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Dean’s Fall 2009 Welcome

Hello, 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.

UCC is aware that adults 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—though the financial return-on-investment is substantial—but also in terms of personal development.

It is our mission and our ongoing goal to keep adult and nontraditional students informed of important events, resources, services, dates, and major/minor programs that are available to students during the evening and weekends. We advocate for you inside the larger Rutgers University community by recommending policies and programs to meet your expressed needs.

This semester, we are continuing with the Veteran outreach initiatives and have successfully facilitated the launch of the new veterans.rutgers.edu website. Our goal is to create a sense of community for all nontraditional students, especially those students who do not live on campus and whose lives are also dedicated to responsibilities outside of academia.

Sincerely,

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Adult & Nontraditional Online Transition Course

This year as part of our continuing advocacy endeavors for adult and nontraditional students, University College Community has created an online “NTS Transition Course” on Sakai for part-time and non-matriculated students. Since this is a service, you are not required to pay any fees.

We highly recommend that you go to the Sakai site, ensure the tab is available to you, and complete the assignments in the order that they are given. You are free, however, to click on any site you desire. You can opt to complete assignments or not. There are no grades. The site has been created to help you find the resources you need. The degree of your involvement is completely up to you.

UCC created the course for nontraditional students so that they have direction to the abundance of resources available to them. We also wanted to help students reduce the amount of time they might spend looking for a particular resource.

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 studying study skills is a concern for working adults returning for a new semester. Experts say that people learn more by reflecting on what they are learning rather than by simply memorizing it. Try keeping an ongoing “reading journal” to record thoughts on a reading and write poetry. During her free time, Edis mentioned she enjoys playing volleyball, basketball, and Chi Alpha Epsilon. She is majoring in Spanish and Middle East Studies, with a minor in French and AMESALL. She is involved in numerous Honor Societies: Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Mu Gamma, Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Epsilon Iota. Rutgers University. She was able to overcome many obstacles. needed to achieve some balance between her role as a mother and a student, and with the support of her parents, she was able to overcome many obstacles.

Amml decided to attend University College, New Brunswick, where she is pursuing a double major in Journalism and Media Studies and Social Work. After college, she plans on attending law school. Her love of justice and the law have greatly influenced Amml to choose activities and experiences that expose her to human rights and aspects of the law. They also provide her with a variety of rewarding networking opportunities. She has a passion to help others like herself who have been through trying circumstances. She is currently working on an effort to create a scholarship fund in memory of a former social work student in Camden who was a victim of domestic violence and passed away two months before her graduation.

Amml is a nontraditional student who prides herself on tackling issues at the University that affect other nontraditional students. From first-hand experiences, she is aware of their struggles, particularly in balancing their schedules at home, work, and school. She has worked in the past as the Senator of the University College Council on writing resolutions for parking privileges for students who have children. In addition, Amml was the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, where she wrote resolutions to diversify the schedule of classes for winter and summer sessions. This year she will work to improve the Rutgers experience of fellow nontraditional students. She also wants to offer more support services to veterans whose dedication to the United States should be honored and recognized.

As President of the University College Council, Amml pledges to expand services to address the concerns of all nontraditional students. She is passionate about giving students an opportunity to succeed, and she is committed to developing projects that will assist nontraditional students in their academic studies. She strongly believes that individuals can achieve any goal that their heart desires if they are dedicated and willing to put in the effort.

The Department of Transportation Services provides educational and prevention services to help maintain the health of students, staff, and faculty who may get injured, become ill, or feel stressed during their stay at Rutgers. Hurtado Health Center, CAC

Location: 11 Bishop Place Days: Monday-Friday Hours: 8:30-5:00 Emergency Hrs: 5:00-8:00 Phone: 848-932-4102

Get involved with the University College Council and be part of a community of passionate individuals advocating for change for all 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