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,

~ Winston Churchill

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
- **Fax:** 732-932-7906
- **Web site:** 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/oaofficehrs
- **PHARM:** http://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/academic_services
- **SMLR:** http://smlr.rutgers.edu/content/labor-and-employment-relations/BS
- **EJB:** http://policy.rutgers.edu/academics/undergrad/prospective.php

**Other Resources**

- **Degree Navigator:** nbdn.rutgers.edu
- **Registrar Office:** (732) 445-7000
  - http://registrar.rutgers.edu/
- **Transcripts:** (732) 445-3536
  - https://transcripts.rutgers.edu
- **Financial Aid:** (732) 932-7057
  - http://studentaid.rutgers.edu/
- **Student Accounting:** (848) 932-2254
  - http://studentabc.rutgers.edu/
- **Veterans Services**
  - **Veterans House**
    - Col. Stephen Abel & Robert Bright
    - 14 Lafayette Street
    - New Brunswick, NJ 08901
    - veterans.rutgers.edu
  - **Contact Email:** 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

**RU Looking for Employment?**

Rutgers Student Employment Office in New Brunswick administers employment programs to adult and nontraditional students. Eligible students can work 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, reynold@echo.rutgers.edu
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

**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
- 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. 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

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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/](http://careerservices.rutgers.edu/)

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**International Service Learning Project**

*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/](http://studyabroad.rutgers.edu/)

Applications will be available this spring
Don't miss this opportunity to explore your world!

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