

## University College Community

*A unit dedicated to serving adult and nontraditional students*

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### Dean's Spring 2011 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 major and minor 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 participated in adult recruitment, orientations, transition programs, and Veteran outreach initiatives, to name a few. Our most important and impressive accomplishments was our contribution to the formation of two new adult-friendly degree granting units: the [School of Management and Labor Relations](#), which has begun fully accepting students directly into the school for a [Bachelor of Science \(BS\) degree in Labor & Employment Relations](#) and the [Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy](#) which will begin accepting students in the Fall 2011 term for a [BS degree in Public Health](#). 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](#), UCC list serves 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 15, 2011, 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 additional 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](mailto:ucc@rci.rutgers.edu)

**Fax:** 732-932-7906

**Website:** [ucc.rutgers.edu](http://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>

**MG:** <http://www.masongross.rutgers.edu/content/undergraduate-academic-advisors>

**ENGR:** <http://soe.rutgers.edu/oaofficehrs>

**PHARM:** [https://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/student\\_advising](https://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/student_advising)

**SMLR:** <http://smlr.rutgers.edu/labor-and-employment-relations/student-services>

**EJB:** <http://policy.rutgers.edu/academics/undergrad/prospective.php>

### Other Resources

**Degree Navigator:** [nbdn.rutgers.edu](http://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](mailto: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 head on. 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](mailto: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](mailto:ucc@rci.rutgers.edu)

### UCC STUDENT HIGHLIGHT



Life for William Scott McLane has never been easy, but even through his life’s mild peaks and severe valleys he decided to return to Rutgers part time in Fall 2008 through the [SAS Academic Amnesty](#) program. Scott, as he prefers to be called, describes the first attempt at Rutgers in the late 80’s and early 90’s as not so well. He recalls after an alcohol related incident at the Busch Campus dorm that he was referred to the Rutgers [Alcohol and Other Drug assistance Program \(ADAP\)](#), but at that time he wasn’t ready to get help.

A short time later he recounts that his girlfriend left him, his drinking went on and he awoke fifteen years later. He had become homeless, was living out of a car and at 39, had failing health. He never married, had no children, no career or bank account. He admits he was totally destitute and in the depths of despair. He realized his loneliness most because he was estranged from his family and friends. Scott mentions, “My dad, with a very high IQ, had graduated from St. Peters in Jersey City, secured a job with what is now one of the largest accounting firms in the world, however he died alone in a dark and dingy room over a bar. Alcoholism is not an intellectual exercise and even a high IQ could not deter him from it.”

Sadly prior to his father’s death he recounts, “My only recollection of him was in handcuffs leaving our home with police officers. It would be impossible to quantify the damage that alcoholism has done to my family, but thankfully, I seem to have been given another chance and my head is clear.”

Scott, a few days short of his 46th birthday, is currently an American Studies major with a GPA of 3.4. He proudly noted that although it took 18 years to return, he has six classes until graduation and is thinking about graduate school. A few short months prior to his return to Rutgers he was reunited with his mother before her passing. Scott thanked whatever divine force that allowed his mother to witness his road to recovery. He is celebrating over five years of sobriety and is giving back by speaking at prisons, drug rehabilitation centers and to convicted drunk drivers, besides studying to keep a strong GPA.

He spoke to graduate students at the [Rutgers Center for Alcohol Studies](#) and most recently to the senior class at their annual retreat as well as the SADD group at his old high school-Christian Brothers Academy in Monmouth county. He recounts he later found out that his senior year at CBA was financed by Christian Brothers due to his father’s loss of employ. Scott noted, “It’s been a slow, painful, and humbling journey. It’s such a gift to be able to give back.”

### IMPORTANT 2011 SPRING SEMESTER DATES

Late Registration	Nov 22-Jan 14	<p><b>LAST DAY to <a href="#">DROP is 1/25/2011</a></b> (without a "W" grade)</p> <p><b>LAST DAY to <a href="#">ADD is 01/26/2011</a></b></p> <p><b>Complete Withdrawal from School Tuition Refunds (not to be confused with a course drop):</b></p> <p>1/18 thru 1/31: 80% Refund                  2/1 thru 2/14: 60% Refund                  2/15 thru 2/28: 40 %Refund                  Thereafter: 0% Refund</p> <p><b>LAST DAY to Withdraw from a course with a "W" Grade:</b>                  Monday, <b><a href="#">March 21st</a></b>.</p> <p><b>LAST DAY to Withdraw from the University: Monday, <a href="#">April 11, 2011</a>.</b></p> <p>Speak to an adviser before withdrawing. Financial Aid packages may be affected.</p> <p><b>Note: Dates may be subject to change. Review sites often.</b></p>	<p><b>2011 Graduation News</b></p> <p>Students who expect to graduate in MAY 2011 must complete an <a href="#">online diploma application</a>. Diplomas will be mailed to the permanent address on record of all graduates approximately two months after graduation.</p> <p><b>University College Community Reception after the Commencement Ceremony</b></p> <p>The University Commencement ceremony, will be on Sunday, May 15, 2011. The following official site will be update in the future:</p> <p><a href="http://commencement.rutgers.edu/">http://commencement.rutgers.edu/</a></p> <p>SAS students should review their <a href="#">senior review</a>, and report any discrepancies to an SAS academic advisor.</p>
Last Day to Drop courses or Cancel Registration for Full 100% refund	Fri Jan 14		
Spring Semester Begins	Tues Jan 18		
Spring Recess Begins	Sat Mar 12		
Spring Recess Ends	Sun Mar 20		
Regular Classes End	Mon May 2		
Reading Days	Tues May 3 & Wed May 4		
Spring Exams Begins	Thurs May 5		
Spring Exams End	Wed May 11		
Summer Session Begins	Tues June 1		
Summer Session Ends	Wed Aug 18		

## SPRING 2011 UPCOMING EVENTS

## University College Community

### Career Days

[New Jersey Collegiate Career Day](#) will take place on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at the [Rutgers Student Center](#) and Brower Commons, 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 11, 2011 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. Guest speaker soon to be announced. Mark your calendars for:

**Date:** Friday, April 1, 2011

**Time:** 6:00-8:00pm

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

Invitations will be mailed to veteran students with more details.

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