Hello, my name is Susan J. Schurman. I am the Dean of the University College Community and a professor in the School of Management and Labor Relations. I also chair the Veteran Advisory Committee for the New Brunswick Campus and the Professional Schools’ Academic Oversight Committee. I want to offer a heartfelt Rutgers welcome to our new adult and nontraditional students and welcome back our continuing on and off-campus students.

UCC understands 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. 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 connect with you to make sure that you are aware 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.

In the spring, we worked with the newly created Office of Veterans Services to hold the 6th annual Rutgers University Veterans Appreciation Dinner, allowing veterans to meet key administrators and voice their concerns. We also hosted the UCC-SAS graduation reception for UC students, Class of 2011.

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 non-traditional students: the Bachelor of Science degree in Labor & Employment Relations and the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy has begun accepting new students this fall 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 are confident that we will 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

*Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young. *—Henry Ford
ACADEMIC PLANNING
Rutgers Learning Centers
Rutgers Learning Centers work with students through a variety of free academic support programs to promote student achievement. Meet your academic challenge: 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

STUDY TIPS FOR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS
Developing 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 the material and note questions it raises. When you go back to review your notes, you’ll find new connections to current material and possibly new ways of looking at your subject. Click for source.

VETERAN RESOURCES
Student Veteran Services
Col. Stephen Abel & Robert Bright 848-932-VETS(8387)
Registrar Certifying Official
Monica Licourt (UG) 848-445-2757
Financial Aid/Accounting
Elizabeth Rollins 848-932-7057 x2611
Margaret Reardon 848-932-1892
Counseling Services
Thomas Morgan (732) 445-5216
Veterans Counseling Hotline – 1-866-VETS-NJ4
Veterans House
14 Lafayette Street
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Driving Directions
Contact Email: veterans@rutgers.edu
Contact Phone: 848-932-VETS (8387)
Hours/Schedule:
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Contact Fax: 732-932-1535

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 x2150
Email: ucc@rci.rutgers.edu
Website: ucc.rutgers.edu
SAS ACADEMIC ADVISING
The SAS Offices of Academic Services provide academic advising by faculty members and deans. Students are encouraged to meet with an advisor at least once a semester to review graduation progress and discuss academic interests. Please note that while students may visit any campus, Deans for nontraditional students are now located on the Douglass Campus.
Douglass Campus
College Hall
Room 104
848-445-8888
M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
College Avenue Campus
Milledoler Hall: 102
848-445-8888
M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Busch Campus Center
Room 172
848-445-8888
M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Livingston Campus
Lucy Stone Hall A-216
848-445-8888
M-F 8:30am-5:00pm

UNDERGRAD ACADEMIC ADVISING
Don’t Assume . . . 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://ece.rutgers.edu/oaofficehrs
PHARM: https://pharm.rutgers.edu/content/student_advising
SMLR: http://smlr.rutgers.edu/labor-and-employment-relations/student-services
SEBS: http://colleges.rutgers.edu/undergrad/prospective.php

OTHER RESOURCES
RU EXPRESS/CARD SERVICES
RUConnection Card is the official photo identification card that serves as the primary form of identity verification throughout the university for your convenience and protection.
Location: 102 Records Hall, College Avenue Campus
Hours: 8:00am-8:00pm (M-F)
If you cannot get your card during these hours, call 848-932-8041

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION
The Department of Transportation Services provides all members of Rutgers, NB, with the best solution for getting around campus safely and easily. Students can obtain their parking permits and pay violation tickets in person or online: http://parktran.rutgers.edu/
Location: 55 Commercial Ave
Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm (M-F)

RUTGERS HEALTH SERVICES
Rutgers Health 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
Regular Hrs: 8:30-5:00pm
Emergency Hrs: 5:00-8:00pm

LET US KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU
Please let us know what kinds of programs or services you would like University College Community to sponsor. Tell us what kinds of online programs you think you’d benefit from academically? We look forward to hearing from you.
Complete the affiliate form at: http://ucc.rutgers.edu/affiliate#ucc

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COUNCIL
The University College Council urges you to get involved and be part of a community of passionate individuals advocating for change for adult/ nontraditional students.
To join or to get more information, email: kalych@rci.rutgers.edu
Donte Boyer has taken an unconventional path towards attaining a college degree. His journey to Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations can be described as life-changing. He says, “I felt I needed a college degree in order to advance in the construction industry and in the union.” As an adult, he has learned that instant gratification is short lived and that hard work and patience lead to success. A Trenton native, Donte decided to return to the classroom in his 30s.

At the age of 13, Donte knew he wanted to fix his grandmother’s house and later in life pursued a career in carpentry by attending an apprenticeship program in Trenton, New Jersey. He developed the skills needed to succeed as a journeyman carpenter with Princeton Carpenters Local 781. “I was searching on the computer and found out that in the state of Washington, you could earn credits for apprentice training. I asked my boss, who oversees the apprenticeship program in Trenton, if our program could do something similar.”

Donte was eligible to participate in NJ PLACE - New Jersey Pathways Leading Apprentices to a College Education. NJ PLACE began in 2004 through the agreement among New Jersey colleges to award credit to graduates of participating federally registered apprenticeship programs. These apprenticeship programs are evaluated and recommended for academic credit by the American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT).

Through the collaboration of NJ PLACE and Mercer Community College, Donte completed his Associates degree in Applied Sciences in 2010. After graduating, Donte learned about a new partnership between NJ Place and Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations. In January 2010, a New Jersey amendment was passed making it possible for participants completing the NJ PLACE program to transfer to a state 4-year college or university. Donte Boyer has become the first NJ PLACE graduate to take advantage of the new BS in Labor and Employment Relations degree program. He noted that "with NJ PLACE, skilled trade workers see that a college degree is within their reach.” Donte knows firsthand that juggling work and spending time with family has been very challenging and credits his success to the support he receives from his family. His son thinks “it’s cool to have articles written about his father, but always asks when people will write about him.” Donte says “there have been many long days and very short nights while trying to achieve my degree, but the future benefits will be well worth it.”

When asked about his experience at Rutgers, he says, “I have met some wonderful students, staff, and professors while studying at Rutgers. This encourages me to excel. Donte highly recommends that all current and future adult students learn to manage their time and work to achieve a good grade point average. “My advice to any adult is not to delay their academic careers. It doesn’t matter where you start but how you finish.” Donte proudly maintains a 3.857 GPA and plans to graduate in October 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Labor and Employment Relations (579).

Online Student Orientation & Live Chat

Adjusting to campus life is a job in itself. To help you transition smoothly into academic life at Rutgers, UCC has provided you with access to a one-stop area at https://sakai.rutgers.edu. Simply click on the UC Community website tab to preview. If your tab is not visible, email your name and RUID to ucc@rci.rutgers.edu

Join us during our live chats on:
- Tuesday, August 30th
- Wednesday, 31st
- Thursday, September 8th
between the hours of 10 am to 4 pm (EST) to ask any student-service questions.

Service-Learning Courses (CESEP Program)

Service-learning is a great way to take courses in which you learn about the ‘real world’ and develop professional skills and experience before you graduate. Credit is given for service-learning courses, and there are other benefits: you can actively work toward improving the lives of others, learn how to contribute toward your community’s enrichment, and develop skills for becoming engaged in civic life. Participants in service-learning meet community needs while developing their abilities for critical thinking and group problem-solving.

The Civic Engagement and Service Education partnerships (CESEP) program, formerly known as the CASE program, offers service-learning courses in many fields. Contact CESEP office for details and for an updated list of CESEP courses being offered this semester at 932-8660 or check website at http://engage.rutgers.edu

Career Services Offers Fall Career Days

Career services, as part of undergraduate education, provides numerous resources and strategies to help students and alumni transition toward successful careers. In such a competitive market, it is highly recommended that students review career service site each semester to learn about exciting new developments in the job market. Mark your calendars for the Federal Jobs Career Day, November 4, 2011, open to the public. Visit: http://careerservices.rutgers.edu/ today!
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**LAST DAY to Drop is Fri., 09/09/11.** (without a "W" grade)

**LAST DAY to ADD is Monday, 09/12/11.**

Complete Withdrawal Tuition Refunds Only Dates in effect. (Not to be confused with a course drop).

**LAST DAY to Withdraw from a course with a "W" Grade:** Wednesday, October 26th.

For refunds policies, see details on the following website: [http://nbregistrar.rutgers.edu/undergrad/f11ugcal.htm](http://nbregistrar.rutgers.edu/undergrad/f11ugcal.htm)

Please Note:

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

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