**Dean's Welcome**

Happy New Year! My name is Dona Schneider, Dean of University College in New Brunswick (UC-NB). I am also Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Programs at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, and wear several other hats. I want to offer a heartfelt Rutgers welcome to our new adult and nontraditional students. I also want to welcome back our continuing on and off-campus students.

UC is aware that adult 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, but also in terms of personal satisfaction and social development. Our ongoing goal at UC is to support 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. The life experiences of adult and nontraditional students also enrich our classrooms, bringing depth to the learning experience for all.

UC strives to make sure that adult and nontraditional students are informed of important developments, events, resources, services, dates, and major and minor programs that are available evenings, weekends, and online. We also help guide nontraditional students to vital web information to enhance their time at Rutgers University in a more effective and efficient manner. Through our continued research, collaborations, and advocacy, we remain committed to developing and marketing adult-friendly programs to attract adult and nontraditional students. Our overarching 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. We wish you a successful semester. We hope you will help us in this regard by referring other adult and nontraditional students to UC so we can help them achieve their goals, as well.

University College—New Brunswick has released their new website, which provides services to all types of undergraduate students at various stages from preadmissions to graduation. Resources available to staff and other campus partners. Future students can avail themselves of preadmission advising and current students can access information and resources through preparation for graduation. Visit and refer our site to students and staff. Services, just one click away at ucnb.rutgers.edu
Hello, my name is Betzaida Feliciano-Berrios, but friends and colleagues call me “Betsy.” I began my career as an assistant registrar at Rutgers-Camden and in 2006 became assistant dean and director of student services for UC-NB. Now as Director for Nontraditional Student Services in New Brunswick, I am honored to be your champion. UC strives to provide services necessary for you to have a fulfilling Rutgers experience as you reach degree completion. We hope you enjoy this segment and wish you a great semester!

“In Your Corner” shares information from colleagues, departments and student organizations throughout Rutgers–New Brunswick who support and serve nontraditional students.

Hello, my name is Rebecca Reynolds and I have been working at Douglass for over 25 years. I am currently an assistant dean at Douglass Residential College, directing our mentoring and advising program and the Mary I. Bunting Program for nontraditional women students. At Douglass we strive to create a close-knit community for nontraditional age women who are returning to school with special initiatives, mentoring, and scholarship opportunities.

Douglass is the only residential women’s college in the nation that is housed within a world class public research university. Douglass students enjoy a small college atmosphere and programs that support their success and leadership. At the same time, we engage with all the rich educational and research resources of Rutgers–New Brunswick. Join us for a series of upcoming Spring events which are sure to enlighten you.

Hello, my name is Ann Treadaway, director of the Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services (OVMP). The history of Rutgers commitment to students who have served in the military is a long and distinguished one. Since the beginning, Rutgers students have answered their nations’ call. Students of Queens College left their classes to fight for their country's independence as the British landed on New Jersey’s shores. Graduates requested their diplomas by mail as they fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War.

Today, Rutgers students who have served in the United States Armed Forces has more than doubled since the passage of the Post 9/11 GI Bill. The Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services at Rutgers University recognizes and appreciates these students’ service and sacrifice. It is for that very reason we are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition and supportive environment for our students who have served in the United States Armed Forces, and their families, throughout their college careers.

OVMPs offers in-house resources for their students that include peer advisors, RU DogTags, and Green Zone Training to name a few. Mark your Spring calendar with career counseling events and the annual Spring Veteran Appreciation Dinner. To learn more, call 848-932-8387 (VETS) or check out our website https://veterans.rutgers.edu/
Nontraditional Student Support at the School of Arts and Sciences

Nontraditional students in SAS include veterans, adult learners returning to formal education after an extended interruption, post-baccalaureate students pursuing a second undergraduate degree or major, and non-matriculating students taking classes for personal enrichment or professional development. We encourage all our SAS students to meet with an advisor at least once a semester to discuss your degree progress, course selections and academic concerns. The School of Arts and Sciences has Advising Centers conveniently located on every campus open Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. But did you know that the Advising Deans on the Douglass Campus are dedicated to serving nontraditional students in SAS? We offer evening walk-in advising during Add/Drop and Preregistration, evening advising on Tuesdays from 5-7 pm throughout the semester, and advising by telephone appointment during regular business hours. For walk-in questions visit the Nontraditional Office in the Ruth Adams Building, Room 103. For a daytime appointment telephone 848-445-8888, or to arrange a telephone appointment, email nontraditional@sas.rutgers.edu. Deans and staff can be reached by email at nontraditional@sas.rutgers.edu.

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Catrina Gallo, Assistant Dean; Patricia Arteaga, Senior Administrative Assistant; Emily Pereira, Senior Administrative Assistant for Withdrawal and Reenrollment.

Students with Children

Rutgers Students with Children (RSWC) student organization was founded in fall 2015, the first student parent organization in the history of Rutgers University. Members are dedicated to promoting support, services, and visibility for students who are also juggling the responsibilities of parenthood. Deans, administrators, faculty and staff continue to work towards a child-friendly campus. The goal is to improve graduation and retention rates of student parents at Rutgers and normalize the idea that students and scholars can be parents, too. RSWC members support one another, even babysit each other’s kids during exams! Learn more by resources and members of Rutgers offering support by visiting: https://swc.rutgers.edu

Student parents of all ages should be coded as nontraditional. Apply today: https://ucnb.rutgers.edu/admissions/apply-nontraditional-student-status
Rutgers Offers Assistants to Furloughed Workers

Rutgers students impacted by the federal government shutdown will have any unpaid balances on their term bills placed in suspension until the partial government shutdown ends. Students will be required to self-identify and demonstrate that they or their parents are furloughed federal employees. President Barchi announced, "This is an incredibly stressful time for students whose parents or spouses are currently furloughed and for students who themselves are furloughed federal employees. To help reduce that stress for these members of our community, I am announcing today [January 22, 2019] that the University will temporarily postpone collection of currently unpaid tuition, housing fees, and other charges for furloughed federal employees or their spouses or dependents."

Appreciating Our Veterans

Join the Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services for the Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner. Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 11, 2019 This year's dinner will be at the Palace at Somerset Park located at 333 Davidson Ave in Somerset NJ. As we get closer to the event we will update this page, so check back here for more information at a later date.

RU Ready to Graduate?

You are almost there and with such a revolutionary moment in your life fast approaching, don't get surprised with the unexpected. After years of sacrifice and hard work, you are going to earn your degree--an important milestone. It's time to celebrate this very significant accomplishment. Be sure to join the graduation festivities, in recognition of your achievement, as proud family, friends, faculty, and staff cheer you on.

Visit Degree Navigator to ensure your graduation month and year are correct. Also keep checking the commencement website as additional ceremony details will be added as we get closer to the event. Also to help you prepare, visit our graduating students checklist at the following link for things to do at: https://ucnb.rutgers.edu/graduating-students

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http://commencement.rutgers.edu/

Dates and Deadlines Important to You

Time is on your side if you manage it well. Whether you are part of a monochronic versus polychronic culture, it is important that a balance is achieved. Be "in the know" and plan around your life and academic commitments. Click on the following hyperlinked calendars to get prepared.

- Academic Calendar
- Final Exam Calendar
- New Brunswick Calendar of Events
- Undergraduate Registration Calendar
- Pre-registration Calendar
Student Experience Improvements—What's New?

My Dashboard

As part of the Student Experience Improvement Initiative (SEII), myRutgers portal is being enhanced for students to include a new tab “My Dashboard.” Features include Intuitive Design, which provides integrated and personalized university information grouped into intuitively named channels. Self-Service, which includes direct links into applications, forms, and websites to assist students with getting information and performing task online. Mobile-Friendly which includes a dashboard design which is easy to view and navigate on mobile devices and computers.

Rutgers is committed to providing students with a truly unique and friendly user experience. This initial beta version of the dashboard is only the first of many future upgrades to improve the experience for all members of the university community. Your feedback is welcome, by clicking the "Feedback" icon on the bottom right hand side of "My Dashboard."

RU Here Process

SEII in partnership with the Office of Information Technology have worked to improve the confirmation of attendance process for the Spring 2019 semester. This process is entitled “RUHere”. A student will be considered enrolled if they complete the RUHere process, whether or not the student has submitted a term bill or has an outstanding balance.

All registered students who log into a website utilizing the Central Authentication Service (CAS) will be automatically redirected to a RUHere dialog box (pop-up) prior to the start of each term. All students must indicate either “Yes” or “No” to the RUHere question to verify their intention to enroll for the given semester. If a student responds “Yes” to the RUHere dialog, he/she will be considered enrolled, financial aid will disburse to their account, and they will not be deregistered for classes for non-payment or an open balance on the term bill.

If a student responds “No” to the RUHere dialog, he/she will be considered not enrolled, financial aid will not disburse and their registration will be cancelled at the conclusion of the add/drop period.

If a student does not respond to the RUHere question, he/she will not be able to proceed to the destination website and will be blocked from accessing any application that requires CAS authentication, including, but not limited to email, myRutgers, and learning management systems (Sakai, Canvas, Blackboard, etc.). Please note RBHS students will be excluded from the RUHere process for Spring 2019.

A message outlining the RUHere process was emailed to students prior to implementation. Additionally, staff from the Offices of Registrar, Financial Aid and Student Accounting, Billing, and Cashier Services will be available to assist students with questions. For technical assistance, students should contact the OIT Help Desk at help@oit.rutgers.edu or call their respective campus help desk. For other assistance students should email: RUHere@rutgers.edu
Nontraditional Student Resources

Spring Career & Internship Mega Fair 2019
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 the career services site each semester to learn about exciting new developments in the job market. Mark your calendars for the Spring Career and Internship Mega Fair taking place Wednesday, February 6, and Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 11:00 am-3:30pm.

Employment Opportunities for Students
The Student Employment Office (SEO) in the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) administers two federally-funded, part-time employment programs to currently-enrolled Rutgers students: The Federal Work Study Program (FWSP), and the Job Location and Development Program (JLDP). The FWSP, which is awarded by the OFA to students who demonstrate financial need, offers part-time, on-campus jobs in University offices, departments, and schools, and offers off-campus jobs for area non-profit organizations and agencies, and government offices. The JLDP, which has no eligibility requirements and is open to all currently-enrolled Rutgers students, offers part-time and seasonal on-campus jobs in fields such as advertising, business, education, graphic design, healthcare, information technology, law, and many more. For information, please visit studentwork.rutgers.edu or visit the SEO at 620 George Street, Records Hall, Room 140, College Avenue Campus.

Academic Coaching & Study Tips
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 Rutgers sources.

Healthy Fitness Choices
Balancing life and academics can be difficult, but not impossible. Make time for some healthy fitness choices by visiting one of the many Rutgers Recreation Centers. See individual course descriptions for start dates. This term's classes are listed on the Rutgers Recreation website, but new classes continue to be added. Making time for your health leads to better academic performance.

Learning Resources
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.

Year-Round Planning
If you are planning to attend year-round classes to graduate on time or early, view the prior year class schedules to map out a solid year-round plan. Visit scheduling.rutgers.edu and click "Show Previous Terms."

Talk to a financial aid advisor early regarding your aid and other financing options.
Resources Available to You

As you chart your undergraduate course, take advantage of the general academic advising and specialized academic support Rutgers offers. Visit centers that offer guidance in coursework and careers as you move toward your graduation goals. Help is always given at Rutgers to those who ask for it. So ask.

RU Connect Card
Get your RU Connection Card. Launched as a Presidential initiative, an improved platform for a new ID Card central service has been implemented. This ID Card service will drastically improve security, functionality and support all-around. The ID Card design has been updated to reflect Rutgers University’s brand and visual identity and to deliver enhanced security features. In addition to the improved functionality and design, all new members of the Rutgers community will now have the opportunity to submit a photo online. The online photo submission process is the best way to ensure an ID card is ready as quickly as possible and lets the individual choose the photo they want to be displayed on their ID Card. Visit: http://iam-ipo.rutgers.edu

Health Services
Rutgers Health Services provides educational and preventative services to help maintain the health of students, staff, and faculty who may be injured, ill, or feel stressed.

Scholarships
Scholarship opportunities are available. Students are encouraged to complete a FAFSA is also considering unmet need scholarships.

Also learn about various scholarship opportunities available by schools and units.

School of Arts & Sciences
School of Environmental & Biological Sciences
Rutgers Business School–New Brunswick
School of Engineering New Students
School of Engineering Continuing Students
Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy
Mason Gross School of Arts
School of Management & Labor Relations
E. J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy
Douglass Residential College
Scholarships for Women

Get Involved
Student Affairs (SA) staff at Rutgers University are committed to providing high quality programs, facilities, and services that promote student engagement, health, and success. Through the collaboration of their departments, SA is able to provide a complete university experience that is student-centered and focused on meeting students’ developmental and learning needs.

Undergrad Academic Affairs
Undergraduate Academic Affairs fosters student and faculty engagement to produce academic experiences and research opportunities, and to create academic communities that engage students in meaningful, active learning that promotes excellence. Students access the academic resources and assistance they need to succeed; supported by hands-on learning through research experiences, seminars, and peer learning; experience innovation in undergraduate education both in and beyond the classroom and provided resources needed to help successfully transition in and out of Rutgers.