

"Don't spend your time asking 'Why isn't the world a better place?' It will only be time wasted. The question to ask is "How can I make it better?" To that there is an answer." ~Leo Buscaglia

University College Community

A unit dedicated to serving adult & nontraditional students

UCC Newsletter-September 2012



Fall 2012 Welcome

Hello, my name is <u>Susan J. Schurman</u>. I am the Dean of the University College Community, Professor and Dean of the School of Management and Labor Relations, as well as chairperson of the Undergraduate Professional Schools' Academic Oversight Committee for the New Brunswick Campus.

I want to offer a heartfelt Rutgers welcome to our new adult and nontraditional students and welcome back our continuing on and off-campus students.

UCC is aware that adult and nontraditional students must meet various responsibilities at home and at work while making extra efforts to reach their academic goals. We also know the value of

successfully completing a college degree, not just in financial terms, but also in terms of personal development and social change.

Our ongoing goal is to support adult and nontraditional students because we know that they face significant non-academic responsibilities that make their college years very different from the traditional college experience. Our first task is to reach nontraditional students to make sure that they are informed of important developments, events, resources, services, dates, and major and minor programs that are available evenings, weekends, and online. UCC also helps guide nontraditional students to vital web information to enhance their experience at Rutgers University in a more effective and efficient manner. In addition, we advocate for nontraditional students inside the larger Rutgers University community by recommending policies and programs to meet their specific needs.

In the spring, we worked with the newly renamed <u>Office of Veteran and Military</u> <u>Programs and Services</u> to hold the 7th annual Rutgers University Veterans Appreciation Dinner, allowing veterans to meet key administrators and fellow colleagues. We also hosted the UCC graduation reception for adult/nontraditional students, Class of 2012.

This past spring and summer, we participated in adult recruitment, orientations, transition programs, and Veteran outreach initiatives, to name a few. We are especially proud of our administrative contributions to the formation of two degree-completion programs designed specifically for adult nontraditional students: the <u>School of</u> <u>Management and Labor Relations</u>' <u>Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Labor &</u> <u>Employment Relations</u>, and the <u>Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public</u> <u>Policy's Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health</u>. Through our continued research, collaborations, and advocacy, we remain committed to developing and marketing <u>adult</u> <u>-friendly programs</u> to attract adult and nontraditional students. In fact, through our enhanced outreach via our Virtual Learning Community on <u>sakai</u>, <u>myRutgers</u>, UCC email lists, and direct mail, we are confident that we will identify more nontraditional students.

Our 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.

Sincerely,

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Rutgers Names 20th President

Robert L. Barchi was named the 20th president of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, on April 11, 2012. He will begin serving as president of Rutgers University on September 1, 2012. In the midst of restructuring <u>higher education</u> in the state of New Jersey, and the expected signing of the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act, <u>Rutgers will preserve its statewide</u> <u>imprint</u>, expand its national impact, and position itself to become one of America's most elite research universities. <u>Read more</u> <u>about</u> the future of your university.

UCC New Website Coming Soon

The <u>University College Community</u> will be releasing the new and improved website in the coming fall to bring important information to you. Our goal is to attract more adults to the flexible adult-friendly services and programs offered by the New Brunswick campus. We will share our students' stories about their educational successes and challenges, provide news and data on the progress made by adult students in higher education, and scholarships in and outside of Rutgers and much more.

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NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES

UCC ADVISING AND SUPPORT

For advising and assistance with issues that may affect your academic career at Rutgers-NB, we invite you to contact us: Phone: 732-932-6965x2150 Email: ucc@rci.rutgers.edu

Website: ucc.rutgers.edu

SAS ACADEMIC ADVISING

The SAS Offices of Academic Services provide academic advising by faculty members and deans. SAS Students are encouraged to meet with an advisor 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 104 848-932-9729 M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

UNDERGRAD ACADEMIC ADVISING

DON'T ASSUME ... GET ADVICE

Can't make day advising appointments because of work or kids? Contact your 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/ firstvearadvisers.asp

MG: 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: http://smlr.rutgers.edu/labor-andemployment-relations/student-services EJB: http://policy.rutgers.edu/academics/ undergrad/prospective.php

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 http://studentaid.rutgers.edu/

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

VETERAN RESOURCES

Veterans House 14 Lafayette Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901 **Driving Directions** Contact Email: veterans@rutgers.edu

Student Veteran Services Col. Stephen Abel & Robert Bright 848-932-VETS(8387)

Registrar Certifying Official Monica Licourt (UG) 848-445-2757

Financial Aid/ Accounting Elizabeth Rollins 848-932-7057 x2611 Margaret Reardon 848-932-1892

Counseling Services Thomas Morgan 732-445-5216

Veterans Counseling Hotline -1-866-VETS-NJ4

Phone: 848-932-VETS (8387)

Hours/Schedule: Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm Fax: 732-932-1535



DOUGLASS BUNTING FOR WOMEN AT RUTGERS

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

Rebecca Reynolds, Assistant Dean, rreynold@echo.rutgers.edu 848-932-3026 x 123.

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 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, you'll find new connections to current material and possibly new ways of looking at your subject. Click for source

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.

Location: 102 Records Hall, College Avenue Campus Hours: 8:00am-8:00pm (M-F) If you cannot get your card during these 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)

RUTGERS HEALTH SERVICES

Rutgers Health Services provides educational and preventative services to help maintain the health of students, staff, and faculty who may get injured, become ill, or feel stressed.

Hurtado Health Center, CAC

11 Bishop Place Location: Days: Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00pm **Regular Hrs:** Emergency Hrs: 5:00-8:00pm

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.

Busch Campus: ARC Blg, Rm 322 CAC: Kreeger Learning Center C/D Campus: Loree Blg, Rm 124 Livingston Campus: Tillett Hall, Rm 111

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Learn about various scholarship opportunities available:. School of Arts & Science

Douglass Residential College

Sch. of Environmental & Biological Science

School of Engineering

http://www.scholarshipworkshop.com/ adult-scholarships.html





RU LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT?

Rutgers Student Employment Office in New Brunswick administers employment programs to adult and nontraditional students. Eligible students can work in on-campus and off-campus paid community service positions for non-profit agencies and organizations in areas related to education and literacy, human and social services, law and public policy, arts and humanities, diversity and social justice, and health and business. The following employment programs serve our students: the Job Location and Development Program (JLDP), which consists of unskilled to technical work-study jobs offered on a part-time and seasonal basis, and the Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP), which is funded by the federal government and the university for students eligible for financial aid.

NJ PLACE AT UCC



The University College Community is home to NJ PLACE, a program of the State Employment and Training Commission (SETC) designed for a special group of nontraditional students-apprentices. Through NJ PLACE, apprentices in one of several programs can get college credit for their qualifying apprenticeship training, giving them a head start toward a degree at any of New Jersey's community colleges. Those who complete their associate degree then have the option of applying for transfer to the Bachelor of Science degree in Labor & Employment Relations (BSLER) at the Rutgers' School of Management and Labor Relations (SMLR) - or any related degree programs throughout the state. At NJ PLACE, apprenticeship isn't an alternative to college, but an exciting pathway to it! Learn more about NJ PLACE: njplace.com.

CAREER FAIRS

Career services, as part of undergraduate education, 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 2012 and Spring 2013 Career Days. Visit: http://careerservices.rutgers.edu/careerdays.shtml today!

UCC OFFERS VIRTUAL ORIENTATION AND MORE

Information overload may cause some individuals varving levels of difficulty in understanding, remembering or decision making. UCC has created virtual environments to support and encourage students to take control of their academic planning and locate resources, which can be accessed at their convenience. Students may already have the tab under "more sites." but if you do not have the tab on Sakai, join our virtual site today in 6 easy steps: 1. Visit https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal; 2. Login using NetID and password; 3. Click on Membership (left panel); 4. Click "Joinable Sites"; 5. Enter "UCC" and click Search box (at right); 6. Click "Join" under UC Community. You can also email ucc@rci.rutgers.edu to be added to Sakai.



UCC NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Carol Hladun

Carol Hladun, who will celebrate her 70th birthday this September, is a lifelong resident of New Jersey, and currently lives in Highland Park. Carol is a UCC Rutgers student enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences, majoring in Sociology with a GPA of 3.796.



After graduating from Perth Amboy HS in 1960, Carol took a job at The Home News Publishing Company in New Brunswick. She moved to Somerset County in the 1970s, and enrolled as a business student in the newly opened Raritan Valley Community College, which was operating out of trailers at the time. After moving back to Middlesex County, she continued her studies at Middlesex County College, all the while working at increasingly responsible jobs at the Home News.

Carol enjoyed a career of 47 years in the newspaper industry. She started out at the Home News as a receptionist and relief switchboard operator, was promoted first to secretary then to the advertising director. She eventually became the advertising director at the Village Voice and then advertising director at the Star-Ledger. The additional claim her job placed on her time, combined with the demands of several family illnesses, forced her to drop out of college.

Earning her B.A. remained unfinished business for her, and she was determined to finish her studies. In September 1999 she re-enrolled as a part-time evening student at Middlesex County College. She took two courses each semester and back-to-back summer and winter session courses, and graduated with highest honors in January 2004. She moved on to UCC/Rutgers as a nontraditional part-time student and continued to attend evening classes until she retired from work. Upon retirement, she fulfilled another lifelong dream: She ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. Carol feels that the UCC deans and advisers with whom she has dealt with provide good support and direction for non-traditional students.

Carol is now seven credits away from graduating with her B.A. and achieving the educational goal of her lifetime. She has cherished the interaction with fellow students, the insight offered by her classmates' different perspectives, and the satisfaction of learning well through hard work. Her career at Rutgers has been guided by one of her favorite guotes, from Abigail Adams (1744 -1818): Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.

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IMPORTANT SEMESTER DATES			UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COMMUNITY	
Last day to withdraw (100% refund)	Fri. Aug 31	LAST DAY to <u>Drop is</u> Tuesday, 09/11/12. (without a	Dr. Susan Schurman , 732-932-6965 Dean	
Labor Day– University Closed	Mon. Sept 3	"W" grade)		
Fall Semester Begins	Tues. Sept 4	LAST DAY to <u>ADD is</u>	Betsy Feliciano-Berrios, 732-932-6965 Assistant Dean for Recruitment and	
Saturday Classes Begins	Sat. Sept 8	<u>Wednesday, 09/12/12.</u>	Student Services	
De-Registration for non- payment	Fri. Sept. 21	Complete Withdrawal Tuition Refunds Only Dates in effect.	Dr. Kay Lynch , 732-932-6965 x2156 Senior Coordinator of Special Programs	
Spring 2013 Registration begins	Sun Nov 4 - 16	(Not to be confused with a course drop). Fidelia Pokuah , 732-932-6965 x2150 <i>Administrative Assistant</i>		
Thanksgiving Recess	Thurs. Nov 22– Sun Nov 25	LAST DAY to Withdraw from a course with a "W" Grade:	Location: University Inn & Conference Ctr	
Last day to withdraw from School (end of 12th week).	Mon. Nov 26	Monday, October 29th.	3rd Floor, Douglass Campus 178 Ryders Lane	
Regular Classes End	Wed. Dec 12	For refund policies, see details on the following website:	New Brunswick, NJ 08901	
Reading Days	Thurs. Dec 13 & Fri. Dec 14	http://nbregistrar.rutgers.edu/ undergrad/f12ugcal.htm	Phone: 732-932-6965/ 732-932-6997 Fax: 732-932-7906	
Fall Exams Begin	Sat. Dec 15	Please Note: Speak to an	Email: ucc@rci.rutgers.edu	
Fall Exams End	Fri. Dec 21	advisor before withdrawing.	Website: ucc.rutgers.edu	
Winter Recess Begins	Sat. Dec 22	Financial Aid may be affected.		
Winter Recess Ends	Mon. Jan 21, 2013	*** Are you an adult/nontraditional student with a story to help inspire your fellow students at Rutgers-NB? Do you want to be part of the new		
Spring Semester Begins	Tue. Jan 22, 2013	and improved UCC website? Email your full name, RUID, story & picture to: <u>ucc@rci.rutgers.edu</u> or call us with questions.***		

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