UCC Newsletter Spring 2012

Dean’s Spring 2012 Welcome

Hello and Happy New Year! My name is Susan J. Schurman. I am the Dean of the University College Community, Professor and Acting Dean in the School of Management and Labor Relations. I also chair the Professional Schools’ Academic Oversight Committee 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.

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 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.

This past fall, we participated in adult recruitment, orientations, transition programs, and Veteran outreach initiatives, to name a few. We are especially proud of our contribution to the formation of two new degree-completion programs designed specifically for adult nontraditional students: the School of Management and Labor Relations has launched a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Labor & Employment Relations, and the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy began accepting new students this fall 2011 term for a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health. Through our continued research, collaborations, and focus groups, we remain committed to developing programs to attract adult and 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 will continue to identify more nontraditional students. We have also initiated 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.

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,

Susan J. Schurman, PhD

Veterans News & Events

Veterans Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, March 23, 2012. This special 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. The dinner will feature guest speakers, resource information offered by local Veteran Affairs representatives, networking with fellow students, staff, mentors, and alumni. Mark your calendars!

Veterans Regional Conference: Combat-to-Campus-to-Career hosted by the Office of Student Veterans Services & Office of Career Service will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012. This conference will address the challenges veterans face as they transition from military service to campus and onto careers.

Invitations will be mailed to veteran students with more details. Please visit veterans.rutgers.edu or call 848-932-VETS

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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, 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.

Schedule of Classes Has a New Look!
The new online Schedule Of Classes (SOC) allows students to build, compare, review, and register for available courses. Take a look!

Students are encouraged to pre-register during the Fall 2012 Registration period starting on April 15, 2012. Review the registration schedule to see when you are eligible to register for classes.

Douglass Bunting Program
Women at Rutgers

The Mary I. Bunting Program, established in 1958 by Mary I. Bunting, 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. For more information, contact:

Rebecca Reynolds, Assistant Dean, rreynold@echo.rutgers.edu
848-932-2900 x123

Scholarship Opportunities
Learn about various scholarship opportunities available at Rutgers. For schools, please speak to the department chairs for additional information.

- School of Arts & Science
- Douglass Residential College
- Sch. of Environmental & Biological Science
- School of Engineering

Veterans Services

Veterans House
Col. Stephen Abel & Robert Bright
14 Lafayette Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
veterans.rutgers.edu

-negative information, contact:
Rebecca Reynolds, Assistant Dean, rreynold@echo.rutgers.edu
848-932-2900 x123

Veterans Counseling Hotline:
1-866-VETS-NJ4

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

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

Counseling Services
Thomas Morgan: 732-445-5216

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
**UCC NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT HIGHLIGHT**

Paula Gibson, 35, is a resident of Jackson, NJ, and a student at one of Rutgers’ Off-campus locations at Brookdale Community College (BCC). The off-campus locations enable Rutgers to offer degree programs to local residents of New Jersey who are faced with the challenge of balancing school with family, work and/or a long commute. Paula is currently enrolled in the BS in Labor Studies and Employment Relations offered by the School of Management and Labor Relations (SMLR) and hopes to complete her degree in 2013.

Paula graduated from St. Mary’s Regional High School renamed Cardinal McCarrick High School in South Amboy, NJ, in 1995 and enrolled at Brookdale Community College in fall 1995 as a full-time student. While attending her first term gave her the confidence to continue her studies, Paula paced herself by taking 1 to 2 classes per term during winter, spring, summer and fall. She completed her Associate in Arts-Social Science on December 22, 2010—fifteen years later. She wanted to continue and earn her bachelors degree. She said, “I decided to go back to school as an adult and I wanted to stay as close to home as possible. I stopped in at the Higher Education Center in Freehold NJ and spoke with the staff at the Off-campus academic programs—Joe Walsh and Latoya Fendrick. They were so friendly and accommodating in answering all of my questions, that I applied to Rutgers afterwards.”

Paula has a full schedule. She works fulltime as a medical technician at CentraState Health Systems in Freehold, NJ. She attends school fulltime and is a devoted mother to her twelve year-old daughter, Madison. Madison is a big fan of Rutgers University. Her dream is to attend Rutgers University to be one of their basketball players. Paula says, “Life can be very hectic since Madison plays four sports, so my time is very limited. I try not to miss any of her games.” Paula maintains a solid 3.000 GPA and admits that going at it for 16 years has taught her some valuable lessons—stay motivated and positive! She says, “If you want something bad enough, find your inner strength to succeed.”

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**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**

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**IMPORTANT 2012 SPRING SEMESTER DATES**

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**LAST DAY to DROP is 1/24/2012** (without a "W" grade)

**LAST DAY to ADD is 01/25/2012**

**LAST DAY to Withdraw from a course with a “W” Grade:**
Monday, **March 19th**.

**Complete Withdrawal from School Tuition Refunds (not to be confused with a course drop):**

1st -- 2nd week: 80% Refund  
3rd -- 4th Week: 60% Refund  
5th -- 6th Week: 40 %Refund  
Thereafter: 0% Refund

**LAST DAY to Withdraw from the University: Monday, **April 9, 2012**.

Speak to an adviser before withdrawing. Financial Aid packages may be affected.

**Note: Dates may be subject to change. Review sites often.**

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**Graduation News**

Students who expect to graduate in MAY 2012 must complete an online diploma application. Diplomas will be mailed to the permanent address on record of all graduates approximately one month after graduation. You may review your instant free online verification for proof of degree.

The University Commencement ceremony, will be on Sunday, May 13, 2012. The following official site will be updated in the future:

[http://commencement.rutgers.edu/](http://commencement.rutgers.edu/)

Seniors should review their school’s website for deadlines.

***For BS programs in LSER & Public Health, students will receive emails regarding graduation. For more information speak to an advisor.***
SPRING 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

Career Fair Days
Learn how to obtain research, jobs or volunteer experiences. Job fairs bring together New Jersey-area employers, college students and graduates seeking employment. For more information on these events, please visit http://careerservices.rutgers.edu/

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For more information, visit http://www.thenewagenda.net

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