

Enrollment at the Community College of Rhode Island is the second-highest of any spring semester, with an increase of 7.4 percent over last spring, and the college had the highest full-time equivalent enrollment for spring in its 45-year history, President Ray Di Pasquale announced.

According to final enrollment numbers, 17,192 students are taking classes at CCRI’s four campuses in Warwick, Lincoln, Providence and Newport and at two satellite locations in Down-

city Providence and Westerly this spring. That number is a gain of 1,187 students over last spring.

In fact, the spring enrollment was surpassed only by the Spring 1993 semester, when the state instituted a special tuition waiver with no income qualifications for senior citizens and the unemployed. Some 17,627 students enrolled that semester. The waiver later was modified to consider income, and the number of waivers substantially decreased

in subsequent semesters.

The record-setting full-time equivalent or FTE is 10,408, or 718 more than last spring, also a 7.4 percent increase. FTE represents the full-time equivalent for a group of students; for example, two half-time students equal one FTE. CCRI students also are taking 7.4 percent more credit hours, 144,875, as compared with 134,833 last spring.

Enrollment is up at all campuses, with the satellite at Westerly Middle School seeing a 24.5

percent increase in enrollment over last spring. Distance learning also increased 37.5 percent over last spring; some 1,338 students are taking classes online this semester.

Di Pasquale said the increase is not surprising given the economic conditions in the state and the unprecedented national attention that community colleges have been receiving for providing workforce training and affordable educational options.

“More and more people are

turning to their community colleges to give them the skills they need to get back into the work force or to advance their earning potential,” he said. “Here at CCRI, we continue our work to provide Rhode Islanders with the degree, certificate or skills required to gain or retain employment. Meanwhile, we are collaborating with other state agencies and industry partners to be sure we are offering the kinds of programs that will produce the workers needed in the state.”

Track star Blest Norris sets new school records

Blest Norris knew exactly what he wanted to do.

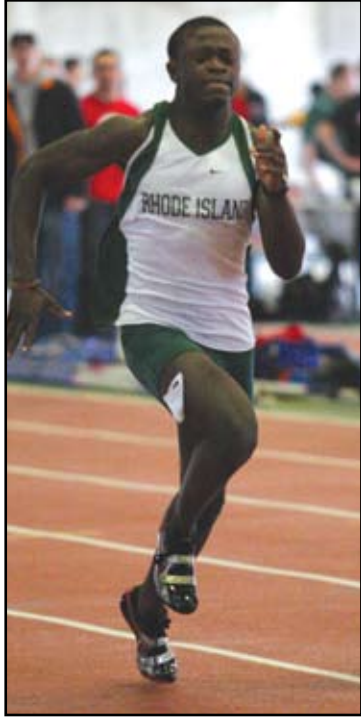
He wanted to play football.

In his three years at Grosse Pointe North High School in a suburb of Detroit, Norris played football well enough to dream of a college career. Division I schools, such as the University of Wisconsin from the Big Ten and the University of Southern Mississippi from Conference USA, recruited him but the schools ultimately turned him away.

"I played cornerback and wide receiver throughout high school," Norris said. "I wanted to play football in college. I was too small."

Track was an unknown sport to Norris prior to high school. He had no interest in track, no time for it and never participated in the sport. That changed in high school. "Our football coach told us that we had to run track, so I did," he said. "I found that I liked running. I love practicing, as hard as it is. And track always gave me something to do. It kept me out of trouble."

Track also turned out to be something that Norris excelled at. Despite not running indoor track until his junior year, during his high school career he qualified for the Junior Nationals, where he competed among the country's



Blest Norris competes at the Harvard Invitational last season.

elite runners.

Born in Gambia, a country in western Africa, trouble was never far from Norris' doorstep. His mother, a Liberian, fled Liberia with her four sons to escape the war there. A strong woman, Gloria Garnett decided to join family in the United States, and just as Norris was about to turn 8, she gathered her sons and made the move to America.

"My uncle lived in Michigan

and worked for Chrysler and he could help get my mom a job," Norris said. "So we ended up just outside of Detroit. I went to Finney High in ninth grade and then transferred to Grosse Pointe. My uncle retired from Chrysler just as I was about to graduate from high school, so my mom decided to move to Rhode Island, which was where her sisters were.

"I couldn't play football but I wanted to run in college, so I was considering NAIA schools in Indiana and some Division III schools in the Michigan area, but I made the move to Rhode Island with my mom. I didn't like it. We moved about three days after graduation. In Michigan, the week after graduation is filled with parties and events. I missed out on everything because of the move.

"When I found out we were moving to Rhode Island, I Googled CCRI and saw that they had a track team. My mom is a stickler for grades and wanted me to go to CCRI to get my grades up. When I saw that they had a track team, I knew that would be all right."

Norris has made his mark as one of the best sprinters ever at CCRI. As a freshman, he set two indoor school records by running

6.5 seconds in the 55-meter dash and 22.64 seconds in the 200-meter dash.

Unable to run outdoor track last year, Norris turned in impressive results in this season's indoor meets. He won the 55 and took second in the 200 at the Wesleyan Invitational in early December, then followed that up with a stunning win in the 60-meter dash in a school record 6.97 seconds at the Yale Invitational in mid-December against top runners from both two- and four-year schools.

In late February, he competed in the Boston University Terrier Invitational and placed sixth in the finals of the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.55 seconds. He won his heat in the preliminaries, posting the fifth fastest time of the day and tying his 6.5-second school record.

He also won his heat in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.47, breaking his own school record set at the 2009 NJCAA national championship.

In this year's NJCAA national championships earlier this month, he placed 23rd in the 60-meter dash in a time of 6.96 – breaking the record he set at Yale – and 27th in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.97.

Success hasn't come without hard work and without a price.

The young track star maintains a schedule that few college students can match.

"We live in Pawtucket and my classes are in Warwick, so every day I'm up at 5:30, I have to catch a bus at 6:20, I go to class from 8 until 4, I practice until 6, catch the bus again and I'm home by 8 at night," said Norris. "Then I take a quick nap, get up and do my homework and do it all over again the next day. I work on the weekends. I also work out on my own with Tom Spann, the coach at Hope High and with the Providence Cobras' track team. What really drains you are the long bus rides. I have no free time, but I love the camaraderie of being on a team and joking around with everyone. When you go to a meet and see me at the starting line, I'm always smiling and shaking competitors' hands."

With his time at CCRI nearing an end, Norris is already looking ahead. "I want to major in computer engineering or electrical engineering. I already have an application in at the University of Rhode Island. A lot of schools want me for track but they might not have my major, so we'll see," Norris said. "I will definitely run track in college."

It may not be football, but for Blest Norris, that's just fine.

All College Week has something for everyone on campus

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while his 1 p.m. presentation will focus on issues in the social services field.

Also that day, the Knight Campus will host the CCRI Wellness Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the popular Game Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are invited to learn about health issues such as diabetes and cancer prevention and fitness tips and techniques such as meditation and tai chi.

For the Game Day event, games will be held in the field house including volleyball, kickball, 3-on-3 basketball, ping pong, wiffle ball and Guitar Hero on Wii.

Other events that week will highlight CCRI's artistic community.

The Theater Department will perform William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" from April 15 to 18 at the Flanagan Campus. The production will feature 20 actors from the student body. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on April 15, 8 p.m. on April 16 and 17 and 2 p.m. on April 18. For ticket information, call 401-825-2219.

Assistant Professor of English and Drama Theodore Clement, the play's director, said he and the other faculty chose to stage the classic comedy because it

is light and fun, something they thought could be enjoyable for a wide audience.

"It's a good first Shakespeare play for a lot of people," Clement said, "because unlike a lot of Shakespeare plays that are in either poetry or a mix of poetry and prose, this play is almost all in prose and that makes it a little more accessible."

He added, "And you can't really go wrong with Shakespeare."

Also April 15, the Art Department will host presentations by artist Amy Freeman on the Flanagan and Knight campuses. Freeman, who teaches Drawing

I at the Newport County Campus, will discuss her work in two presentations that are open to students, faculty, staff and the public.

The Knight Campus presentation will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room and the Flanagan Campus presentation will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Art Studio 2428.

In illustrated lectures, Freeman will discuss the application of drawing skills when observing and shaping the figure on a two-dimensional surface. Topics will include compositional elements of a two-dimensional plane giving the illusion of a three-dimensional space; line quality displaying structural enhancement of objects drawn; and value and color theory as design components in drawing. Freeman also will lead a discussion on what possibilities art classes can create for a student's future in advanced education and the workplace.

Later that day, an opening reception for her exhibition, "Amy Freeman, Drawings," will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Knight Campus Art Gallery on the third floor of the round building.

"That's going to be a really special event, and a really interesting drawing exhibition," said Natalie Coletta, the chair of the Art Department. "[Freeman] is a wonderful presenter."

Freeman's work will be on display at the Knight Campus through April 23.

An exhibition also will be on display in the Flanagan Campus Art Gallery during All College Week; "Michael Yefjo: Mixed Media Sculpture" will run from March 29 to April 30.



Drawings by Amy Freeman will be on display in the Knight Campus Art Gallery during All College Week and Freeman will give two presentations on April 15.

The closing events of All College Week will focus on the college's faculty, staff and supporters. On April 16, the 8th Annual Professional Development Day will bring faculty and staff from all four campuses to Warwick for sessions on personal, professional and academic development.

All College Week ends with a ceremony to induct Business Professor John S. "Jack" Renza Jr. and President of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Laurie White into the CCRI Hall of Fame. The event will take place from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. Tickets cost \$50 and reservations can be made online at www.ccri.edu/hof.

For more information about All College Week events and to register for Community Service Day, Professional Development Day and Game Day, visit www.ccri.edu/acw.

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