RUTGERS University College

"The excitement of learning separates youth from old age. As long as you're learning you're not old."

~Rosalyn S. Yalow

Since 1934, a unit dedicated to serving adult & nontraditional students.

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WELCOME

As Dean of University College (UC) in New Brunswick, I want to offer a heartfelt Rutgers welcome to our new adult and nontraditional students. I also want to welcome back our continuing adult and nontraditional on- and off-campus students. Please know that UC honors the varied life experiences you bring to the classroom, enriching the learning experience for all students and Rutgers faculty.



Adult and nontraditional students must meet responsibilities at home and at work in order to support themselves and their families, and they must make extra, sometimes extraordinary, efforts to achieve degree completion. Successfully completing a college degree is an invaluable achievement, not just in financial terms, but also in terms of personal satisfaction and social development. Thus, our ongoing goal at UC is to support all adult and nontraditional students in achieving their academic goals. We encourage you to visit us, call us, and use our services, as we are there for you!

Finding a pathway to degree completion is no small feat, particularly for students who are not full-time on campus. To help you navigate the way, UC reminds you of important developments, events, resources, services, dates, and major and minor programs that are available evenings, weekends, and online. We also help guide you to vital web information to enhance your time at Rutgers in a more effective and efficient manner. For example, in the last few months our staff has participated in adult recruitment, pre-admissions evaluations, orientations and outreach specifically directed to meet your needs. We are currently advocating for additional majors and minors that will be easily accessible for nontraditional students. We are especially proud of our virtual Q&A interactive chat sessions rolled out for new admits to the School of Management and Labor Relations (SMLR) and the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy (EJB). Those sessions were very well received by students as participants were fully prepared for their Academic Planning and Advising (APA) session, which included new student course registration. In addition, the NTS Orientation online interactive chat was piloted this summer.

Through our continued research, collaborations, and advocacy, UCC remains committed to developing and marketing adult-friendly programs to attract adult and nontraditional students to the New Brunswick campus. Our overarching goal is to create a sense of community for those students who do not live on campus and who have significant responsibilities outside of academia. We hope you will help us in this regard by referring other adult and nontraditional students to UCC so we can help them achieve their goals, as well.

Sincerely,

Dona Schneider, Professor and Dean University College-New Brunswick

CHANGE OF CLASS DESIGNATION DAYS

Tues., November 21, 2017 — Thursday Classes Meet Wed., November 22, 2017 — Friday Classes Meet

New and Improved UC website to debut in 2018 ucnb.rutgers.edu University College-NB has moved to a new location: Federation Hall, 4 Jones Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 CAREER FAIRS



<u>Career services</u>, as part of undergraduate academic affairs (<u>UAA</u>), provides numerous resources and strategies to help students and alumni transition toward successful careers. In such a competitive market, it is highly recommended that students review the career services site each semester to learn about exciting new developments in the job market. Mark your calendars for the Fall Career and Internship Mega Fair taking place **Wednesday, September 13, 2017 and Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 11:00am**—**3:30pm**.

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NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES

UC-NB ADVISING AND SUPPORT

For advising and assistance with issues that may affect your academic career at Rutgers-NB, we invite you to contact us: 848-932-1599 Phone: Email: ucc@rutgers.edu Web site: ucc.rutgers.edu

SAS ACADEMIC ADVISING

The SAS Offices of Academic Services provide academic advising by faculty members 8:30am - 5:00pm and deans. SAS Students are encouraged to meet with an adviser at least once a semester to review graduation progress and discuss academic interests. Please note that while students may visit any campus,

Deans for SAS nontraditional students are located on the Douglass Campus.

Douglass Campus

College Hall Room 104 848-445-8888 Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm (M-F)

UNDERGRAD ACADEMIC ADVISING

DON'T ASSUME ... GET ADVICE

Can't make daytime advising appointments because of work or kids? Contact the academic dean in your school of enrollment and request a phone discussion or special appointment. For information about advising, contact your school:

SAS: http://sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/ academics/advising/general.html

SEBS: http://sebs.rutgers.edu/academics/ MGS: http://www.masongross.rutgers.edu/ content/undergraduate-academic-advisors ENGR: http://soe.rutgers.edu/oaa/officehrs

PHARM: https://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/ student advising

SMLR: ucc.rutgers.edu/ask-your-adviser EJB: http://bloustein.rutgers.edu/ undergraduate/

RBS: http://www.business.rutgers.edu/ undergrad-new-brunswick/contact-us

QUICK LINKS

Degree Navigator: nbdn.rutgers.edu

Registrar's Office: 848-445-2104 http://registrar.rutgers.edu/

Transcripts: https://transcripts.rutgers.edu

Financial Aid: 848-932-7057 https://financialaid.rutgers.edu/

Student Accounting: 848-932-2254 http://studentabc.rutgers.edu/

myRutgers Portal: https://my.rutgers.edu/

Free Software: https://oit-nb.rutgers.edu/ service/university-software-portal

NTS RESCOURCES CONT.

STUDENT VETERAN SERVICES

Ann Treadaway, Director Veterans House 14 Lafayette Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901 Phone: 848-932-VETS (8387) Fax: 732-932-1535 Email: veterans@rutgers.edu Hours/Schedule:

Office Hours: Monday - Friday



VETERANS COUNSELING HOTLINE

1-866-VETS-NJ4

DOUGLASS BUNTING FOR WOMEN AT RUTGERS

The Mary I. Bunting Program was established in 1958 by Mary I. Bunting, to provide individualized advising and support services for mature women enrolled full-time or part-time at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Students are eligible to affiliate with UC and the Douglass Residential College Bunting Program. For more information, contact:

Rebecca Reynolds, Assistant Dean, rreynold@echo.rutgers.edu 848-932-3026 x123.

STUDY TIPS FOR NONTRADITIONAL **STUDENTS**

Developing study skills is a concern for working adults returning for a new semester. Experts say that people learn more by reflecting on what they are learning rather than by simply memorizing it. Try keeping an ongoing "reading journal" to record thoughts on the material and note questions it raises. When you go back to review your notes, vou'll find new connections to current material and possibly new ways of looking at your subject. Take some time to think about Academic Skills Workshops, where academic coaches offer group workshops, Register for a workshop today! Click for source.

RECREATION CLASSES

Balancing life and academics can be difficult, but not impossible. Make time for some healthy fitness choices by visiting one of the many Rutgers Recreation Centers. See individual course descriptions for start dates. Fall 2017 classes are listed on the Rutgers Recreation website, but new classes continue to be added so keep checking the website for new additions!

OTHER RESOURCES

RU EXPRESS/CARD SERVICES

RUConnection Card is the official photo identification card that serves as the primary form of identity verification throughout the university.

See 4 Student-Cards Only Locations: http://pst.rutgers.edu/locations.php

College Avenue Location Records Hall Room 102

620 George Street

Fall Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm (M-F) If you cannot get your card during first week of semester (open until 8pm) or above regular hours, call 848-932-8041

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation Services provides all members of Rutgers-NB, with the best solution for getting around campus safely and easily. Students can obtain their parking permits and pay violation tickets in person or online: http://parktran.rutgers.edu/

Location:	55 Commercial Ave
Hours:	8:30am-5:00pm (M-F)
Phone:	848-932-7744

RUTGERS HEALTH SERVICES

Rutgers Health Services provides educational and preventative services to help maintain the health of students, staff, and faculty who may be injured, ill, or feel stressed. They are committed to providing high quality services that are confidential, cost-effective, sensitive to the diverse needs of individuals, responsive to the everchanging needs of patients, and convenient.

RUTGERS LEARNING CENTERS

Rutgers Learning Centers work with students through a variety of free academic support programs to promote student achievement. Meet your academic challenges head on. Contact a Learning Center to get started.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Learn about various scholarship opportunities available:

Office of Financial Aid

School of Arts & Science

Douglass Residential College

Sch. of Environmental & Biological Science

School of Engineering

School of Management & Labor Relations

https://scholarshipworkshop.com/ scholarship-help/scholarships-for-adults/

https://www.fastweb.com/collegescholarships/articles/non-traditional-adultand-returning-student-scholarships

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RU LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

The Student Employment Office (SEO) in the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) administers two federally-funded, part-time employment programs to currently-enrolled Rutgers students: The Federal Work Study Program (FWSP), and the Job Location and Development Program (JLDP). The FWSP, which is awarded by the OFA to students who demonstrate financial need, offers part-time, on-campus jobs in University offices, departments, and schools, and offers off-campus jobs for area non-profit organizations, agencies, and government offices. The JLDP, which has no eligibility requirements, is open to all currentlyenrolled Rutgers students, offers part-time and seasonal on-campus jobs in fields such as advertising, business, education, graphic design, healthcare, information technology, law, and many more. For information, please visit studentwork.rutgers.edu or visit the SEO at 620 George Street, Records Hall, Room 140, College Avenue Campus.

PARENT & FAMILY WEEKEND 2017 FOOTBALL GAME

Rutgers VS. Ohio State, September 30, 2017. Students can request a FREE TICKET through their student portal at Scarletknights.com, but tickets to the PFW game against Ohio State are now available! Parents and families can buy discounted tickets through their student's portal. Tickets are \$50-upper sideline or \$75-100 level. Parking is \$20 per car, cash only, at the RAC. Stadium and bag policies can be found at scarletknights.com. Full Parent & Family Weekend Schedule and details available on September 1





Earn Credit for Experience Take Classes from Home Al Siebert, PhD & Mary Karr, MS

A GIFT FOR YOU, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Whether enrolling in college for the first time or returning after an extended absence, this one-stop reference provides adult students with a wealth of practical guidance once they hit campus-either brick and mortar or online. This thorough guide explores not only how to succeed academically while balancing family, work, and other important responsibilities, but also addresses how students can learn to confront their fears, increase their self-confidence and resiliency, and create learning support groups. The handbook contains essential information on financing education through loans, grants, and scholarships, as well as practical tips for managing time, preparing for tests, taking effective notes, and using internet resources. Now in its seventh edition, The Adult Student's Guide to Survival & Success has both stood the test of time and evolved with it. You can pick up your copy beginning Monday, August 28, 2017 at Federation Hall. 4 Jones Avenue. New Brunswick. NJ 08901 between the hours of 10:00 am- 5:00pm. Rutgers ID required. If you need to pick-up your copy during evening hours, please email ucc@rutgers.edu with RUID, name, date and time of pick-up convenient for you.

RUTGERS-NEW BRUNSWICK'S GOT A LOT TO OFFER...GET ORIENTED

When you're new to New Brunswick or returning, you can always use tips for getting around campus, finding academic support, learning about housing options, and otherwise ensuring university life is everything you want it to be.



DID YOU KNOW THERE IS AN ADULT HONOR SOCIETY?

Alpha Sigma Lambda is dedicated to the advancement of scholarship and recognizes high scholastic achievement in an adult student's career. Alpha Sigma Lambda's aim is to recognize special achievements of adults who accomplish academic excellence while managing the demands of home and work.

CHANGES COMING TO RUTGERS' NEW BRUNSWICK CAMPUS TO IMPROVE **TRAFFIC FLOW. STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

Rutgers and the city of New Brunswick are taking the next steps in a transformative redevelopment plan by beginning work on dedicated bike and bus lanes along College Avenue that will improve traffic flow, enhance pedestrian safety and create more attractive campus environment for students. Read more.

WHERE DO YOU GET NEWS ABOUT RUTGERS?

Your source for university news is all around you. Learn more about Rutgers' top stories, features, athletics, fun facts and just what's happening. Share your Big Ten pride of Rutgers by visiting: Rutgers Today, Research News, Media Relations, Other Rutgers Media and Social Media Directory.

RUTGERS PUBLIC SAFETY TAKEN SERIOUSLY

University Public Safety is committed to ensuring a safe environment for everyone at Rutgers. Public Safety is responsible for responding to all emergencies, suspicious activities, crimes, security and safety concerns. The goal is to work in partnership with students, faculty and staff to provide a safe, enjoyable, and fulfilling university experience. The internationally accredited Rutgers University Police Department (RUPD) operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide the university community with a full range of police and security services. Learn what you can do for yourself and others when reporting via call/text or being informed about emergency, nonemergency, prevention and response. Remember, "Call when you can...Text when you can't."

SPRING 2018 PRE-REGISTRATION CALENDAR SET

Mark your calendar! Spring 2018 pre-registration dates and time slots are available for students based on degree credits already earned toward graduation and do not include current course load. Don't lose your opportunity to pick the courses you need to graduate on time. New students admitted spring 2018 will begin registration after preregistration.

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Hello my name is Betzaida Feliciano-Berrios, but friends and colleagues call me "Betsy." I offer you over 20 years of Rutgers' experience. I started as an assistant registrar at Rutgers-Camden and in 2006 became assistant dean and director of student services for UC-NB. Now as Director for Nontraditional Student Services in New Brunswick, I am honored to be your champion. UC strives to provide services necessary for you to have a fulfilling Rutgers experience as you reach degree completion. "In Your Corner" is a new segment of our 10-year anniversary newsletter, which includes information from colleagues and departments throughout Rutgers-New Brunswick who support and serve nontraditional students. We hope you enjoy this segment and wish you a great semester!



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Hello, my name is Rebecca Reynolds and I have been working at Douglass for over 25 years. I am currently an assistant dean at Douglass Residential College, directing our mentoring and advising program and the Mary I. Bunting Program for nontraditional women students. At Douglass we strive to create a close-knit community for nontraditional age women who are returning to school with special initiatives, mentoring, and scholarship opportunities.

Our first event for Mary I. Bunting Students will be our Bunting Student Orientation Lunch in the Ludwig Center, 1:15-2:30, Friday Sept. 1. Incoming Bunting Students will connect with each other and meet peer mentors who contacted them over the summer. They will also have an opportunity to meet the Bunting Peer Academic Leader (PAL), a current student who will be their point person for programs, questions, and everything academic. After lunch, a panel

of current students will answer burning questions about Rutgers, bus routes, apps, books, parking and transportation, commuting, classes, et. al. We will also be providing students with a Welcome booklet just for Buntings. We will then take a tour of the Bunting Lounge in the Student Center. Among all the events for Douglass students and the community, we will hold a commuter "Coffee and Chat" Friday morning, Sept. 15, in the basement of the newly renovated Voorhees Chapel, from 9 – 10:30 am with coffee and pastries. Students will learn about the career and leadership opportunities offered through the BOLD Center for Leadership and Career Development, while staff and Commuter PALs answer questions about ways to get involved as commuters. September 18, everyone in the Rutgers NB community is invited to our Centennial year launch, with lots of activities, 6 pm to 9 pm, in front of College Hall. We will have food, an involvement fair, activities, and later fireworks and a DJ. Kids welcome!



Hello, my name is Ann Treadaway, director of the Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services (OVMPS). The history of Rutgers commitment to students who have served in the military is a long and distinguished one. Since the beginning, Rutgers students have answered their nations' call. Students of Queens College left their classes to fight for their country's independence as the British landed on New Jersey's shores. Graduates requested their diplomas by mail as they fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War.

Student veterans outnumbered their civilian classmates after World War II utilizing the first GI Bill, and now, after the longest period of sustained warfare in American history, the number of Rutgers students who have served in the United States Armed Forces has more than doubled since the passage of the Post 9/11 GI Bill. The Office of Veteran

and Military Programs and Services at Rutgers University recognizes and appreciates these students' service and sacrifice. It is for that very reason we are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition and supportive environment for our students who have served in the United States Armed Forces, and their families, throughout their college careers.

Come see for yourself and join OVMPS kick off the 2017-2018 academic year at one of our events. OVMPS will be hosting the third installment of its Recreation Series with Beach Biking at Sandy Hook Beach August 26th. On September 16th, join our student veterans, military and dependents root on the Scarlet Knights at High Point Stadium for the Military Appreciation Game. To round off our first month back, OVMPS will be hosting its "Welcome Back BBQ" and VA Day on September 29th at Veteran House 14 Lafayette St. New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Learn more, call 848-932-8387 (VETS) or check out our website https://veterans.rutgers.edu

Did you know nontraditional students in the School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) have a dedicated team



of advisers sensitive to the concerns and schedules of nontraditional students? Hello, my name is Milagros Arroyo, assistant dean and director of the SAS Office of Nontraditional Students and Special Populations located at College Hall, Rm 104. We offer individualized academic planning and answers to your questions about academic life at Rutgers. If you have just a quick question or two, we invite you to stop by in-person at our advising desk, email us at <u>nontraditional@sas.rutgers.edu</u> or telephone 848-932-8888 and ask for the Nontraditional Office. For a more extended discussion in person, call 848-932-8888 and ask for an individual appointment with the nontraditional advisers. Or request a telephone appointment by emailing <u>nontraditional@sas.rutgers.edu</u> and please include your

telephone number, RUID, and two different days/times that you are available Monday – Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. Our Team: Deans Milagros Arroyo, Shaheen Fatima, Diane DeLauro, and Catrina Gallo

University College, Rutgers N.B. Alumni Association (UCRNBAA) is a chartered organization in affiliation with the <u>Rutgers</u> <u>University Alumni Association (RUAA)</u>. UCRNBAA's purpose is to develop and foster close relationships between fellowship RU Alumni, Rutgers University and the University College Rutgers-New Brunswick Community through social events, educational programs and philanthropy. The Association serves Rutgers Alumni who identify as nontraditional graduates of Rutgers-New Brunswick. We engage with both current students and Alumni, providing opportunities for interaction and networking. UCRNBAA continues to contribute to an endowed scholarship which is awarded annually to eligible nontraditional students as determined by University Administration. The Board of UCRNBAA meets five (5) times a year, September, November, February, April and June (Annual Meeting). The Executive Officers for the coming FY2017/2018 year are Helen F. Pirrello - President; Kim Sciallo - Chair; Eduardo Heidelberg - 1st V.P.; Mary Anne Guenther - 2nd V.P.; Eric De Vincenzo - Treasurer.

UCRNBAA sponsors several events a year including co-sponsorship of the All Alumni Theater Night at Livingston Theater Company in April and Rutgers at the Races at Monmouth Park Racetrack in June each year. The organization is also a strong supporter of our Veterans through Rutgers' Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services. Check the calendar on RAlumni.com for events and activities of all the chartered organizations affiliated with the RUAA. To receive notifications of meetings, events and other news for UCRNBAA via email, please register at <u>RAlumni.com</u>.

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"Rutgers has to offer a more personalized and institutionally streamlined student experience." - <u>University Strategic Plan</u>, Pg. 6

The Student Experience Improvement Initiative (SEII) reflects the University's dedication to provide seamless, integrated, effective and responsive student services that meet Rutgers students' needs, and are aligned with the expectations associated with being a world-class institution.

Be in the KNOW Early! New Policies and Procedures will be Effective Immediately

The <u>Student Experience Improvement Initiative (SEII) Steering Committee</u> is a working group that has been evaluating policies and processes related to confirmation of attendance, deregistration, and financial holds. The group's goal is to improve the student experience while maintaining fiscal responsibility of the university's receivables, and as such, is implementing several changes for the Fall 2017 semester.

• Elimination of deregistration policy and process:

- Deregistration is the process by which a student's course registration is cancelled three weeks into the semester due to non-payment of the term bill.
- Effective Fall 2017, students will no longer be deregistered due to non-payment. They will continue to have access to their courses and course management systems through the Fall 2017 academic term.

• Strict enforcement of financial holds:

- Students who owe the University at the time of registration for the next term will be blocked from registering for classes.
- Pre-registration for Spring 2018 begins on October 29, 2017; students must have either paid in full or made payment arrangements (i.e., enrolled in a tuition payment plan) by October 27 to be permitted to register for Spring 2018 classes at that time.

• Familiarization with Financial Responsibility Statement:

A Financial Responsibility Statement (FRS) exists within the student term bill portal.



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A link to this language will also be added within the Web Reg system. The purpose is to familiarize students with the financial responsibility of registering for courses. At this time, the Web Reg link will be informational only; students will continue to accept the FRS through the term bill portal.

Policies and Procedures Remaining the Same

The following policies and processes are not changing, and should continue to be followed as they exist today.

- Confirmation of attendance
 - All <u>registered</u> undergraduate and graduate students must confirm their attendance. Follow these easy <u>steps to complete</u> the process.
- Add/drop policies and procedures
 - Students have the ability to rearrange course schedules during the first 9 days of classes using <u>webreg.rutgers.edu</u>. Students having difficulty during this process should contact their respective school's advising offices.
- Process for students to drop all their classes prior to the start of term
 - Due to the aforementioned new policies and procedures effective immediately for this fall, students who are knowingly registered for courses prior to classes beginning, yet have no intention of attending, will be required to withdraw completely by September 4, 2017 from all classes using webreg in order to receive a 100% refund.
- Process for students to withdraw after the start of term
 - A student who voluntarily withdraws from all courses during the first six weeks of a term following their respective school's "Withdrawal from School" process will receive a partial reduction of tuition and fees (campus, school, and computer) according to the week of the <u>withdrawal</u>.
- Late fee structure and charges
 - The Rutgers Board of Governors approved the university's tuition and fee rates for the 2017–2018 academic year on July 19, 2017. <u>Tuition and fees</u> vary based on school affiliation, campus, and program. Late fees appear on your student account once your deadline has passed.

To realize the objectives of the Strategic Plan, SEII will formulate data-based recommendations for enrollment management and student accounts operational models that will improve the Rutgers student experience and design and implement smoother, efficient, standardized, and compliant processes for enrollment management and student accounts at Rutgers. Stay informed about future consideration.

"Our current students and our alumni tell us that, while they attach great value to their Rutgers education, their experience at Rutgers is or was often not as positive as it could be. Student experience today is largely defined by the University's immense size and unwieldy bureaucracy, creating needless challenges for students navigating University systems and processes or trying to access educational and financial resources...Rutgers needs to reduce or eliminate ineffective or unresponsive elements within our student support system." – University Strategic Plan

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Rutgers Student Food Pantry is dedicated to helping students in need. Its primary mission is to provide necessary food and personal care products to members of the Rutgers community. Donations are accepted at The Office of Off-Campus Living & Community Partnerships, located at 39 Union Street anytime between the hours of 830AM-500PM. Donation pick-up can be intranged as well.

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ITEMS WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

CEREAL

- INDIVIDUAL PACKETS OF OATMEAL
- D PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- TUNA/CANNED MEATS
- DANNED PASTA/ PREPARED MEALS
- PASTA/MAC & CHEESE
- D PASTA SAUCE

- (small bags/boxes)
 CANNED GOODS
 (soup, beans, fruit, vegetables)
 CONDIMENTS
 (salad dressing, mayonnaise, etc.)
 POTATOES
 (instant, canned potatoeb/yams)
- Granola bars, dried fruit, crackers jello, pudding, etc.)
- BEVERAGES
- PAPER PRODUCTS
- PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Rutgers Food Pantry Aims to Feed an Underreported Population:

Students <u>"National estimates suggest 20 percent of</u> <u>college students have experienced hunger...</u>" The Rutgers Student Food Pantry is dedicated to helping students in need. Its primary mission is to provide necessary food and personal care products to members of the Rutgers Community. Donations are accepted at Off-Campus Living and Community Partnerships, located at 39 Union Street anytime between the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm. Donation pick-up can be arranged as well. The Rutgers Student Food Pantry is open to students 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday; no appointment necessary. Students only need to bring their RUID.

Visit: http://ruoffcampus.rutgers.edu/food/

Too Young to Think About Social Security...Think Again!

<u>Social Security</u> is constantly improving the way they protect what's important to you. See all that <u>my Social</u> <u>Security</u> Account can let you do.

kite+key-The Rutgers Tech Store

Try before you buy your next tech purchase and take advantage of computer repair and loaner program.

American Association of University Women-Greater Wayne Area Branch Scholarship



"It was a difficult decision for the committee this year-so many worthy women to choose from," were Linda Trongone's words when she contacted UC informing that yet again, another Rutgers student has won! The scholarship is offered to woman, at least 25 years of age, pursuing an initial associate's or bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. Jennifer Helminski, an SAS student majoring in geography with a minor in religion, was one of two winners for 2017; the second was a student at Ramapo College.

Jennifer shared, "I am incredibly honored to receive this scholarship from AAUW, an organization devoted to supporting girls' and women's education and empowerment. It was a huge personal challenge for me to return to college as an adult after many years of working and struggling without a degree. I worried that I would have to put my life on hold for several more years while I completed my degrees, but the reality is that I have received so much

support and so many incredible opportunities for growth and engagement since coming to Rutgers. Being an adult student comes with many different challenges, but investing in ourselves and realizing our potential is absolutely worth the commitment. Years ago, I never would have imagined that I'd be where I am now and I am excited to see where my path continues to take me. I would like to encourage my fellow nontraditional students to never give up on finding fulfillment and attaining their goals. It is never too late to make our dreams reality!"

The AAUW will be making improvements and are in need of additional members to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Visit for more information: <u>http://greaterwaynearea-nj.aauw.net/</u>

New Brunswick Online Offerings to Consider

Dept. Course		Minor	Major
Code	Department Name	Credits	Credits
080	Arts (MGSA)	22	
193	Community Health Outreach (SEBS)	22-23	
575	Labor Studies w Concentrations (SMLR)	18	
575	Labor Studies & Employment Relations (SMLR)		36
607	Leadership Skills (SEBS)	18-19	
730	Philosophy (SAS)	18	
790	Political Science (SAS)	18	
832	Public Health (EJB)	24	46

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IMPORTANT SEMESTER DATES			UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COMMUNITY			
Last day to withdraw (100% refund) Labor Day– University Closed	Mon., Sept 4	LAST DAY to <u>Drop is Tuesday,</u> 09/12 (without a "W" grade) LAST DAY to <u>ADD is</u> Wednesday, 9/13.	Dr. Dona Schneider Dean Betsy Feliciano-Berrios,			
Fall 2017 classes begin Add/drop for student 60.0 or more credits.	Tues., September 5	LAST DAY to Withdraw from a course with a "W" Grade: Monday ,	Director Dijon Marie Coss Senior Unit Administrator Camille DiLeo, Administrative Support			
Add/drop undergraduate students with <mark>0 or more</mark> degree credits	Wed., September 6	October 30th. Complete Withdrawal Tuition Refund Only Dates in effect. (Not				
Saturday Classes Begin	Sat., September 9	to be confused with a course	Location: Federation Hall			
Spring 2018 Pre- Registration Begins	TBD - End of Oct., Early Nov.	drop).	4 Jones Avenue, 1st floor Douglass Campus			
Last day to withdraw from School (end of 12th week).	Mon., November 27	For refund policies, see details on the following website:	New Brunswick, NJ 08901			
Thanksgiving Recess	November 23 thru November 26	http://www.studentabc.rutgers.edu/ refund	Phone: 848-932-1599 Email: ucc@rutgers.edu			
Regular Classes End	Wed., December 13	Please Note: Speak to an	Website: ucc.rutgers.edu			
Reading Day	Thurs., December 14	advisor before withdrawing.				
Fall Exams Begin	Fri., December 15	Financial Aid may be affected.				
Fall Exams End	Fri., December 22					
Winter Recess Begins	Fri., December 22					
Winter Recess Ends	Fri., January 12	*** Are you an adult/nontraditional student with a <u>story to help inspire your fellow</u> <u>students</u> at Rutgers-NB? Do you want to be part of the new and improved UCC website? Contact us with questions or your full name, RUID, story & picture to <u>ucc@rutgers.edu</u> *** <u>Meet our affiliates</u>				
Spring Semester Begins	Tues., January 16					



UC Dean, Dr. Dona Schneider, congratulates scholarship winner,

Carol Cofone (left) in front of a

founding Dean of University

College (1934-1950).

Norman Christian Miller portrait,

NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT STORY

Carol Cofone took a series of baby steps to get to Rutgers, but was not expecting the big step forward when she was awarded the UC, NB Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship. Candidates are required to write an essay and must affiliate as nontraditional in New Brunswick. They must also be part-time, high-achieving undergraduates with 75+ degree credits (minimally 15 credits completed at Rutgers).

Carol received her first undergraduate degree from Syracuse University in 1978 - a dual degree from the College of Arts and Sciences and Newhouse School of Public Communications. She became an advertising professional, copywriter and strategic planner, dedicating 30 years to her career. She admits, "In thirty years, things change, no matter what field you're in. You have to find a new way to think about what you are doing, and what you want to do next." As a first step, she took a non-credit Italian conversation class taught by Silvia Gazzo at Brookdale Community College, who encouraged her to continue.

She enrolled at Brookdale and took all of the Italian classes they offered. Her teacher, Associate Professor Deborah De Blasio, who received her MA at Rutgers, inspired her to look into Rutgers' offerings in Italian. She began by taking a few classes on the College Avenue campus. After taking courses with Professor Laura White and Professor Andrea Baldi, Carol knew she wanted to pursue a second undergraduate degree, "I wanted to speak, read, write and think in Italian."

When asked about challenges she experienced with work and family responsibilities, she said, "Keeping a household and a career running while attending school is difficult – everything needs attention at the same time. But my husband, Bob, made this easy for me. The encouragement of my entire family and my friends kept me going. The company where I freelance, Big Arrow Group, accommodated my ever changing schedule so I could work and go to school."

Carol describes her experience at Rutgers as "one of the most positive of my life. Rutgers students, especially my classmates in the Italian department, helped me find my way. My advisor, Dean Elizabeth Spear, helped me understand the full value of a second undergraduate degree. Thanks to her, I discovered I could earn a certificate in historic preservation through the CHAPS (Cultural Heritage and Preservation Studies) Program in Art History along with my Italian major."

Carol goes further to detail that the International Historic Preservation class, taught in New Brunswick and Naples, Italy simultaneously by Professor David Listokin of the EJ Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, introduced her to the professors and students of a consortium of Italian universities. Through the resources of the Aresty program, she met Professor T. Corey Brennan of the Classics Department. He invited her to participate in his research project, the creation of a digital archive of the historic documents of the Boncompagni Ludovisi family in Rome. "Rutgers attracts brilliant deans and professors. They show you how to take your interests well beyond the pursuit of a degree," she added.

Carol's advice to other adults at Rutgers is, "Just begin. What Rutgers can give you will become apparent as you go. You might come for a class; you may stay for a degree. Either way, it can make all the difference." Since 2009, Carol has been taking classes in the School of Arts and Sciences-New Brunswick and completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Italian May 2017, Summa Cum Laude.