

University College Community

A unit dedicated to serving adult and nontraditional students

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Dean's Spring 2010 Welcome

Hello and Happy New Year! My name is [Susan J. Schurman](#). I am the Dean of the University College Community and hold concurrent roles as faculty in the School of Management and Labor Relations, Director of Life-Long Learning, and Veteran Services Coordinator for the New Brunswick Campus. I'd like to take this opportunity to offer a heartfelt Rutgers welcome to our new adult and nontraditional students and welcome back our continuing on-campus and off-campus students.



[Susan J. Schurman, PhD](#)

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

This past Fall, we held a Dean's Forum to hear adult and nontraditional students voice their concerns. We participated in adult recruitment, orientations, transition programs, and Veteran outreach initiatives, to name a few. Our most important and impressive accomplishment was our contribution to the formation of the new adult-friendly degree granting unit in the [School of Management and Labor Relations](#), which will begin fully accepting students directly into the school for a [Bachelor of Science \(BS\) degree](#) beginning Fall 2010. Through our continued research, collaborations, and focus groups, we remain committed to developing programs to attract a growing number of nontraditional students to Rutgers. In fact, through our enhanced outreach via our Virtual Learning Community on [sakai](#), [myRutgers](#), and direct mail, we are confident that we will identify more nontraditional students. We have also started a volunteer mentoring program so that Rutgers faculty and staff who are veterans can act as resources for an anticipated influx of returning veterans in the years to come. These are just a few of our many accomplishments and actions.

Our goal is to create a sense of community for those students who do not live on campus and whose lives are also dedicated to responsibilities outside of academia.

Sincerely,

UCC Adult and Nontraditional Student Orientation

Saturday, January 16, 2010, 10:00am - 3:30pm

Location: [Allison Road Classroom Building](#)

618 Allison Road

Piscataway, NJ 08854

Busch Campus

For details and to RSVP, please visit:

<http://ucc.rutgers.edu/professional-schools/academic-planning-advising>

or call 732-932-6965 ext 2150

Rutgers Volunteer Veteran Mentoring Program

Rutgers Veteran Mentoring Program ensures that veteran students receive support, advice, and guidance to reach their academic goals. Our mentors, veterans and military family members are eager to welcome veterans to Rutgers this spring.

Please visit our New Brunswick Campus [veterans site](#) to complete a preliminary questionnaire to enable us to match you with a suitable mentor.

Encourage prospective veteran students to go to our main University site for admission information: <http://veterans.rutgers.edu/>

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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: 732-932-6965, ext. 2150

Email: ucc@rci.rutgers.edu

Fax: 732-932-7906

Website: ucc.rutgers.edu

Academic Advising

Please note that while you may visit any campus advising center, Deans for nontraditional students of SAS are located on the Douglass Campus.

SAS- Nontraditional Student Deans Office

College Hall, Douglass Campus

125 George Street

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Tel: 848-445-8888

M-F: 8:30am-5:00pm

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 each school:

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

SEBS: <http://sebs.rutgers.edu/academics/firstyearadvisers.asp>

Mason Gross: <http://www.masongross.rutgers.edu/content/undergraduate-academic-advisors>

Engineering: <http://soe.rutgers.edu/oa/offcehrs>

Pharmacy: https://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/student_advising

Other Resources

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/>

RU An Employed Student?

The economic situation in the U.S. is impacting the unemployment rate by the thousands, and some Americans don't expect to be recalled to work anytime soon. Rutgers [Student Employment Office](#) in New Brunswick, under the umbrella of the Financial Aid Office, continues to administer employment programs during these times of economic stress by collaborating with UCC and other departments to convey the numerous opportunities available to adult and nontraditional students while they attend college.

The following employment programs serve our students: the **Job Location and Development Program (JLDP)**, which consists of unskilled to technical, non-work study jobs offered on a part-time and seasonal basis for all university students, and the **Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP)**, which is funded by the federal government and the university for students eligible for financial aid. These programs can provide contacts that will help shape your future career goals. Both programs offer flexible, part-time employment opportunities on and off campus. Employment exists in various departments and labs within the University and local non-profit agencies.

In an effort to increase the JLD database, please refer any interested employers to the JLDP Employment Counselor at 848-932-2648.

Douglass Bunting Women at Rutgers

The [Mary I. Bunting Program](#) was established in 1958 by Mary I. Bunting, the Dean of Douglass College at that time. This program, which is now a part of Douglass Residential College, provides individualized advising and support services for mature women students. Women enrolled full-time or part-time in any of the undergraduate schools at Rutgers-New Brunswick are eligible to affiliate with UCC and the Douglass Residential College Bunting Program; these schools include the School of Arts and Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, School of Management and Labor Relations, School of Engineering, Mason Gross School of the Arts, School of Pharmacy, and the College of Nursing. Any woman who has been out of high school for five years or more automatically becomes a Bunting student when she joins Douglass Residential College. For more information, contact [Dr. Katherine Birckmayer](#) at birck@echo.rutgers.edu.

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. Contact a Learning Center to get started.

Busch Campus: [ARC Bldg, Rm 322](#)

CAC: [Kreeger Learning Center](#)

C/D Campus: [Loree Bldg, Rm 124](#)

Livingston Campus: [Tillett Hall, Rm 111](#)

University College Council

Get involved with the University College Council and be part of a community of passionate individuals advocating for change for adult/ nontraditional students. Help ease the difficulties that adult-commuter students face every day, from parking to finding more course formats and class offerings during the evening and weekends.

To join or to get more information, email: ucc@rci.rutgers.edu

Are you an adult/nontraditional student with a story to help inspire other adult/nontraditional students at Rutgers-NB?

Email your full name, RUID, story & picture to: ucc@rci.rutgers.edu

UCC STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

I am a 'Nontraditional' student who came to Rutgers in the summer of 2006 through the Elena Buchanan Transition Program. This important program allowed people interested in Rutgers University to attend conveniently timed non-credit classes in order to give prospective adult students a sense of what would be expected of them academically when they became full-time matriculated students at Rutgers.



While at Rutgers, I have been involved in several committees, including the University College Governing Association (now UC Council) as a student at large, the Allocations Committee, and the Elections Committee. I also serve as representative to the Alumni Association for UCC. These committees help promote and develop the interests of the nontraditional students at Rutgers, and they are worth your time and support.

Foremost, I am indebted to my friends and family and Rutgers for the opportunity to educate myself. I am fortunate to have a wife who shares the challenges of raising two young boys. I have also been able to manage my business interests while attending Rutgers. My major is Philosophy and I have a minor in Cognitive Science, and I am in the process of completing a major in Psychology. I serve as the Rutgers Chapter V.P. of the Philosophy Honors Society, and I plan to apply to graduate programs in psychology after graduation. Attending Rutgers as a nontraditional student has had its challenges and rewards.



Dr. Kay Lynch, Hitash Patel, & E. Martin De Luca '06-07 President of UC Council at the 2008 Senior Celebration Dinner.

As a nontraditional student, what I am most proud of is the change my education at Rutgers has helped me make. I was used to running a business, employing people, having a reserved parking space, a secretary, and so on. I was growing a business, and I was growing through this process. It was a humbling experience to come to Rutgers and be a 'student', and that was an important part of my growth. A university education helped me progress in my professional goals, but more than anything it has helped me to understand the world we live in and has given me a new perspective on my own values and life. My children witnessed my commitment to doing something to grow as a human being, and I think of that as a very special gift for all of us. I am proud to think of myself as a 'student', and I hope to always be one in the truest sense.

IMPORTANT 2010 SPRING SEMESTER DATES

Late Registration	Nov 21-Jan 15	<p>LAST DAY to Drop is 1/25/2010 (without a "W" grade)</p> <p>LAST DAY to ADD is 01/26/2010</p> <p>Complete Withdrawal from School Tuition Refunds (not to be confused with a course drop):</p> <p>1/19 thru 2/1: 80% Refund 2/2 thru 2/15: 60% Refund 2/16 thru 3/1: 40% Refund Thereafter: 0% Refund</p> <p>LAST DAY to Withdraw from a course with a "W" Grade: Monday, March 22nd.</p> <p>LAST DAY to Withdraw from the University: Monday, April 12, 2010.</p> <p>Speak to an adviser before withdrawing. Financial Aid packages may be affected.</p> <p>Note: Dates may be subject to change. Review sites often.</p>	<p>2010 Graduation News</p> <p>Students who expect to graduate in MAY 2010 must complete an online diploma application. Diplomas will be mailed to the permanent address on record of all graduates approximately two months after graduation.</p> <p>University College Commencement Ceremony</p> <p>UC-NB students completing their degrees October 2009, January 2010, and May 2010 can participate in the UC-SAS Commencement ceremony, Monday evening, May 17, 2010.</p> <p>Those classified to graduate in October 2010 and can demonstrate enrollment in the necessary courses to complete all degree requirements in summer 2010 may also participate in the ceremony.</p> <p>Please review your senior review, and report any discrepancies to an academic advisor.</p>
Last Day to Drop courses or Cancel Registration for Full 100% refund	Fri Jan 15		
Spring Semester Begins	Tues Jan 19		
Spring Recess Begins	Sat Mar 13		
Spring Recess Ends	Sun Mar 21		
Regular Classes End	Mon May 3		
Reading Days	Tues May 4 & Wed May 5		
Spring Exams Begins	Thurs May 6		
Spring Exams End	Wed May 12		
Summer Session Begins	Tues June 1		
Summer Session Ends	Wed Aug 18		

SPRING 2010 UPCOMING EVENTS

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Career Days

[New Jersey Diversity Career Day](#) will take place on Friday, February 19, 2010 at the [Rutgers Student Center](#), College Avenue Campus. This career day is open to all students, alumni, and the public. A wide range of employers will be available to speak with candidates about full-time jobs, internships and co-ops in various fields and industries.

[The Big East Career Consortium](#) will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010 at Madison Square Garden in NY, which is less than an hour away if you take the express train from New Brunswick. Career Centers from the Big East Conference schools have joined together to offer unparalleled recruiting events. Only students and alumni with a major or degree from any of the 16 Big East Conference schools are eligible to participate in this event. Don't miss it.

Veterans Reception and Forum

This year's event celebrates the service and education opportunities of Veterans and dependents of Veterans enrolled at Rutgers University on the New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden campuses. Veteran students will receive information about the various services and resources offered by local Veteran Affairs representatives; there will also be opportunities to network with fellow students, staff, mentors, and alumni.

Date: Friday, April 9, 2010

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Place: [Rutgers Student Center](#)
Multipurpose Room ABC
NB-College Ave Campus

Please visit ucc.rutgers.edu for program details and to RSVP

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