

## University College Community

*A unit dedicated to serving adult and nontraditional students*

UCC Newsletter Spring 2013

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The University College Community (UCC) has created a new and improved adult-friendly website to direct current students and to attract adult learners to degree completion programs at Rutgers-New Brunswick. The site now provides inspiring testimonials and self-assessment tools to focus in on one's academic interests and career goals. It also provides important information and resources for busy adults. The site helps adult and nontraditional learners navigate the resources that are available to them at Rutgers. Take a look at our website today: <http://ucc.rutgers.edu/>

## Are You a Nontraditional Student?

[Click to learn more.](#)

*Dedicated to serving the needs of adult, nontraditional students at Rutgers—New Brunswick.*

*Full-time, part-time, anytime: We are here.*

### Dean's Spring 2013 Welcome

Hello and Happy New Year! My name is [Susan J. Schurman](#). I am the Dean of the University College Community, Professor and 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 (NTS) 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. We are especially pleased with our contribution to the formation of two new degree-completion programs designed specifically for adult, nontraditional students who are admitted directly to the [School of Management and Labor Relations](#) to pursue the [Bachelor of Science \(BS\) degree in Labor & Employment Relations](#), and the [Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy](#) for the [Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health](#). 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,

### Veterans News & Events

The **Veterans Appreciation Dinner** will be held on **Thursday, April 4, 2013**. This special event celebrates the service 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, and an opportunity to network with fellow students, staff, mentors, and alumni. Mark your calendar!

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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

**Web site:** [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, Room 104  
Douglass Campus  
125 George Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
Tel: (732) 932-9729  
M-F: 8:30am-5:00pm

### Get Advice

Can't make day advising appointments because of work or family? Contact the 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/information/current-students/academic-checklists>

**ENGR:** <http://soe.rutgers.edu/oa/officehrs>

**PHARM:** [http://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/academic\\_services](http://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/academic_services)

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

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

### Other Resources

**Degree Navigator:** [nbdn.rutgers.edu](http://nbdn.rutgers.edu)

**Registrar Office:** (732) 445-7000  
<http://registrar.rutgers.edu/>

**Transcripts:** (732) 445-3536  
<http://transcripts.rutgers.edu>

**Financial Aid:** (732) 932-7057  
<http://studentaid.rutgers.edu/>

**Student Accounting:** (848) 932-2254  
<http://studentabc.rutgers.edu/>

## 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. In an effort to increase the JLD database, please refer any interested employers to the Student Employment Office, 620 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, 732-932-8817 ext. 652.

## My.rutgers.edu portal going strong!

The [online one-stop portal](#) for students and staff keeps everyone updated on university news and allows students to build, compare, review, and register for available courses. Take a look! Students are encouraged to pre-register during the Fall 2013 Registration period starting April 7, 2013. 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,  
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732-932-2900 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  
<http://sas.rutgers.edu/students/1230-scholarships-under-construction-ii-at-the-school-of-arts-and-sciences>

Douglass Residential College  
<http://douglass.rutgers.edu/content/scholarships-and-awards>

Sch. of Environmental & Biological Science  
<http://sebs.rutgers.edu/sfa/>

School of Engineering  
<http://soe.rutgers.edu/school-engineering-scholarship-application>

## Veterans Services

### Veterans House

Col. Stephen Abel & Robert Bright  
14 Lafayette Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
[veterans.rutgers.edu](http://veterans.rutgers.edu)

**Contact Email:** [veterans@rutgers.edu](mailto:veterans@rutgers.edu)  
**Contact Phone:** (848) 932-VETS (8387)

**Veterans Counseling Hotline:**  
1-866-VETS-NJ4

**Registrar Certifying Official**  
Monica Licourt (UG) (732) 445-2757

**Financial Aid/ Accounting**  
Elizabeth Rollins (848) 932-7057x2611  
Margaret Reardon (732) 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 Bldg, Rm 322 CAC](#); [Kreeger Learning Center C/D Campus](#); [Loree Bldg, Rm 124 Liv Campus](#); [Tillett Hall, Rm 111](#)

**UCC NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT HIGHLIGHT**

Sergeant Major Anthony Spadaro, 49, who continues his active duty service after twenty-seven years in the United States Marine Corps, has made his “virtual” way back from San Diego, California, to Rutgers-New Brunswick after three decades, all through the online degree completion program with the School of Management and Labor Relations. A graduate of St. Joseph High School in Metuchen, Sgt. Spadaro says, “I entered Rutgers in 1981 with three goals: to play lacrosse, to have fun, and to graduate. Achieving two out of three made me realize by 1984 that graduation was not in the cards. I entered the Marine Corps, and since that time I have truly served in ‘every clime and place’ throughout the world.” As the Sergeant Major of the Third Marine Aircraft serving as the senior enlisted leader to more than 18,000 personnel, Sgt. Spadaro recently returned from a year-long deployment in Afghanistan, which was his third combat deployment. At that time, he married, and he now resides in Carlsbad, California, with his wife, Kathryn, of two years.



Sgt. Maj. Anthony Spadaro

Sgt. Spadaro admits that, “The maturity lacking 27 years ago has been replaced by a desire to achieve my life goals and to pursue further educational opportunities that will enhance my ‘second act’ upon retirement from the Marine Corps in 2015.” When asked about the challenges he encountered in trying to balance work, family, and education, Sgt. Spadaro commented, “There are no such things as challenges – only opportunities to confront and succeed.” Having been blessed with a second opportunity to attend Rutgers, he says, “In order to succeed, you have to find the balance which includes weighing work responsibilities with school responsibilities, often at the expense of personal time. One has to look for the reward in any endeavor. My work requirements involve extensive travel throughout the globe, so I have to find that balance between work and school. My reward will be to finally call myself a graduate of Rutgers.” He confesses that he is not the biggest fan of online learning and would much prefer to be in a real live classroom but, because of his geographical location, it is a means to an end: “The instructors involved in the on-line classes ensure enough involvement to make it feel like a ‘live’ classroom.” Sgt. Spadaro exclaims that his experience at Rutgers has been “INCREDIBLE”! The entire staff has been understanding and accommodating.”

As parting advice to all fellow veterans, adults and nontraditional learners, he says, “The key is to communicate early and often with your Professors because they are understanding and approachable. Students will gain so much more from their experience by communicating.” Sgt. Spadaro says that he still finds occasions for fun, but this time it is in “pursuit of the perfect golf course, the best groomed ski run, and the endless waves.”

**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)**

**IMPORTANT 2013 DATES**

Late Registration	Nov 26-Jan 18
<b>Last Day to Drop courses or Cancel Registration for Full 100% refund</b>	Fri Jan 18
Spring Semester Begins	Tues Jan 22
Saturday Classes Starts	Sat Jan 26
Spring Recess Begins	Sat Mar 16
Spring Recess Ends	Sun Mar 24
Regular Classes End	Mon May 6
Reading Days	Tues May 7 & Wed May 8
Spring Exams Begins	Thurs May 9
Spring Exams End	Wed May 15
Summer Session Begins	Tues May 28
Summer Session Ends	Wed Aug 14

**LAST DAY to DROP is 1/29/2013**  
(without a "W" grade)  
**LAST DAY to ADD is 01/30/2013**

**LAST DAY** to Withdraw from a course with a “W” Grade: Monday, **March 25th.**

**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: Tuesday, **April 9, 2013.**

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

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



**Graduation News**

Students who expect to graduate in May 2013 must complete an [online diploma application](#). Diplomas will be mailed to the [permanent address on record](#) of all graduates approximately one month after graduation. Students may review their instant free [online verification](#) for proof of degree.

The University Commencement ceremony takes place **Sunday, May 19, 2013.** The following official site will be updated in the future:

<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 2013 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Career Fair Days**

Learn how to do research, obtain jobs, or volunteer. 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/>

Career Day Fair	Date	Time	Location
Internship Career Day	2/1/2013	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Rutgers Student Center
New Jersey Diversity Career Day	2/15/2013	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Rutgers Student Center
Education Career Day	2/22/2013	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Rutgers Student Center
Big East Career Fair	3/15/2013	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Madison Square Garden, NYC
Science Career Day	4/5/2013	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cook Campus Center
Nonprofit & Government Career Day	4/5/2013	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cook Campus Center
New Jersey Collegiate Career Day	5/30/2013	9:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Rutgers Student Center & Brower Commons

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Want to make a difference? Thinking about service learning in an international context? Then consider participating in an International Service Learning Project through Rutgers Study Abroad

**\*\*\*SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR DRC STUDENTS\*\*\***

For more information on the International Service Learning Project, go to:

<http://studyabroad.rutgers.edu/>

Applications will be available this spring

Don't miss this opportunity to explore your world!