

Adult Students Spring into Action

What can you do with your old cell phone? Recycle it and make a difference!

Rutgers-New Brunswick is the first campus in the U.S. to host the UHopeLine, a cell phone recycling program through Verizon Wireless that supports survivors of domestic and dating violence. The Rutgers School of Social Work and the Center on Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) launched UHopeLine in the beginning of the fall 2008 term, with over 400 cell phones collected since October.

The program has a dual focus: to support survivors of domestic and dating violence and to encourage environmental protection. Proceeds from UHopeLine are used to provide wireless phones and cash grants to local shelters and non-profit organizations that focus on domestic and dating violence prevention and awareness. Cell phones can be in any condition and from any wireless service provider. Phones that can be refurbished are sold for reuse and those without value are recycled or disposed of in an environmentally sound way.

Domestic and dating violence is an issue that affects the university community. Statistics indicate that one out of five college females will experience some form of dating violence. Earlier this year, Verizon and the Rutgers School of Social Work announced the creation of a new \$100,000 scholarship fund at the Center on Violence Against Women and Children. The Verizon Wireless HopeLine Scholarship will be awarded annually to at least three Rutgers social work graduate students, with a concentration on violence against women and children.

How You Can Help

Drop off bins are located at the Rutgers Student Center, Busch Campus Center, Douglass Campus Center, and various administrative buildings throughout the campus, including the School of Social Work Building and Winants Hall.

Collect Phones – VAWC can assist you in organizing a phone drive through your place of employment, place of worship, or other affiliation or community organization. For more information, visit the VAWC website at <http://socialwork.rutgers.edu/CentersandPrograms/VAWC.aspx>

**If you or someone you know is in need of assistance or support services, please call the [Rutgers Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance](http://rutgers.edu/vawc) at 848-932-1181. **

Student Emergency Contact

Students are encouraged to complete the online [emergency contact information](http://rutgers.edu/emergency) form to ensure family members are reached in case of an emergency. Have you reviewed your mailing address recently? Visit the convenient [on-line address update](http://rutgers.edu/address) as well.

Veterans' Appreciation Reception

The 4th Annual Veterans' Appreciation reception will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the [Cook Campus Center](http://rutgers.edu/cook). All veteran and dependents of veteran students should have received their invitations in the mail. Please [RSVP](http://rutgers.edu/rsvp) no later than Monday, March 30th. President McCormick will be attending.

Veterans' Mentoring Program

UCC is pleased to announce that recruitment for volunteer veteran mentors has reached over 160 participants. Veteran and dependents of veteran students will be assigned a mentor to not only assist them through the "administrative" red tape, but also to provide added support and guidance.

Mentors are currently receiving training to be ready for the Fall 2009 term. Students are encouraged to complete a [short student application](http://rutgers.edu/short) to ensure proper matching.

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Academic Planning

Pre-Registration for the Fall 2009 Term

Registering in advance is an important part of academic planning for all students, especially UCC affiliates. As continuing students, you are expected to register in advance to ensure you get the courses you need at times and locations suitable to you.

Pre-registration is offered in order to give you an opportunity to qualify for scholarships and schedule courses prior to the University registering new students.

By registering early you allow departments to gauge the demand for courses, which could impact the addition of more sections and allow UCC to promote the opening of more courses.

[Pre-Registration](#) for the Fall 2009 semester begins on **Sunday, April 12th at 10:00 pm and continues through Friday, April 24th.** Undergraduate students will be able to pre-register in the order of highest to lowest degree credits earned to date, which does not include credits that students are enrolled in during the current Spring 2009 semester.

Academic Integrity Violations

There was a thirty-five percent increase in student academic integrity violations from academic year '06-'07 to academic year '07-'08. Take the time to visit <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu> which provides numerous resources to help students avoid academic dishonesty, understand the Policy on Academic Integrity, and strengthen their research and citation skills.

Policy Awareness

Taking a leave of absence requires much thought in how it may impact your return, your finances, and your goal of attaining a degree. Speak to your advisor to ensure that you are aware of financial aid requirements and limitations before you postpone your academic plans.

School of Arts & Sciences Major Fair

Got Major questions? Get Major answers. Students are invited to attend the Spring SAS - MAJOR FAIR. It's not just for majors anymore! Get information on majors, minors, certificates and career possibilities. Over 50 departments will attend. Take advantage of the opportunity to meet department representatives. UCC endorses the following majors which can be completed through evening classes: Economics, English, History, History/Political Science, Labor Studies, Mathematics, Psychology and Sociology. Refreshments and Prizes will be available.

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Busch Campus Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Busch Campus

If you are unable to attend, search the following offerings for more details:

<http://nbweb.rutgers.edu/departments/index.shtml>

University College Community Initiatives

RU Nontraditional?

UCC's ongoing goal is to reach adults and nontraditional students because we know that you face significant non-academic responsibilities that make your college years very different from the traditional college experience. We advocate for you inside the larger Rutgers University community by recommending policies and programs to meet your specific needs.

Encourage fellow students to review their [myRutgers](#) alerts for eligibility requirements in order to affiliate with UCC. Identification of these students is strictly confidential and our coding mechanism is solely used to keep track of students internally.

Spring 2009 IMPORTANT SEMESTER DATES

Last day to Drop with a "W" grade	Mon March 23
Pre-Registration for Fall 2009 begins	Sun Apr 12 - Fri Apr 24
Last day to withdraw from the University	Mon Apr 13
Regular Classes End	Mon May 4
Reading Days	Tue May 5 & Wed May 6
Spring Exams Begin	Thurs May 7
Spring Exams End	Wed May 13
President's Univ.-wide Degree Conferral	Wed May 20
University College-SAS Commencement	Fri May 22
Rutgers students last day to register online for 1st Summer Session	Wed May 13
Rutgers students last day to register online for 2nd Summer Session	Wed June 10
Rutgers students last day to register online for 3rd Summer Session	Wed June 24
Summer Session Begins	Tue May 26
End of Last Summer Session	Wed Aug 12

UC-SAS Commencement

The 2009 University College Commencement will be:

Date: Friday, May 22, 2009

Lineup Time: 5:30 PM SHARP

Commencement Start: 7:00 PM

Location: Louis Brown Athletic Center (RAC), Livingston Campus, Piscataway

Students must ensure [diploma applications](#) have been completed. The commencement information website is active and will continue to be updated with new information.

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

Senior Days News

The schedule of events for Senior days has yet to be determined. Senior days are for adults and nontraditional students too. UCC encourages all seniors to get involved in planning Senior Day Events appropriate for all students. Email: SeniorDays@echo.rutgers.edu to be part of a planning committee or [Kerri Willson](#) to get involved with Class Councils.

Only those students who graduated in January 2009 or those who are eligible to graduate in May or October 2009 will be able to participate in Senior Days activities. All Seniors, commuters or residential, who fit the criteria above are welcome to participate in Senior Days events.

Douglass Bunting Program

Monday, April 13 Career Networking Social

Location: NJC Lounge of the Douglass Campus Center

Time: 7:00-8:30pm.

Registration will begin at 6:30pm.

Refreshments will be served.

Do you have a particular career in mind? Are you interested in exploring a variety of career possibilities? If the answer to either of these questions is yes, this event is for you! You will have an opportunity to speak with Douglass alumnae from many different professions about their work and to get ideas for developing and managing your own career.

Whether you are planning to enter the workforce, change careers, or move forward in your chosen profession, the first step is networking with successful professionals. This is your chance to take advantage of the amazing Douglass alumnae network! Please RSVP by Monday, April 6th to Casey Hennessey at chenness@echo.rutgers.edu

Nontraditional Student Resources

Is Summer Session for You?

Attending summer session can add credits toward your degree, improve your grade point average, reduce your fall term academic load, or simply allow you to learn about a subject of interest in the intensive summer term.

New this summer:

“Hybrid” courses, conducted in the classroom and online, offer the convenience of asynchronous web-based learning without sacrificing the benefits of face-to-face interaction with professors and classmates.

Rutgers summer scholarships, funded by the Division of Continuous Education and Outreach, will be awarded to Rutgers students to help defray summer tuition costs. Up to one hundred \$500 scholarships will be awarded on the basis of need and merit. [Click here](#) for more information.

High school student scholarships funded by the Division of Continuous Education and Outreach, will be awarded to advanced high school students taking summer courses at Rutgers New Brunswick. High-achieving students who will enter their junior or senior year in Fall 2009 are eligible to apply. Visit summer.rutgers.edu/highschool for more information.

New payment plan options are available for the first time for summer term. Choose from two, three, four, or five monthly payment plans for a \$50 service fee. For information, visit the web at studentabc.rutgers.edu.

Visit: <http://summersession.rutgers.edu/>

University College Community

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UCC Student Highlights

Nontraditional Student Receives an Osher Scholarship

Single mother, full-time employee, and determined student, Carmona Cadet, 35, deservedly receives an Osher Scholarship offered to individuals who have experienced an interruption in their education for five or more years. The scholarship is intended to benefit students who have years of employability ahead of them—ideally aged 25 to 50.

Having come from Haiti, Cadet knew that education was the only way out of poverty. Her mother stopped attending classes in middle school and her father reached the 10th grade. She had two older brothers with a college education and she was determined to follow in their footsteps. Cadet enrolled at Mercer County Community College in the Summer of 2004 taking many night classes and trying to fit her work schedule around school.

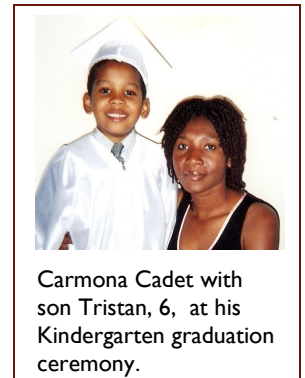
Cadet learned how strong one had to be to get through the rigors of academics. Quitting her job was not an option. She lived paycheck to paycheck, encountered financial pitfalls covering childcare and barely made the rent at times. From time to time, friends and even family members attempted to discourage Cadet from continuing her education, but she stayed strong.

Prior to completing her Associates in Humanities and Social Science, Cadet's choice to attend a 4-year college was limited because of her work and life. She knew she could not go far away, but her advisor at MCCC, having been very aware of her circumstances, strongly recommended "Rutgers, the local school with one of the best Social Work programs." Cadet agreed that the New Brunswick Campus was the most convenient for her.

"When I received my acceptance letter from Rutgers, I jumped, because I was so happy for the opportunity to go to college in spite of my other responsibilities. Since my admission in Fall 2007, I've taken 15 to 18 credits each semester, and 6 credits in the summer. I was and am still able to keep up with my grades and continue to have a 3.8 GPA." She admits attending Rutgers was difficult because she had to take time off from work to attend the classes that were not offered during evening hours. She was able to convince her supervisor to allow her to come in early so that she could leave work a bit early to make classes, but sometimes, she had to lose pay-time from work. Although she could have listened to her family and friends' advice to quit school, Cadet attributes her good experiences at Rutgers as, "a blessing and dream come true."

People always ask Cadet, "When do you find time to study?" Her candid response is, "I have no life besides school, work, and taking care of my son." Cadet stays up late and studies on weekends and has convinced herself that she is enduring this temporary situation for a better future. "To me, education is a must do." She urges other adults at Rutgers to never give up no matter the challenges and warns, "The only person who can stop you from reaching your goals is yourself." Cadet regrets not being able to take full advantage of certain services that Rutgers offers, such as the learning centers, library services, the gym and events, but as a commuter, she adds, "It is difficult enough to navigate through the campuses to locate classrooms and other offices." Overall, however, she has been successful and is scheduled to graduate this May. She has already been admitted into the Advanced Standing Masters in the Social Work program, which she will begin this summer.

Cadet is aware that she needs to set a good example for her son, Tristan, who is now 10, by showing him the importance of attaining an education. Recently, one of her co-workers told her that after 8 years away from school, she had decided to go back after pointing out, "If you can do it as a single parent, there is no excuse for me not to return since I am younger and have no children." Another of Cadet's friends from church, a single mother with three children, walked proudly up to Cadet to say that she was following Cadet's example and taking online classes to complete a degree in psychology. "It is just a great feeling



Carmona Cadet with son Tristan, 6, at his Kindergarten graduation ceremony.

UCC/Mary I. Bunting Student Going to Yale

Key Jo Lee, has been accepted as a graduate student to attend Yale University for the Fall 2009 term to study Art History. Lee, a nontraditional student, who has been part of the Douglass Residential community since 2005, found living in the [Sophia House](#), a residential community for Rutgers women, to be an invaluable experience to her success.

Lee has made "an arsenal of friends" and appreciated the uniqueness of the women she has encountered. As a Douglass and McNair Scholar, and recipient of several scholarships, Lee can attest to having been transformed by Rutgers. She admits having the ability to "craft the life" she once dreamed of to the decision of attending Rutgers. Her love of Art History has taken her to study abroad at the University of Urbino in Italy and her Mable Smith Douglass Thesis in her junior year to England.