

2016 Annual
Report of Union
County College

July 2015-June 2016



Transforming Our Community... One Student at a Time

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ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

Union County College is proud to be one of 1,200 community colleges nationwide. We welcome to Union anyone who aspires to improve their life through higher education.

Our mission, "Transforming Our Community...One Student at a Time," is visible throughout this annual report where we look at the College's progress over the past year in regards to the many core mission elements of a comprehensive community college. The pillars of excellence include transfer opportunities for four-year degrees, career programs for employment, life-long learning courses, and developmental education.

We also acknowledge the mission elements, such as student success, strategic planning, and diversity that have contributed to Union's unique status as a world-class institution.

Throughout the next pages we address the ways in which we have met the goals of our mission and how Union provides an excellent return on the community's investment. Each section features key elements of the year 2015 as they relate to our multi-faceted mission as a comprehensive community college.

The College owes its success to the visionary leadership of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their understanding and appreciation of the value of Union County College to the community. This annual report is a testament to their leadership and the County they serve.

Thank you for your support of Union County College and our mission of "Transforming Our Community...One Student at a Time."

Sincerely,



Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin
President
Union County College



Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin

AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS FEATURED IN THIS REPORT:

TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Received national recognition from the Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for the Practical Nursing program.
- Received a \$2.5 million "First in the World" federal Department of Education grant in partnership with Bergen Community College to explore new pedagogies for developmental math.
- Developed supply-chain credit certifications through a \$1.6 million federal Trade Adjustment Act grant.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES

- Achieved a graduation rate of 15.7 percent, which is over 5 percent higher than the record set the prior year. Since 2009, Union's graduation rate has nearly tripled, setting an all-time record for graduates in FY 2015 with a total of 1,505.
- Held a "doubleheader" of winter commencement ceremonies in the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. The reason for holding two separate ceremonies on Jan. 14, 2016, was to accommodate the more than 250 graduates and their families.
- Launched the "Project Achievement" program to provide "intrusive intervention" to help improve the graduation rates of African-American students.

EMPLOYEES, FACILITIES, AND TECHNOLOGY

- Opened the Health Sciences building on the Plainfield Campus – home to Practical Nursing, Emergency Medicine, and Paramedic Services.
- Launched a new system of College-wide governance to include all faculty and staff as participants.
- Opened two new biology laboratories on the seventh floor of the Lessner building in Elizabeth, funded through a \$1.8 million NJ State "Building Our Future" capital-construction grant.

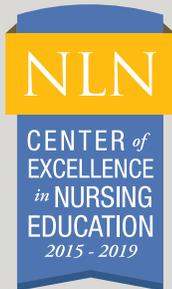
UNION IN THE COMMUNITY

- Began a partnership with the Union County Freeholders to manage the Workforce Innovation Business Center, which is a training and job-placement service located in Elizabeth at the Mills at Jersey Gardens shopping mall.
- Received two \$500,000 gifts to the Foundation's scholarship fund in 2015, from the Betty and Fred Kopf family of Westfield and from alumna Helen Chaney.
- Conducted a job fair that matched more than 500 job seekers with 30 regional businesses.
- Received a \$800,000 federal Trade Adjustment Act grant to support students in healthcare education.



UNION'S PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM EARNS "CENTER OF EXCELLENCE" RECOGNITION

Union County College's Practical Nursing Program earned national distinction in being named a "Center of Excellence" by the National League for Nursing from 2015 to 2019. This recognition is conferred to select nursing-education departments for their longstanding record of achievement in nursing education.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

NEW MATH COURSE IMPROVES STUDENT SUCCESS

In the fall 2015, the College voted to implement a new math course into the curriculum. This course, Math 017, assists with reducing the amount of time previously required to complete the developmental math track.



Dan McInerney, the Degree Qualifications Profile/Tuning Coach sponsored by the Lumina Foundation.

FACULTY CONVENED FOR THIRD ASSESSMENT DAY

The College's third annual "Assessment Day" was held to investigate innovative approaches to measuring student learning. The keynote presentation was given by Dan McInerney, the Degree Qualifications Profile/Tuning Coach whose Lumina Foundation-sponsored program was titled, "A Framework for Student Learning." In the afternoon, faculty could attend one of the following sessions: "The Basics of Learning Outcomes Assessment," "Discipline-Specific Assessment," or "Using Canvas for Learning Outcomes Assessment." Canvas is the College's new online course system replacing ANGEL. Held at the Cranford campus, the day ended with department meetings.

CANVAS IS THE NEW LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

To improve online education courses for Union students, the College upgraded the learning management system from Angel to Canvas. During the fall 2015 semester, instructors were asked to volunteer their time and courses to test out the new system.



Many found it to be very simple to use and all instructors were required to use it in the spring 2016 term.

BERKELEY COLLEGE PARTNERED WITH UNION FOR BACHELOR'S IN NURSING

Union has partnered with Berkeley College for an accelerated program for Licensed Practical Nurses to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in less than three years. After



several years of development, the program was implemented through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's New Jersey Health Initiatives Program. Practical Nurses

with active licenses earn 30 credits for their work in the field toward the BSN degree. Berkeley has already begun enrolling graduates of Union's Practical Nursing program.

FREEHOLDER JALLOH KICKED OFF "COLLEGE READINESS NOW" PROGRAM

Union County Freeholder Chairman Mohamed S. Jalloh and Freeholder Sergio Granados joined students on Sept. 9 for the first class in the "College Readiness Now" program. The Freeholder-funded initiative provided an accelerated math "boot camp"-style instruction for students who tested into developmental math based on low scores in Accuplacer placement testing. Union has launched the program with four County high schools: Plainfield High School, Abraham Clark High School of Roselle, David Brearley High of Kenilworth, and the Hillcrest Academy.

Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski (right) with the students at the "Girls Gone Wired" class in Rahway



STUDENTS COMPLETED BUSINESS COMMUNICATION CLASS

This year the Industry-Business Institute provided contract training for G&W Laboratories of South Plainfield. The students in Instructor Wilma Hurwitz's "Business Communication: Communication and Presentation Skills for the Technical Professional," course completed their 40 hours of class on June 17. The students developed their enhanced skills to write business documents including regulatory reports and internal communications.

"GIRLS GONE WIRED" HELD AT UNION COUNTY COLLEGE-RAHWAY

The College was able to offer a free demonstration class to women on how to write computer codes, thanks in part to funding by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Attendees used iPads for their learning experience that was held at the College's Rahway Center on Aug. 27. The class was taught by Union's Director of Instructional Design Beth Ritter-Guth. At the day's end, each student was able to write code or create an iPad app. Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski and Rahway Mayor Samson Steinman were among the dignitaries who stopped by to see the class in action.

BACHELOR DEGREE AT UNION

Union County College proposed offering a baccalaureate of science degree in nursing for students who have completed an associate degree or diploma in the nursing program and have passed the examination to be registered nurses. To be eligible for the RN-to-BSN Completion Program at Union, students would need to hold an associate degree in nursing, an associate degree in science, or a diploma in nursing. They would also need to hold a current license as a registered nurse. The program is awaiting approval from the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education.



DR. KENDALL MELTON WAS CONVOCATION SPEAKER

For the 2015 Convocation, members of the faculty and staff were mesmerized by Dr. Robbie Kendall Melton, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents, which oversees 47 colleges and universities. Dr. Melton specializes in the use of technology in education ("eLearning") and is the chief system level administrator to oversee Tennessee's mission and initiatives for the Strategic Mobilization Planning and Business Models, Mobilization Quality Assurances, Faculty and Student Use of Mobile Devices related to teaching, learning, training, and workforce development, and the coordination of research, product testing, pilots and security safety networks. She expressed the importance of integrating technology into education in order to meet the needs of today's learners for tomorrow's technological demands.



From left: Corina Hernandez, Coordinator of Educational Resources; Kenberly Joseph, Biology student; Gustavo Arias, Math student; Falasade Harris, STEMpact Program Advisor; Elizabeth Ramos, STEMpact Project Director; Ijeoma Akpu, Biology student; Amber Pantiliano, STEMpact Program Assistant; Lisa DiChiara-Krause, STEMpact External Evaluator; and Dr. Negar Farakish, Associate Vice President.

STEM STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN MAKERSPACE PROGRAM

On Oct. 21, Union County College and Kean University held an opening ceremony for the “Possibility Zone Makerspace” at Kean University. The Makerspace provides STEM students a place to work with other students in their field; find tutoring, advising and support services; and work online with various simulation software and career development programs. Makerspace is funded through the U.S. Department of Education Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions (Title V) program and the STEMpact grant is a cooperative project between the College and Kean to improve retention, completion and transfer rates among high-need Hispanic and low-income STEM and Education students.



TEACHING AND LEARNING



AMERICAN HONORS PROGRAM EXPANDS

In its second year, the American Honors program, a selective honors program for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university to earn a bachelor’s degree, expanded its enrollment. The program grew from 69 students in its first year to 119 students this year.

COLLEGE OFFERS LINCS PROGRAM

The College began a new program of training in Supply Chain Management thanks to the \$1.6 million federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program. The LINCS program offers a series of eight training modules, each of which leads to an exam and certification by the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP). Classes began running in June and issued certificates to 23 participants after the first series of completed courses. Programs were offered at the College’s Elizabeth campus to displaced workers and unemployed individuals who were referred by the One Stop Center in Elizabeth. The program prepares participants for jobs at the entry or midrange level depending upon previous experience and prior education levels



Student Enrollment Status Fall 2015

Part Time
6,874 (61.3%)

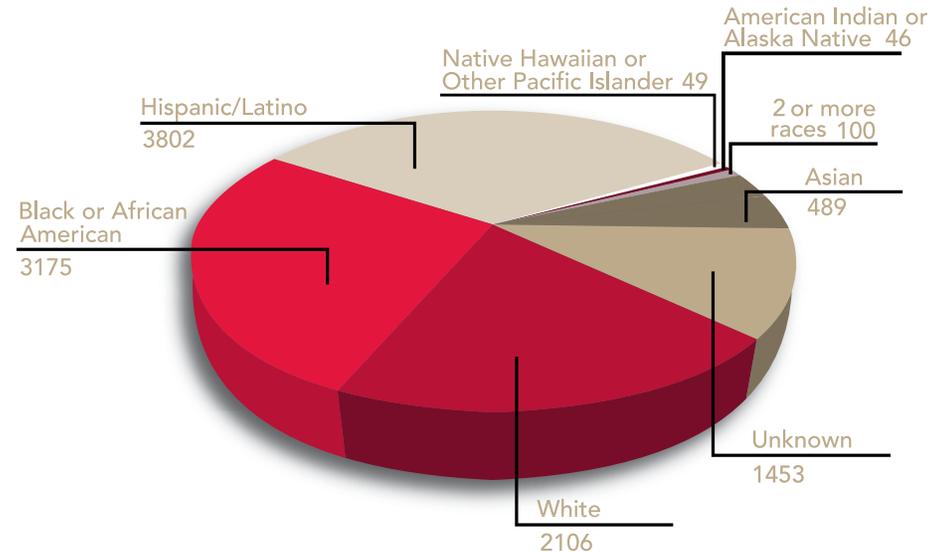
Full Time
4,346 (38.7%)

Enrollment by Gender

Female
6,367 (56.7%)

Male
4,853 (43.3%)

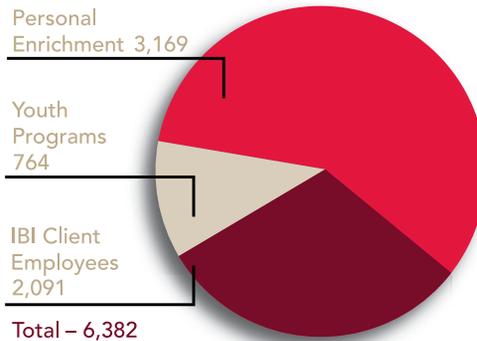
Ethnic Breakdown of Students for 2015:





Above is the LINCS team (from left): Continuing & Professional Education Director Dr. Lisa Hiscano, Associate Vice President Dr. Barbara Gaba, Student Service Generalist Gina Jorge, Project Director Rhiannon McRoberts, Business Outreach Specialist Aileen Vega, and Marketing Assistant Maira Santana.

Continuing Education Enrollment for 2015-16:



PLAINFIELD HOSTS DIESEL DIALOGUE

On Mar. 1, more than 20 distributors and manufacturers of heavy diesel equipment and machinery visited the Plainfield Campus to partner with the College in the training of heavy-diesel mechanics. NJ County College Consortium's Executive Director Sivaraman Anbarasan and Steve Johnson of the Associated Equipment Distributors College Diesel Training Programs organized the meeting, which Plainfield Dean Regina Riccioni and Continuing and Professional Education Director Lisa Hiscano hosted. The equipment distributors and manufacturers who attended have an acute need for workers with associate degrees who have a basic working knowledge of diesel electronics and hydraulics. The business owners who toured the garage area of the Health Sciences Building, thought that the space would be ideal for this training. Union would be the first community college to provide this training.

UNION AND BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVE A \$2.6 MILLION "FIRST IN THE WORLD" GRANT

The College partnered with Bergen Community College to apply for the US Department of Education "First in the World" grant program to improve graduation rates. Union and Bergen were one of 17 winners nationwide and will split a \$2.6 million award over four years. This program will increase the three-semester retention rates of first time students placing into remedial math and decrease the time to completion of the developmental math course for first-time full-time students.

VITAL STATISTICS:

166
Full-Time Faculty

98.8%
Full-Time Faculty with Master's or Doctoral Degrees

>8381
Students Received Financial aid

1505
Graduates in 2015

176
Students participated in College Athletics 2015

20
FREE college-level classes offered to senior citizens across the county

73
Students received NJ STARS funds

250
EOF students

>75
Associate Degree and Certificate programs

>2091
Local business employees trained

571
Students received 812 endowed and annual scholarship awards from the Union County College Foundation

69
Countries represented within the Union County College student body



Nuno Pereira



McDaniel Jeantus

UNION HAS TWO JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

Nuno Pereira was the first Union County College student to win a prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship. Now a student at John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York, he will be awarded up to \$40,000 per year to complete his bachelor's degree. Mr. Pereira has his associates degree from Union in criminal justice. The scholarship is the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country. More than 2,000 students applied for the scholarship and Mr. Pereira was one of the 90 who received the award in 2015.

McDaniel Jeantus was the College's second student to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship. He too will receive up to \$40,000 per year to complete his bachelor's degree which he is pursuing at Columbia University in New York City. Mr. Jeantus holds his associates degree in liberal arts. More than 2300 students applied for the scholarship and Mr. Jeantus was one of the 75 who received the award in 2016.

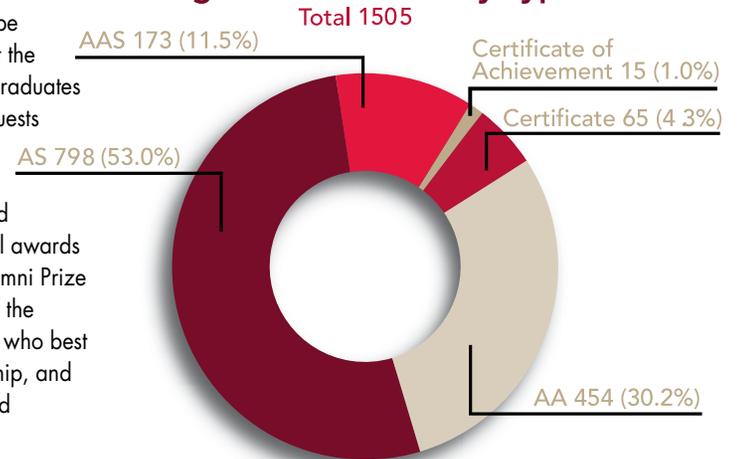
STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES



GRADUATION CLASS CONTINUES TO GROW

The success of "Operation Graduation" continued to be evident at the May Commencement Ceremony held at the Harwood Arena at Kean University. More than 600 graduates participated in the ceremony and more than 2,000 guests were in attendance to cheer them on. Student speaker Stephen Clark gave an inspirational speech to his fellow graduates. The graduates were welcomed by Board of Trustees Chair Victor Richel. Three special awards were presented during the ceremony. The coveted Alumni Prize was awarded to Michael Osiecki. The presentation of the Post-Day Award was made to the graduating students who best exemplify the College's ideals of scholarship, leadership, and service and this year's recipients were Mr. Osiecki and Erika Rangel.

Degrees Conferred by Type





A SUCCESSFUL WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Union celebrated more than 250 students at the second Winter Commencement ceremony held on Jan. 14. More than 2,000 proud family members and friends attended the two ceremonies at the Union County Performance Arts Center. With more students knowing that a ceremony would be held in January, more students were eager to complete their degrees in August or December.

UNION IMPLEMENTS CLEP TEST

Throughout 2015, many students took advantage of the College Level Examination Program. The test is provided through the College Board and if passed, can save a student the time and cost of a class. The exam is taken online and is available in 33 subject areas within five categories: History and Social Sciences, Composition and Literature, Science and Mathematics, Business, and World Languages.

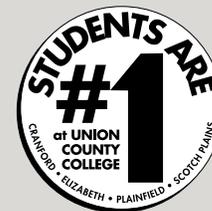
THE COLLEGE SETS AN ALL-TIME RECORD FOR NUMBER OF GRADS

The College's Class of 2015 was the most successful graduating class in the College's 82-year history. The total number of graduates hit 1,505. That's 200 more than last year's record. The graduation total was nearly twice as many as five years ago. In addition, the three year graduation rate nearly tripled.



UNION COUNTY COLLEGE STUDENTS TRANSFER THEIR CREDITS TO MANY INSTITUTIONS

The top five transfer destinations for Union County College graduates in 2015 were Kean University, Rutgers University, Seton Hall University, Montclair State University and NJIT.





Freeholder Linda Carter, four performers who joined Mr. McKnight for his performance, Terrance McKnight, Union County Freeholder Vernell Wright, Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, and Union County College President Margaret M. McMenamin.

A CELEBRATION OF LANGSTON HUGHES KICKED OFF BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs hosted a Black History Month event at the College's Cranford campus in February to remember the life and work of legendary poet, social activist, novelist, and playwright Langston Hughes. The event featured a live adaption of "I, Too, Sing America: Music in the Life of Langston Hughes," a radio documentary produced for WQXR in New York. WQXR's Terrance McKnight hosted the performance which included live music and dramatic readings.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES

Union County Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh, Freeholder Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, Assemblyman Green, Candace Frye, Freeholder Vernell Wright, Freeholder Linda Carter, and Freeholder Chairman Bruce H. Bergen.

BLACK HISTORY EVENT HONORED ASSEMBLYMAN GREEN

One of the exciting events held this year during Black History Month was an afternoon of song, dance, inspirational speeches, and a touching tribute to Assemblyman Jerry Green for his exemplary record of service in the NJ Assembly and to the Union County community. He was awarded the Chester Holmes Humanitarian Award for his service. Co-sponsored with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the celebration attracted students, staff, and elected officials from across the state. Freeholder Linda Carter presided over the ceremonies and thanked the College for its service to the community and close partnership with the County Freeholders. Two students (Kevin Steele and McDaniel Jeantus) earned standing ovations for spirited speeches in which they reflected their experiences as African-Americans. Business and political strategist Tara Dowdell served as keynote speaker, while the Bufford School of Music performed a retrospective medley of African-American songs and dances. Both Ms. Dowdell and the Bufford School encouraged the audience to embrace their roots in celebration of Black History Month. The elected officials in attendance to honor Assemblyman Green included US Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, State Senator Raymond Lesniak, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Senator Thomas Kean, Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, Assemblyman Jamel Holley, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, Union County Freeholders, and the mayors from more than a dozen Union County towns. The event was held on Feb. 17 in the Roy Smith Theater at the Cranford campus.



WILLIAMS SPOKE ABOUT CIVIL RIGHTS

In another Black History Month event, students at the Elizabeth campus attended a lecture presented by attorney Junius Williams on Feb. 2 in the Kellogg Building. He spoke about his involvement with the civil rights movement and his current role as the Director of the Abbott Leadership Institute at Rutgers University-Newark.



INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC CELEBRATED BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, members of the College community experienced the inspirational music of “Souls of Integrity,” the choir of Integrity House in Newark, NJ. They performed for more than 100 attendees on Feb. 17 in the Theater of the Lessner Building on the Elizabeth campus.



A Union student asks a question of the panel members comprised of Mr. Williams, Senator Lesniak, Ms. Giles, and Father Moore.

SENATOR LESNIAK VISITED UNION TO PARTICIPATE IN BLACK LIVES MATTER

Senator Raymond Lesniak was joined by author and civil rights activist Junius Williams, Nancy Giles, and Father Andy Moore to discuss the “Black Lives Matter” movement. The event was held in the Lessner Theater at the Elizabeth campus on Feb. 24 as part of the Black History Month celebrations.

BUSINESS STUDENTS ATTENDED “MEET THE PROFESSIONALS” EVENT

Union County College students interested in business and social sciences attended a “Meet the Professionals” event on March 3 at the Cranford campus with high level representatives from the financial sector. Coordinated by Dean Rapalo of the Social Sciences/Business/History area, four guest speakers from JP Morgan Chase, Ernst & Young, Goldman Sachs, and Pricewaterhouse Coopers came to campus to network and address students about career success factors and internships opportunities.



Union students with Assemblyman Holley.

UNION STUDENTS ATTENDED LOBBYING DAY IN TRENTON

For the New Jersey Council of County Colleges Lobbying Day, President McMenamain gave the welcome speech at the Wyndham Hotel in Trenton to kick off the day’s event. Seven Union County College students were joined by College Relations Executive Director Ellen Dotto and Dean of Students Dr. Terrence Hardee to attend the day’s events. The students met with each of the following legislators and had the opportunity to ask them for their continued support for community colleges: Senator Raymond Lesniak; Senator Tom Kean, Jr.; Assemblyman Jerry Green; Assemblyman Jamel Holley; and Assemblywoman Annette Quijano. The students asked the legislators to continue support for community colleges which are underfunded compared to other sectors of higher education; support for NJ Honors Scholars; and to support bachelor’s degrees at community colleges.



WIBC GRAND OPENING

One of the most comprehensive initiatives developed between the County’s “Union County Means Business” and the College was the establishment of the Workforce Innovation Business Center in the City of Elizabeth. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Apr. 21 to an audience of 500 of local business owners and job seekers, along with local dignitaries such as Freeholder Chairman Mohamed Jalloh, State Senator Raymond Lesniak, and Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage. The College’s President Margaret M. McMenamain was the featured speaker for the event. She said that the WIBC was “a testament to the vision of the County Freeholders. Through the Center, the College is able to increase the County-wide job readiness and employee productivity, provide occupational training, basic skills and basic skills and literacy courses.” Also, for every unemployed and under-employed resident seeking services, the College’s staff administers a 40-hour soft skills training course that the College’s Industry-Business Institute developed with the Workforce Investment Board. The College also provides assistance to clients needing legal consultation for citizenship through the AFL-CIO, on-the-job training through the Elizabeth Development Corporation, entrepreneurship assistance by the Union County Economic Development Corporation, and youth services through the Barack Obama Green Charter High School.



Union students June Bambi Soriano and Gray Stackhouse rehearsed for the filming.

UNION STUDENTS BECOME STARS AS THEY ENCOURAGE THEIR PEERS TO VOTE

In an effort to encourage young people to vote, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi brought a TV camera crew to Union's Cranford campus to film a Comcast commercial with two Union students on March 16. The ad ran on Comcast local stations throughout the County from April through early June and will run again from September to Election Day in November.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES



UNION CELEBRATED HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Union celebrated National Hispanic Serving Institutions Week during the week of Sept. 14 as the kick-off for Hispanic Heritage month. For the opening ceremony, President McMenamin was joined by Union County Freeholder Sergio Granados for an event featuring students in a ceremonial parade of flags from Latin American nations as well as a demonstration of dance from Central and South America. Cultural events involving ethnic food and music continued to be held through Oct. 15.

SPORTS RADIO SHOW HELD WEEKLY

Did you know Union has a radio station? This year, a weekly sports radio show was hosted each Thursday afternoon by one of Union's students on Owl Radio 88.1.

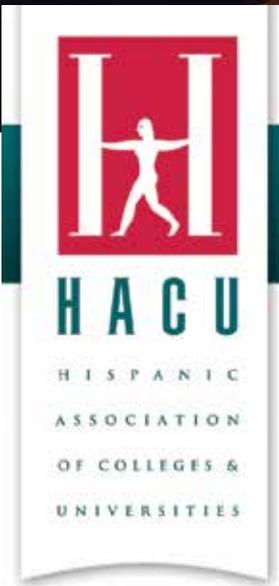
PTK STUDENTS EXCEL



The College's Iota Xi chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society earned 10 awards during the Middle States Regional Convention held Mar. 12-15. Chapter President Steven Clarke and Fundraising Vice President Lamiaa Abdelaziz each won a Hall of Honor Chapter Officer Recognition Award. The chapter won the Five Star Level Chapter Achievement Award, the 2015 Communication Award, and took third place in the 2015 Chapter Spirit Award. Other awards included the Middle States Gold Chapter Award, the 2015 College Project Award and the 2015 Honors in Action Theme Award. Chapter advisor Prof. Karen Schmidt received the 2015 Distinguished Advisor Award and advisor Prof. Sherry Heidary received the 2015 Horizon Award.



Dean of Social Sciences/Business/History Dr. Lester Sandres Rapalo, Project Director-Title V Cooperative STEMpac Elizabeth Ramos, Mr. Arias, Mr. Imaicela, Ms. Munoz, Ms. Donneys-Caicedo, Program Advisor Title V LEAP Gretchen Schulthes, and Dr. McMenamain.



UNION STUDENTS ATTENDED HACU 29TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Four Union students attended the Annual HACU Conference titled, "Championing Hispanic Higher Education Success: Empowering Students, Enhancing Collaboration." The students were joined by President McMenamain and staff members who provide continued support throughout the year. The students in the photo above, shown from the left, third person in are Gustavo Arias who is a math major, Roberto Imaicela who is an engineering major, Leidy Munoz who is a biology major, and Sara Donneys-Caicedo who is a nursing major.



THE BUS TO WASHINGTON

In late March, more than 100 students took a trip to Washington, DC that was sponsored by the Student Success Division. For many, this was their first visit to the nation's Capitol. The group left from the Cranford campus and returned the same day. Along the way, the students stopped to see Howard University, the Smithsonian Institute's Air and Space Museum, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Washington Monument. Students also visited the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and walked the National Mall. Many of the attendees were African-American male students who are in the "Project Achievement" program. Project Achievement receives financial support from the Union County College Foundation's "Close the Gap" fund. Spearheaded by a volunteer committee of prominent African-American community members, the fund supports initiatives like the Washington trip as well as internships, summer jobs, career counseling, and other support services to help African-American male students improve their graduation success.



STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES

HONOR SOCIETIES

PHI THETA KAPPA CONTINUED TO INDUCT LARGE CLASSES

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. In the past few years, more and more Union students have been eligible to join PTK, since many are choosing to complete their degree and transfer to a four-year college or university.



ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO HONOR SOCIETY

Robert Tarantino, Founder and President of NJ Precision Technologies, Inc., was the guest speaker for the Engineering/Technology/Architecture Honor Society Induction Breakfast held in the Richel Student Commons. Nine students were inducted into Tau Alpha Pi National Honor Society for Engineering Technology. Twenty-seven students were inducted into the Engineering and Architecture Honor Society.



PSI CHAPTER INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

The Psi Chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon is the academic honor society for students in the Educational Opportunity Fund program. The chapter inducted 18 new members.



PSI BETA HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTED 25 STUDENTS

Psi Beta is the honor society for psychology majors in two-year college. Psi Beta's mission is to encourage professional development and psychological literacy of all students through promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service. During the fall induction ceremony another group of smart and dedicated students became the College's newest members.



ELEVEN STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO PARALEGAL HONOR SOCIETY

Eleven students in the Paralegal program were inducted into the Lambda Epsilon Chi Paralegal Studies National Honor Society. Each inductee received a certificate and pin in honor of their membership.



STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO MU ALPHA THETA

Twenty-five math majors were inducted into Mu Alpha Theta, the two-year college mathematics honor society, at an award ceremony held in the Richel Student Commons at the Cranford campus. Certificates of membership were awarded to the inductees.



PTK LED THE C4 WEEK OF EVENTS

The New Jersey Council of Community Colleges once again led the PTK Chapters of all 19 NJ Community Colleges in a series of celebrations for C4 Week. During

the week of Oct. 19, students signed C4 banners at all three campuses and made a personal pledge to complete their degree. The College's "Slam Your Exam" event, hosted by the Academic Learning Center, attracted a large crowd of students who sat with peer tutors and advisors for advice on how to prepare for exams. Freeholder Sergio Granados visited the Cranford campus and spent time speaking with students about their current majors and future goals. In addition, Union was chosen as a featured College by the NJCCC. On Fri., Oct. 23, NJCCC's video production team came to campus and interviewed Dr. McMenamin, Vice President of Student Development Helen Brewer, PTK students, and other Union students.



HEADS UP CAMPAIGN

As part of C4 week, Phi Theta Kappa joined the Heads Up America Campaign, which supports free community college education for anyone who is willing to work for it. On Oct. 20, Union students placed hand prints onto a banner to support the initiative and the hands-on apprenticeship training that could become available with the campaign.

VITAL STATISTICS:

- 11,220**
Total credit enrollment fall 2015: 4,853 full time, 6,367 part time students
- 358**
L.I.F.E. Center Enrollment
- 220**
Scholarships managed by the Union County College Foundation
- 6,382**
Students enrolled in Continuing Education courses
- \$33,222,736**
Amount of financial aid students were awarded
- 16,300**
Financial aid applications processed
- 6,820**
Federal Pell Grants awarded to Union County College students
- \$6,661,217**
Grant dollars received
- \$2,772,644**
New Jersey Tuition Aid Grants (TAG) awarded to Union County College's students
- 68,963**
Hours of peer tutoring in the ALC during Fall 2015
- 60,895**
Sign-ins to the ALC during Fall 2015
- 37**
Student clubs and organizations
- 764**
Youths that attended continuing education learning programs



Members of the leadership team for these students who were in attendance that evening includes: Director of Public Safety Joseph Hines (left), Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Student Development Zulema Cheek (second from left), Dean of Student Success Rebecca Royal (second from right), and Vice President of Student Development Helen Brewer (right).

STUDENT SUCCESS IS EVIDENT FROM PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

As part of a larger College effort to support the success of all students, Project Achievement is an initiative to assist African-American males with completing their degrees and moving onto four-year institutions. On Fri., May 20, the College celebrated many students who would graduate on May 25 and will forge ahead on their new path of independence and academic success.



With President McMenamin are Sheila Zegarra, Christopher Coccoluto, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Maris Lown, and Vice President of Student Development Mrs. Helen Brewer.

UNION STUDENTS NAMED TO THE ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

Two outstanding Union County College students, Christopher Coccoluto and Sheila Zegarra, were honored by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges at the 22nd annual Phi Theta Kappa Day on May 5. This annual celebration is held by the NJCCC to honor the members of the New Jersey All-State Academic Team. It is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community colleges, the Coca-Cola Foundation, and the New Jersey Education Association.



UNION CELEBRATED PI DAY

Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Honor Society, hosted a Pie Eating Contest in honor of National Pi Day on March 14. The contest was held in the Richel Student Commons on the Cranford campus and many students participated in the lively competition.



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Shown is the 2015-2016 Student Government Association. At left is Club Co-Advisor Jose Paez-Figueroa, second from right is Club Co-Advisor Dr. Melinda Norelli, and at right is Dean of Students Tammy Smith.

COLLEGE LIFE AWARDS RECOGNIZED STUDENT LEADERS AND ATHLETES

On May 3, College Life hosted its second annual award ceremony, celebrating the achievements of more than 50 students for their involvement in clubs, organizations, athletics, and other activities. Earning special recognition was the Student Government Association for organizing successful student-centered events and Phi Theta Kappa for the success they achieved meeting fundraising goals, growing their membership, and conducting volunteer work. Several student-athletes earned praise for successful seasons, including the teams for men's soccer, women's basketball, and men's lacrosse. In addition, a number of athletes were named to NJCAA All-Academic teams.



STUDENTS PERFORMED AT NJAC CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY

Annually the New Jersey Association of Counties hosts a convention in Atlantic City. This year, the College was invited to have a group of students sing acappella at the conference. Students Jessica Allen, Alyea Elsayy, Carlos Melo, June Soriano, and Deonna Rodgers performed on behalf of the College at the event on held on May 19.

SGA CLUBS

- African Student Organization
- Architecture Club
- Art Society
- Biology Club
- Black Heritage Student Organization
- Business Association
- Catholic Student Organization
- Chemistry Club
- Christian Fellowship
- Civic Engagement
- Criminal Justice Club
- Film Club
- Gaming and Animation Society (G.A.S.)
- Glee Club
- Hospitality Club
- History Club
- League Of Legends Club
- Math Club
- Model United Nations
- Modern Reality
- Music Club
- Muslim Student Association
- Philosophy Club (Paradox)
- Paralegal Club
- Sexuality and Gender Alliance (S.A.G.A.)
- S.I.G.N. Club (ASL-English Program)
- Smash Club
- Social Sciences Society
- Sport Management Club
- T.R.O.P.A. Club
- Tennis Club
- Tuition Free US
- UCC Stiletos Fashion Club

MEDIA

- The Sheaf
- The Scroll
- Foreign Student Voice
- UCC Radio 88.1 AM



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UNION STUDENTS HELPED CHANGE HUNGER

This year's Student Government Association was very driven to host charity type events and to provide outreach assistance, if possible, in times of need. During October and November 2015, the SGA and the Psi Beta Honor Society joined together and participated in Students Change Hunger, an initiative to bring food to families throughout the State of NJ, where one in every five children go to bed hungry most nights. Union's students delivered the College's donations to The Community FoodBank of New Jersey in Hillside. The Foodbank raised more than 44 million pounds of food. The total pounds of food donated by Union throughout the month was 1,392.



STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN HOLIDAY HELPERS PROJECT

Sport Management Assistant Professor Marc Postiglione led students in a community-service project in December to assist St. Joseph's Social Services in Elizabeth with their annual Holiday Helpers Project. This Project coordinates the donation of holiday items from churches throughout Union County and gives them to families and children in need. Eleven students met at the VFW Hall in Clark and helped pack gifts for Holiday Helpers. Student and Union soccer player Sophie Litos helped Professor Postiglione run the event.



FIRST SOFT-SKILLS GRADUATES

The Workforce Innovation Business Center is a College-run facility that assists with helping to train residents with necessary skills to find work. Since its inception, the Freeholder-led initiative has provided jobs for nearly 300 residents. A key feature of the center is the development of a 40-hour soft-skills training course that the College's Industry-Business Institute developed in conjunction with the Workforce Investment Board and several County businesses. The College has provided the job-readiness training for 120 residents prior to their being placed in jobs. Above are the graduates from the first class to finish the 40 hour soft-skills training course at the WIBC.

METAL FABRICATION/ CNC MACHINIST TRAINING PROGRAM

The Metal Fabrication/CNC Machinist training program provides training for high-tech jobs in advanced manufacturing. The ten week program includes instruction in the use of lathes, milling equipment, CNC equipment, grinding equipment, blueprint reading and more. Twenty-one students completed the program and sat for the National Institute for Metalworking Skills Machining Level 1 exam, several with offers of employment. This training is made possible by a US Department of Labor National Emergency Grant awarded to the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and a US Department of Labor H1-B Ready-to-Work Partnership Grant awarded to the NJ County College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development. Mobile curriculum and resources provided by United States Department of Labor Round Two TAACCCT Grant through Camden County College.



PITTS RECEIVED DIPLOMA 35 YEARS LATER

Alan Pitts proved that it's never too late to graduate. Mr. Pitts took his last class at Union 35 years ago and he officially became a member of the graduating class after a review of his transcript revealed he was eligible to graduate. He began his classes in 1975 and after completing more than 60 credit hours, he joined the U.S. Army in 1979 and went on to a 16-year career as a Rahway police officer. He encountered one of his former professors who encouraged him to find out what he needed to graduate with his Associate in Arts in Criminal Justice. After a meeting with Registrar Nina Hernandez, he realized he had earned the credits he needed and looked forward to receiving his degree.



DELSORDO RECEIVED "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

Union County College's Giovanna DelSordo was one of 14 student-athletes from New Jersey's community colleges to receive "Woman of the Year" recognition at the National Girls and Women in Sports Day celebration held on Feb. 7 at Seton Hall University. DelSordo, a resident of Springfield, is a member of the women's volleyball team.



**THERE WERE 176
UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
STUDENT ATHLETES IN 2015**

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Caption: Team members and Head Coach Cheryl Bell (right) pose with the trophy for winning the Region XIX Championships

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ARE AGAIN NAMED REGION XIX CHAMPIONS

For a second year, the Women's Basketball team were named the Region XIX Champions by beating Harcum College by a score of 91-75 on Feb. 28. Sophomore Guard/Forward Shaniece Wright was named tournament MVP and Head Coach Cheryl Bell was named Region XIX Coach of the Year. The win qualified the team to head to the national tournament held in Kansas in March.

TRACK AND FIELD RANK AT NATIONALS

The Union County College Track and Field team had an excellent performance at the NJCAA National Championships at Holyoke Community College in Massachusetts from May 6-8. Iyanah Hawley, of Elizabeth, won multiple events and broke NJCAA national meet records. Ms. Hawley finished first in the 100 and 400 meter hurdles, running the 100-meter hurdles in 14.44 seconds, setting a new NJCAA record. She was named the Female Eastern Region Athlete of the Year. Led by Nolister Montas, of Summit, the Men's team also excelled. Montas placed 4th in the javelin throw with 48.48 meters. Union's team also came in sixth for the Men's 400-meter hurdles. The Men's also finished sixth in the 4x100-meter relay. Since its 2012 founding, the College's Track and Field program has boasted more than 30 All-Americans.



LACROSSE TEAM WON REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

In only its fourth year, Union's men's lacrosse team won the Region XIX Championship. The team had an incredible season, finishing their regular season with a record of 15-2. They defeated all Region XIX teams by at least 10 goals each game. Five players earned national recognition, and the team ranked in sixth-place in the National Junior College Athletic Association. Cranford's Jay Roussey coached the squad, which featured leading scorer Mark Swintek, whose 130 points were the most in the USA. Goalie Cole Weber of Scotch Plains had the nation's lowest goals-against average. Other stalwarts included Midfielder Mike Flood, Defender Ryan Marsh, and Defender Mark Trinkle of Westfield; Defender Anthony Perrone, Midfielder Brett Scaturo, Midfielder Mike Palumbo of Cranford; and Midfielder Jake Egner, Defender John Atansio, and Defender Sean Quigley of Clark; and Midfielder Steven Clarke of Berkeley Heights. Union County College hosted and won the 2016 Region XIX Tournament. The Owls triumphed over Delaware Technical Community College in the semifinal by a score of 20-3. In the Championship game, the Owls defeated Ocean County College 13-7.

TEAM RECORDS:

Baseball 7-24
Lacrosse 17-3
Track & Field . . . named 9 All-Americans
Women's Soccer 6-10
Men's Soccer 7-10-1
Volleyball 6-8
2015-16 Men's Basketball 13-16
2015-16 Women's Basketball 24-8

*Qualified for the National Tournament
 and finished 9th in the Country*

ATHLETICS INFORMATION

The Union County College Athletic Teams had a successful 2015 season overall. Individual players continued to score success on and off the courts and fields. Academics are of key importance to keeping Union's athletes eligible to play and when they see success in the classroom, they also see it in their athletic performance. Our coaches and instructors work together to keep this symbiotic relationship in constant progress.

Union's key players and their achievements for 2015:

For the Women's Basketball Team:

Shaniece Wright – named the NJCAA Division II Player of the Year for the All Region XIX Team and named to the First Team. Ms. Wright was also named to the NJCAA Division II All-Garden State Athletic Conference Team.

Yasmine Dorrielan – named to the Second Team for the NJCAA All-Region XIX team and as a member of the NJCAA Division II All-Garden State Athletic Conference Team.

Acestra Robinson – named to the NJCAA Division II All-Garden State Athletic Conference Team.

For the Men's Basketball Team:

Jalen Baytops – named to the NJCAA Division III All-Garden State Athletic Conference Second Team and to the Region XIX Division III Second Team All Region.

For the Women's Volleyball Team:

Giovanna Delsordo – named to the NJCAA All Region Team Division III Third Team.

For the Women's Soccer Team:

Catalina Lozano and Monica Flores – named to the NJCAA All Region Team Division III Third Team.

For the Men's Soccer Team:

Alpson Falaise – named to the NJCAA All-Garden State Athletic Conference Team Division III First Team.

Agyayaw Aquainoo and Jose Silva – named to the NJCAA All-Garden State Athletic Conference Team Division III Second Team.

Frank Mangano and Yulian Ramirez – named to the NJCAA All-Garden State Athletic Conference Team Division III Third Team.

ATHLETIC SCHOLARS

NJCAA Garden State Athletic Conference All-Academic Team:

Baseball: Jordeny Done and Namir Garcia

Lacrosse: Cole Weber, Domenic Inglisa, Mark Trinkle,
and Mike Flood.

Men's Soccer: Fredy Pena Bueno

Women's Soccer: Diana Kallinos

Women's Volleyball: Leana Thomas

NJCAA Region XIX All-Academic Team:

Baseball: Korey Comer, Hunter Llerena,
Nicholas Luciano, Gareth Mendez,
William Moskal, Jake Pittius, and
Wesley Puello.

Women's Basketball: Jasmin Boone-Alexander and
Khayriyyah Dawson.

Cross Country: Andree Anderson, Joshua Capistrano,
Camille DuBois, Dominique Downer, and
Taylor White.

Lacrosse: John Atanasio, Matt Axmann, Steven Clarke,
John Cunningham, George Kassouf, Guven
Kose, Jose Quintero, and Brett Scaturo.

Men's Soccer: Giuseppe Canales, John Del Sordi,
Andres Duque, Luigi Esposito,
Watson Momplaisir, Alex Rocha, and
Kevin Viana.

Women's Soccer: Sophie Litos, Isabella Salcedo
Betancourt, and Sandra Sosa.

Women's Volleyball: Christine Charles, Amanda Fullem,
Shadazi McDaniel, Monique Spann, and
Linda Thomas.



STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES



ALCS CELEBRATED NATIONAL TUTORING WEEK

One of the benefits offered to Union students is the free use of the Academic Learning Center. The ALC is on-campus peer tutoring that is available at all three campuses on a daily basis. On Nov. 10 and 11, the College celebrated National Tutor Week at the ALCs.

VISUAL ARTS EXPO HELD AT RAHWAY CENTER

The Union County College Art Society hosted a Visual Arts Expo at the College's Rahway Center. Twelve Union students displayed their work on May 6 and 7 for the public to view. Emily Aschenbach, President of the Art Society, suggested the idea for the expo. With the assistance of faculty advisor Prof. Anthony Nicoli, the event became a reality. Student artists included: Emily Aschenbach, Alex B, Miguel Barriento, Rachel Brooks, Justin Dinspechin, Matthew Discala, Emaad Rayaz, Karen Gualpa, Moujnir Lewis, Karin Moya, Damien Olague, and Traci-Ann Palmer.



Director of Banking Patrick Mullen of the Department of Banking and Insurance, Dr. McMenam, and Acting Commissioner Badolato.

ACTING COMMISSIONER GAVE MONEY ADVICE TO STUDENTS

On Feb. 12, the College hosted Richard Badolato, NJ State Acting Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, for a Financial Literacy Seminar for students in the Lessner Theater on the Elizabeth campus. Acting Commissioner Badolato's important tips to students on how to build a strong credit rating and how to avoid serious debt were well received.





Union students outside the College Avenue Student Center at the Rutgers University New Brunswick campus.

STUDENTS ATTENDED BRIDGE TO BACCALAUREATE STEM RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Through the College's Bridge to Baccalaureate program, a group of Union students attended the 7th Annual Garden State LSAMP Phase II-Northern New Jersey-STEM Research Conference at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. The conference was held on Oct. 9. Four of Union's students presented in the Research Poster Session thanks to the support of the STEMpact program.



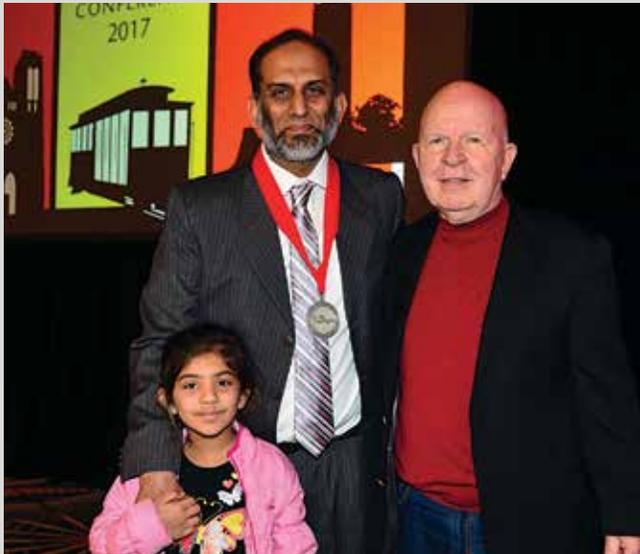
ALPFA NETWORKING EVENT FOR UNION'S STUDENTS

Union students had the opportunity to attend an ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals for America) NJ Networking Event on March 3 at the College's Cranford campus. Sponsored by the Social Science/Business/History Division, Career Services Department, and the Business Association, four guest speakers came to campus to network and address our students on topics such as career success factors and internship opportunities. The representatives were from JP Morgan Chase, Ernst & Young, Goldman Sachs, and Pricewaterhouse Coopers.



STUDENTS ATTEND LPN DAY

The New Jersey League for Nursing hosts an annual LPN Day. On April 27, the students in Dr. Carol Healey's class attended the 2016 Practical Nursing Student Education Day at the Pines Manor in Edison. The programming for the day was, "Journey Into Practice-Taking the First Steps." The students attended an inspiring educational program and had the opportunity to learn about programs that offer continuing education credits towards RN licensure.



Caption: Professor Rao at the award ceremony in Chicago with his daughter Shiza and John Roueche.

PROFESSOR RAO RECEIVED EXCELLENCE AWARD

On Apr. 9, Associate Professor of Biology Saif Rao received a John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College. Professor Rao was cited for his exceptional level of student engagement in his Biology classrooms.

EMPLOYEES FACILITIES TECHNOLOGY

UNION APPOINTS FOUR ACADEMIC DEANS

One of the many changes this year was the transfer of management of academic departments from eight faculty department chairs and two directors to four academic deans.

Dr. Elise Donovan is the Dean of Humanities. **Dr. Liesl Jones** is the Dean of the STEM Division. **Dr. Lester Sandres Rapalo** is the Dean of Social Science/Business/History. **Dr. Regina Riccioni** is the Dean of Allied Health/Sciences.



Dr. Donovan is the Dean of Humanities. She was a senior professor of English and has served in many roles in her 23 years at Union. She served as department chair of English, as coordinator of developmental English, and as coordinator of English for Title V grants for student success.



Dr. Jones is the Dean of the STEM Division. She previously served as the department chair of the Biological Sciences Department at Lehman College of City University of New York. A professor at Lehman since 1998, Dr. Jones' previous roles included serving as the faculty fellow and chair of the Neuroscience Doctoral Subprogram.



Dr. Lester Sandres Rapalo is the Dean of Social Science/Business/History and taught middle-school and high-school students at the Calhoun School in New York City. Prior to that, he worked for more than five years as the interim dean of the Humanities and Foreign Language Department and program director for the Study Abroad program at Valencia College.



Dr. Riccioni is the Dean of Allied Health/Sciences. She formerly served as the director of Corporate Education and Training at Middlesex Community College. Before that she served as the assistant dean for the Douglass Project at Rutgers University, a program dedicated to opportunities for women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

DENA LEITER IS NAMED DEAN OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Dena Leiter is the College's Dean of Learning Resources and is responsible for the Libraries, the Academic Learning Centers, the Media Center, and Distance Education. She manages a \$2.3 million budget. Before becoming director in 2012, Ms. Leiter was an assistant librarian and an adjunct librarian and instructed students in research methods using the library website.



COONER IS UNION'S NEW RESEARCH DIRECTOR

On April 7, **Elizabeth Cooner** became the College's new Executive Director of Institutional Research in the Assessment, Planning and Research Department. In this role, she manages a staff of three that support the College's strategic planning, institutional development, and assessment. Ms. Cooner has more than fifteen years of relevant research and planning experience in higher education and in the corporate research industry.





PHYSICAL PLANT EMPLOYEES CREATE SCHOLARSHIP

In support of the Foundation's mission of providing scholarships to Union students, ten members of the College's facilities department came together and established a scholarship. Each year their generosity will fund two general scholarships for our students.

NEW DEAN FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

A new Dean was also appointed in the area of student success.

Ms. Rebecca Royal is the Dean of Student Success.

Ms. Royal is focused on coordinating many student services, including academic advisement, disability support services, transfer and career services, student orientation, the Educational Opportunity Fund program, and the First Year Experience.



ALC CELEBRATED 30 YEARS OF SUCCESS



The Academic Learning

Centers celebrated their 30-year anniversary milestone with current tutors, faculty, and staff at the end of December.

Alumni stopped by to partake in the celebration as well.

The ALC provides tutoring services on all three campuses to support student success and last year delivered over 60,000 individual tutoring sessions for a total of more than 68,000 hours of student assistance. The ALC employs more than one hundred of our high achieving student "peer" tutors who earn work-study income while providing tutoring support in mathematics success centers and in any subject topic area such as biology, chemistry, psychology, engineering, and English.



STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING SCHEDULED TO OPEN MID-2016

The superstructure of the newest building on the Cranford campus in 20 years continued to progress through 2015 and is scheduled for a 2016 opening. The new “One Stop” will be a welcoming gateway for new students and a successful solution to the entire registration process for current students. Everything our students need will be out in the open on the first floor with cross-trained, multi-tasking staff on hand and ready to serve.

The Union County Improvement Authority is managing construction for this \$14 million, two-story, 30,000-square foot building. The footprint extends from the Nomahegan and Humanities buildings into the grounds located in the courtyard next to the MacKay Library.

The new building’s first floor will feature “One Stop” services to admissions, registration, financial aid, student accounts, and advising. On the second floor, the building will address the College’s need for additional classrooms and faculty offices. The project will also include the renovation of 6,000 square feet of existing space in the offices that the Advisement, Counseling, and Transfer Services Department formerly occupied.

Union will unveil the new building during the summer of 2016 in advance of the start of the Fall 2016 semester. Not since the 1995 completion of the Campus Center “Pavilion” (where the Executive Education Center and the Fitness Center reside) has the College built a new structure on the grounds of the 48-acre campus.

EMPLOYEES FACILITIES TECHNOLOGY



INDER SINGH IS UNION’S NEW CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Inder V. Singh, Union’s New Chief Information Officer, brought more than 25 years experience in higher education developing IT strategies and plans. Mr. Singh previously served for 14 years as

the Associate Vice President of IT for The Culinary Institute of American in Hyde Park, NY. Mr. Singh has a strong background in IT management and many years of experience in developing IT strategies, budgeting, support services, and project management.

DR. HAWTHORNE RECEIVED NSF GRANT

Dr. Beth Hawthorne, Senior Professor in Computer Science, and a nationally recognized authority on Cybersecurity, received a National Science Foundation grant titled, “Catalyzing Computing and Cybersecurity in Community Colleges.” Dr. Hawthorne is one of the principle investigators for the grant, which is funded through August 2018. Dr. Hawthorne will use the funds to develop a new computer science/cybersecurity course for community colleges. Union is one of the grant’s pilot institutions, making it one of the first to offer the course.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PROFESSOR HEIDARY

Sherry Heidary, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, received an Excellence Award from the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development of the University of Texas. She received her award at the International Conference on Teaching and Learning Excellence held in Austin, Texas.

Robert Yoskowitz, Senior Professor of Fine Arts, had his illustrated poster “The First Annual Ernie the Chicken Festival,” featuring Bruce Springsteen at Newark State College (now Kean University) in May 1971, enshrined in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. The poster was hand silk screened and fewer than 50 were made.



DR. GABA RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Dr. Barbara Gaba is the Provost of the College’s Elizabeth campus and is an Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. She is also an active member of the greater Elizabeth community and was chosen by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Greater Elizabeth Area, to receive the Prestige Recognition Award, “NCNW Educational Excellence Award.” The award was presented at the 10th Annual Harambee Breakfast and Awards Ceremony.

Dr. Gioacchino “Jack” Patuto, adjunct instructor in the Biology Department, was honored by the Association des Médeçins Haitiens a L’Etranger for his medical and surgical work in Haiti in Obstetrics, Gynecology, Pediatrics and Trauma. In addition to his work at Union, Dr. Patuto has been a Flight Physician for 25 years and has worked with Rotary International and the Greater Church of Shiloh. He also has provided medical care to an impoverished community in Mexico as part of the St. Teresa of Avila Church’s Somos Familia (We Are Family) mission outreach.

George Hildrew, Senior Professor in the Fine Arts Department, had his art titled “Veiled Actions” on display in the spring at New York City’s Curatorium and earned recognition in The New York Times. One piece from the collection is an oil-on-panel piece titled “Batboy Takes Off.”





Dr. Raul Sanchez, EEO/Affirmative Action Officer, joined the Union community in November. He is responsible for ensuring that the College is in compliance with federal and State laws and for spearheading Union’s initiatives to build and maintain a more diverse workforce.

THREE ASSISTANT DEANS APPOINTED

With the new organization, academic leadership support roles also were developed. The three assistant dean positions that were created were filled by current College employees.



Dr. Carlos Barrezueta is the Assistant Dean for Social Sciences/Business/History. He served as the College’s ombudsman and affirmative-action officer since 2013. His prior experience includes work at Miami Dade College as the executive director for the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Initiatives.



Nicole Cippoletti is the Assistant Dean for STEM. She joined Union in 2012, and served as an academic affairs administrator. Her prior experience at Union included working as a program assistant for the Title V STEM program and as a youth-programs instructor for Continuing Education.



Sara Lacagnino is the Assistant Dean for Humanities. She has worked for Union since 2009, as a coordinator and then a project director for the College’s Title V-funded programs for Hispanic students called the Center for Student Success. In 2012, the College introduced a new Title V program called LEAP (Learning Enhanced through Accelerated Paths), for which she served as coordinator until she was named Assistant Dean.

EMPLOYEES IN STUDENT DEVELOPMENT MOVE TO “ONE STOP” FORMAT

In anticipation of the opening of the new Student Services building on the Cranford campus in fall 2016, all employees in the Student Development Division were cross trained in their areas of expertise, establishing a “One Stop” for Union students.



Shown here for the ribbon-cutting ceremony are Board Chair Vic Richel, Union County Freeholder Chris Hudak, President McMenamin, and Bookstore Manager Leslie Combs.

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR NEW ELIZABETH CAMPUS BOOKSTORE

On Nov. 12, the College unveiled the new bookstore in Elizabeth’s Kellogg building. The new store is located off the spacious first-floor lobby, replacing what had been a cramped room on the ground floor of the Lessner Building.

“INSIDE THE COLLEGE”

Throughout the year, President McMenamin hosted a monthly half-hour television program called “*Inside the College*.” The show was produced by the Media Services Department in the College’s television studio, located on the Cranford campus. “*Inside the College*” featured interviews with students, highlighted events that took place on the various campuses and included interviews with local and county officials. The programs were broadcast throughout the County on FiOS, Comcast, and Cablevision stations.



PRESIDENT MCMENAMIN ADDRESSED WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP GROUP

In celebration of Women’s History Month, President McMenamin spoke to the Women’s Leadership Group of the Educational Opportunity Fund program. Held on March 9 in the Kellogg Building at the Elizabeth campus, Dr. McMenamin addressed a group of more than 20 women about the importance of being a leader in today’s world.



**PRESIDENT'S
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

EMPLOYEES FACILITIES TECHNOLOGY

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The President's Leadership Council (PLC) meets monthly to update each other on key initiatives within their respective departments. They also discuss institutional priorities and strategic issues facing the College.

PLC MEMBERS:

Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin

Sandra Auld, Director of Purchasing

Helen Brewer, Vice President, Student Development

Dayne Chance, Director of Financial Aid

Elizabeth Cooner, Executive Director of Institutional Research

Dr. Eileen Donovan, Dean of Humanities

Ellen M. Dotto, Executive Director of College Relations

Dr. Barbara Gaba, Provost/Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

Nina Hernandez, Registrar

Joseph Hines, Director of Public Safety

Dr. Lisa Hiscano, Director of Continuing and Professional Education

Shirley Hollie-Davis, Assistant Dean of Center of Economic & Workforce Development

Dr. Liesl Jones, Dean of STEM

Heather M. Keith, Director of Advising, Career and Transfer Services

Henry Key, Director of Facilities

Dena Leiter, Dean of Learning Resources

Bernard F. Lenihan, Vice President, Financial Affairs & Treasurer

Vincent Lotano, Director of Human Resources

Dr. Maris Lown, Vice President, Academic Affairs

Dr. Stephen D. Nacco, Vice President, Administrative Services and Executive Assistance to the President

Dr. Regina M. Riccioni, Dean of Plainfield Campus & Allied Sciences

Douglas Rouse, Executive Director of Union County College Foundation

Rebecca Royal, Dean of Student Services

Raul Sanchez, Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Officer

Dr. Lester Sandres Rapalo, Dean of Social Sciences/Business/History

Inder Singh, Chief Information Officer

Tamalea A. Smith, Dean of College Life

Marlene M. Sousa, Budget Director

Lynne Welch, Controller

Dr. Marlene M. White, Manager of Legal Services

GOVERNANCE BORN ON JULY 1

A new system of governance officially began at Union County College on July 1 when the new rules of the Governance Leadership Council (GLC) went into effect. President McMenamin emphasizes that the new Governance system is "for faculty, staff, administrators and students—an opportunity for everybody to be heard, to have a vote, and to have input into the governing of the College." The role of the GLC is to oversee and manage all aspects of College Standing and College Professional Evaluation Committees, prepare an annual report for the President, meet with the President or designee to receive annual charges, meet with committee chairs/committees to solicit input regarding committee work, and evaluate committee functions and membership when requested and make recommendations to the President. The GLC will assign charges to the 17 standing committees. College assemblies will be held to feature committee presentations and reports on specific areas of interest or individual charges.

EMPLOYEES FACILITIES TECHNOLOGY



RIBBON-CUTTING HELD IN PLAINFIELD

The new building that is the College's new home to its programs for Practical Nursing, Emergency Medical Studies, and the Robert and Freda Brown Paramedic Program was officially opened on Oct. 20. The College's Facilities department oversaw the 18-month overhaul of what had been an auto-parts building into a state-of-the-art educational facility. Dr. McMenamain was joined by many dignitaries to celebrate the festivities including NJ State Assemblyman Gerald Green, Union County Freeholder Vernell Wright, and Plainfield Mayor Adrian Mapp. Also on hand were Board of Trustees Chair Vic Richel, retired Board Member Jim Perry, and four Board Members and Governors (A.J. Jalloh, Ada McGuinness, Melinda Ayala, Chester Lobrow). On the right are three members of the Thul family, who owned Thul Auto Parts.



CRANFORD BOOKSTORE MAKEOVER

President McMenamain cut the ribbon with Follett Bookstore manager Christine Salzman, and Student Government Association President Nuno Pereira, for the updated bookstore on the Cranford campus.

UNION RECEIVED AWARD FROM NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

The National Science Foundation (NSF) announced an award of \$199,987 to Union County College from the Advanced Technological Education (ATE) grant program for a two year project to create and pilot a Cyber Forensics Technician program. Dr. Elizabeth Hawthorne is the lead on the project and is working with Dr. Cynthia Roemer. Project goals include: addressing the need for an increasing number of skilled cyber forensics technicians; improving student retention to complete a post-secondary credit certificate and/or an associate in applied science degree; and preparing graduates with career ready skills.

SUMMARY & OUTLOOK

The support of the College is dependent on three major revenue sources: State Appropriations, County Appropriations and student tuition. During economic times when increases for State and County Aid are tight, greater pressure falls upon students to bear the additional cost in the form of increased tuition. The College continues its efforts to contain costs so as to curtail and manage student revenue increases.

Looking forward begins with student enrollment growth which is dependent on an array of factors including population growth rate, unemployment rate, and the number of high school graduates in Union County and the surrounding areas. During FY 2015 student academic credit hours decreased 4.0% from FY 2014 and the Fall 2015 enrollment has decreased 2.7% compared to the preceding Fall semester. It is expected that this trend will continue throughout FY 2016.

As mentioned above, management continues to place great emphasis on cost containment to mitigate rising costs and to minimize tuition increases. Ongoing concerted efforts have been made to utilize part time instructors where feasible to control instructional spending. The institution has realized the benefits of this initiative since FY 2013 along with class consolidation and higher utilization of classroom capacity. This has been an ongoing process and will continue throughout FY 2016.

An organizational structure in Academic Affairs was needed to provide twelve month accountability and administrative support. Managing the complexity of day to day operations in higher education today requires a full time presence over the entire calendar year. The previous structure had all ten Departments, eight Department Chairs and all 160 full time faculty members reporting to the Academic Vice President, an approach that did not support quality teaching and learning.

Effective July 1, 2015, a reorganization in Academic Affairs took place to provide a structure that links together like disciplines, encourages innovation, focuses faculty and staff on organizational priorities and goals, and promotes student success. The revised structure consists of four Divisions: Humanities; Social Sciences, Business and History; STEM; and Allied Sciences each headed by a dean. The faculty report to their respective Dean. Each Dean is supported in the administration of their responsibilities by Assistant Deans and Directors.

The College had a need to integrate all student service functions within one division. With the consolidation of all of these functions particularly with the One-Stop Center on the horizon, students would be provided with consistent communication from the institution's team approach for addressing student issues in a comprehensive and dynamic single location environment. With this in mind, effective October 1, 2015, a reorganization within the Student Development division took place. Admissions, Records and Registration as well as Student Accounts became a part of the division. The role of One Stop Managers was developed and became a part of the division's structure along with a new Dean of Student Success and a reorganization with respect to the role of the Dean of Students. With all of this in mind, the goal of this

reorganization was to provide a premier student service experience in a student-centered environment.

The increasing influence of external pressures and the need to improve student success outcomes have made it essential that decisions invoke interdisciplinary thinking, involve all stakeholders, and reflect an informed, objective, and disciplined perspective. As a result, a new governance structure was instituted to incorporate cross functional input into the decision making process at the College. Including the Governance and Leadership Council, there are eighteen established committees. In addition, there is a monthly College Assembly which through its representative sample of the College community, and its commitment to institutional

priorities provides an interactive forum in which governance becomes a dynamic process that both questions and respects committee work and provides objective input and guidance that is considered in final committee recommendations.

The College continues to expand, renovate and improve facilities and this will continue throughout the up and coming fiscal years. The Student Services Building in Cranford has an anticipated completion date of July 15, 2016. Part of the first floor will be a 'One Stop' multi-purpose space. The second floor will provide twelve classrooms as well as conference rooms and office areas. The Elizabeth Bookstore is being relocated to the Kellogg Building which has an expected completion date at the end of September 2015. Follett with provide fit-out details for the new space. The Annex-Logos renovation should begin Summer/Fall 2015 with the Annex complete by the end of April 2016 and Logos by September 2016. The CCTV Phase II project which will take place during FY 2016 will provide broader coverage and oversight of the exterior portions of the Cranford campus as well as parking Lot #1 to ensure operational continuity. Phase I of this project installed cameras for the interior portions of the Cranford campus as well as the service for the repository for the video footage. Work on the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units located in the Science building of the Cranford campus will be started in the Fall 2015 and it is expected that work will be scheduled throughout the year to replace other old aging systems throughout the campus. The construction plans and specifications are under development for the first and lower levels at the Lessner Building in Elizabeth.

The Information Technology (IT) department has plans for many initiatives to take place in the very near future. Some of these planned projects are an online catalog, an updated College website, upgrading and implementing new technologies to support the "One Stop," IT infrastructure installation and services for the College's various construction projects mentioned above as well as upgrading computer labs.

The College continues to maintain most of its liquid assets in cash. At fiscal year end the cash position of the College is seasonally high to prepare for payment of continued operating expenses during the months before the next significant influx of tuition and grant monies. Interest rates have remained relatively level over the last three years and we do not expect a turnaround in rates during FY 2016.

With ongoing cost considerations paramount and continued support from the State and County of Union, the College expects that it will be able to continue to provide an affordable, high quality education to its students. With the plan for enhanced and expanded facilities coupled with the plan for a "One Stop" student service facility on both the Cranford and Elizabeth campuses, the College will continue to assure that the quality and extent of services provided to students will meet their needs and expectations.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE NET ASSETS (\$000)

				2015 vs. 2014	
	2015	2014	2013	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Current Assets	35,899	34,556	31,065	1,343	3.9%
Non-Current Assets	92,923	86,906	89,074	6,017	6.9%
Total Assets	\$128,822	\$121,462	\$120,139	7,360	6.1%
Current Liabilities	11,882	10,812	11,342	1,070	9.9%
Non-Current Liabilities	44,108	15,982	16,214	28,126	176.0%
Total Liabilities	\$55,990	\$26,794	\$27,556	\$29,196	109.0%
Total Net Assets	\$72,832	\$94,668	\$92,583	(\$21,836)	-23.1%

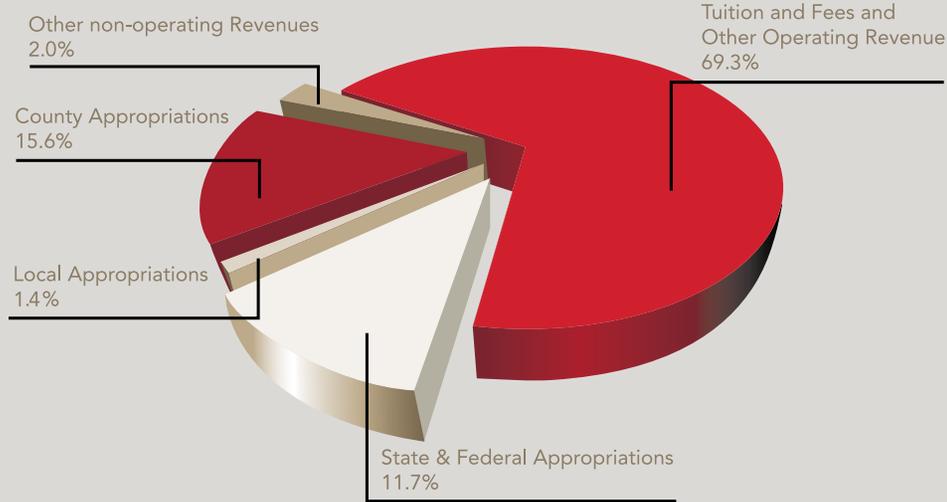
UNION COUNTY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

				2015 vs. 2014	
	2015	2014	2013	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Investments	15,824,364	14,984,252	12,466,863	840,112	5.6%
Other Assets	920,022	916,484	1,013,632	3,538	0.4%
Total Assets	\$16,744,386	\$15,900,736	\$13,480,495	843,650	5.3%
Current Liabilities	576,443	510,918	318,498	65,525	12.8%
Total Liabilities	576,443	510,918	318,498	65,525	12.8%
Total Net Assets	\$16,167,943	\$15,389,818	\$13,161,997	\$778,125	5.1%

EMPLOYEES FACILITIES TECHNOLOGY

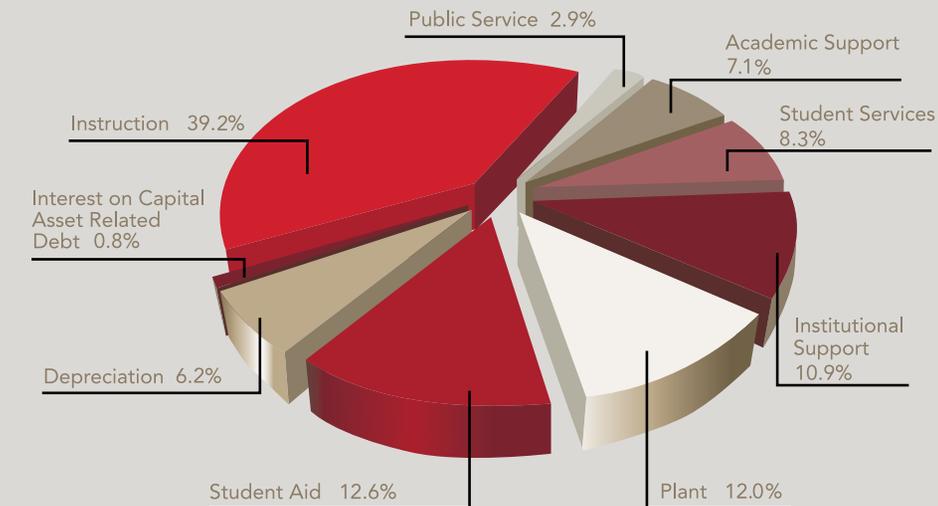
Revenue by Source

For Year Ended June 30, 2015



Operating Expenses

For Year Ended June 30, 2015



UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015		2014	
	College	Component Unit UCC Foundation	College	Component Unit UCC Foundation
REVENUES				
Operating Revenues				
Student Tuition and Fees	\$ 43,469,058	–	\$ 42,540,065	–
Less Scholarship Allowances	(15,561,354)	–	(15,150,466)	–
Net Student Tuition and Fees	27,907,704	–	27,389,599	–
Federal Grants	26,231,331	–	27,569,974	–
State Grants	6,814,546	–	5,247,400	–
Local Grants	1,254,566	–	770,232	–
Gifts and Contributions	288,953	\$ 823,027	263,810	\$ 754,544
Other	1,696,853	–	2,392,620	–
Total Operating Revenue	64,193,953	823,027	63,633,635	754,544
EXPENSES				
Operating Expenses				
Educational and General				
Instructional	34,946,560	–	35,473,107	–
Public Service	2,626,682	–	2,289,047	–
Academic Support	6,345,021	–	5,919,345	–
Student Services	7,406,115	–	6,642,136	–
Institutional Support	9,702,684	–	9,692,744	–
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	10,746,871	–	10,789,825	–
Student Aid	11,285,812	868,545	12,191,205	820,893
Depreciation	5,549,624	3,956	5,835,686	3,956
Other Expenses			352,576	269,911
Total Operating Expenses	88,609,369	1,225,077	88,833,095	1,094,760
OPERATING LOSS	(24,415,416)	(402,050)	(25,199,460)	(340,216)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
State Appropriations	10,306,432	–	10,255,635	–
County Appropriations	13,741,651	–	13,472,211	–
Investment Income	97,999	700,208	89,096	2,330,638
Interest on Capital Asset Related Debt	(717,956)	–	(754,747)	–
Gain on Capital Asset Disposal	–	–	288,651	–
Additions to Permanent Endowments	–	479,967	–	237,399
On-Behalf Payments - Alternate Benefit Plan:				
Revenues	1,409,623	–	1,485,794	–
Expenses - Faculty	(1,279,148)	–	(1,329,523)	–
Expenses - Adjuncts	(130,475)	–	(156,271)	–
Net Non-Operating Revenues	23,428,126	1,180,175	23,350,846	2,568,037
Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues	(987,290)	778,125	(1,848,614)	2,227,821
Capital Grants and Contributions	3,698,067	–	3,933,942	–
Increase in Net Position	2,710,777	778,125	2,085,328	2,227,821
Net Position - Beginning of Year	94,667,938	15,389,818	92,582,610	13,161,997
GASB 68 Adjustment	(24,546,268)	–	–	–
Net Position - Beginning of Year, as Restated	70,121,670	15,389,818	92,582,610	13,161,997
Net Position - End of Year	72,832,447	16,167,943	94,667,938	15,389,818

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Dear Friends,

This past year the Union County College Foundation experienced great progress in support of our mission. Because of your generosity, the Foundation continues to be the leading source of scholarship and emergency support for our students. I know firsthand how your commitment to our students made a real and lasting difference.

For example, nearly 25% of last year's graduating class of more than 1,500 students would not have attended college, let alone graduated, without your support. The Foundation last year provided almost \$1,000,000 in scholarship support to nearly 600 students.

I am proud to share with you our annual report. In it, we recognize the hundreds of Foundation donors and volunteers who understand that education is the key to success, especially for the economically disadvantaged. I also want to share with you some highlights.

First, the Foundation secured nineteen new scholarships. Last summer the Foundation received a \$500,000 endowment from Betty and Fred Kopf and another \$500,000 donation from Helen Chaney, a UCC alumna. The first floor of the new Student Services Center will be named in her honor. Both gifts will fund student scholarships and several new scholarship campaigns. These two donations represent two of the largest individual contributions in Foundation history.

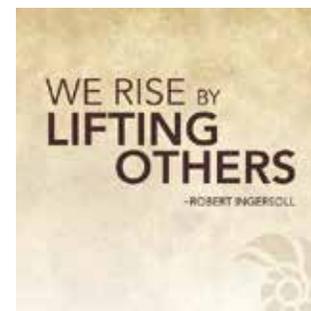
The Foundation's two signature fundraising events continued to be great successes. Last April, the annual Golf Outing was completely sold out and raised more than \$140,000. Last October, the Foundation hosted its annual Scholarship Gala. Although severe weather and flash flooding forced its postponement by three weeks, the Gala, honoring the memory of Dr. Gerald Glasser, raised nearly \$250,000 for student scholarships.

As 2016 begins, I am happy to report that the state of our Foundation continues to be strong thanks to board leadership, generous donors, wonderful volunteers and dedicated staff. We cannot, however, rest on our laurels. Although Union County College provides accessible and affordable education, what is 'affordable' compared to a four-year college, often is beyond the reach of most Union students. With your continued support, the Foundation will ensure that hardworking and deserving students are able to achieve the dream of a college degree.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey H. Katz, Esq.
Chair, Union County College Foundation



Two Monumental Gifts Received in 2015!



(From Left to Right) Surrounded by grateful students are Jeffrey Katz, Union County College Foundation Chair and College Board Governor, Victor M. Richel, Chair, Union County College Board of Trustees and College Board Governor, donors Betty & Fred Kopf, Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin, Union County College President and Doug Rouse, Union County College Foundation Executive Director.

Fred and Betty Kopf of Westfield sent their son Alexander to Union back in the early 1980s. They thought that someday they'd like to find a way to thank the College for the education he received.

As Betty said, "Union County College helped my son and continues to help thousands of County residents each year. Setting up a scholarship fund will ensure that future generations of County residents benefit from the service that the College provides."

The Kopfs made good on their promise and this past summer donated \$500,000 to the Foundation. This generous donation was used to set-up the Kopf Family endowment that will provide annual funding for two completion scholarships, two general scholarships and five scholarships for part-time students.

The one constant for the scholarships, and in keeping with the Kopfs' intention to "give to their local community college," is in ensuring that every scholarship recipient is a Union County resident.

"Union was a springboard for me in higher education," Helen Chaney said. "The college gave me my start, so I see this gift as my way of helping students financially so that they can afford not only to attend college but also succeed in getting a college degree."

A 1948 graduate, Chaney donated \$500,000 in December and it will support a number of different scholarships and student-success programs. Along with a new endowed scholarship, Mrs. Chaney will also help support the Foundation's three new student success campaigns, Close the Gap, Operation Graduation & the STEM Revolution. Appropriate to the student-success focus of the gift, the college will name its new student center in Chaney's honor. This center comprises the first floor of the Cranford campus' student services building, a new facility that is scheduled to open in summer 2016.

The Helen E. Chaney Student Center will serve as the focal point for all student services, including admissions and registration, advising, student accounts, financial aid and academic records.



New Helen E. Chaney Student Services Center



We were honored to receive such a generous gift from Helen Chaney – Helen and family pictured above.



(From Left to Right) Victor M. Richel, Chair, Union County College Board of Trustees and College Board Governor, Mary Zimmermann, Union County College Foundation Board Trustee and College Board Trustee and Governor, Dr. Sondra Fishinger, Union County College Foundation Board Trustee and President Margaret M. McMenam, meet with Yvette Rivera, recipient of the Dr. Sondra Fishinger American Honors Scholarship at the 2015 Annual Scholarship Reception.

Thank you...

“Receiving this scholarship motivates me to complete the Nursing Program and proceed to the next level in my career. I thank you for your confidence, willingness and believing in students like me.”

*Monika Surma,
Investors Bank Scholarship*

Scholarships and Awards

Why are scholarships so essential? A wide variety of our students are in need of financial assistance to attend the College. A scholarship not only helps to provide the opportunity of higher education to students who can't afford it, but it also assures them that someone believes in their potential. With the support from dedicated alumni and friends, we are able to give students the chance to continue their education and achieve their goals.

An endowed scholarship is self-perpetuating when at least \$25,000 is contributed to the fund. After one year, an endowed scholarship generates 5 percent interest per year, in perpetuity, (in accordance with the Union County College Foundation's spending policy), without reducing the principal. For example, a \$25,000 scholarship provides \$1,250 for students each year, every year, forever.

An Annual Scholarship can be created with a minimum gift of \$1,000. These need to be replenished each year to continue to actively support students.

The Foundation supports a robust scholarship program, and continues to seek new sources. For more information on establishing a scholarship, please contact the Foundation office at (908) 709-7505.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS for 2015

ConnectOne Bank Scholarship

Awarded to a full-time Union County resident with a minimum 2.8 GPA. Financial need is preferred, but not mandatory.

ConnectOne Bank Completion -Scholarship

Awarded to a first-time, full-time student with a minimum 2.8 GPA. Recipient must be a Union County resident, entering the final year of their degree program and be on course to graduate on time. Financial need is preferred, but not mandatory.

Glasser Foundation Scholarship

Awarded to an adult female Union County College student (age 30+).

Glasser Foundation Completion Scholarship

Awarded to first-time, full-time students entering the final semester of their degree program, who are on course to graduate.

Shirley Hirschfeld Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to full-time students enrolled in the American Honors Program at Union County College. Recipients must have completed a minimum of 30 credits, but not more than 60 credits, and are on track to graduate. Recipients must be Union County residents who demonstrate financial need.

Investors Bank Scholarship for the Future

Awarded to full-time students who have completed a minimum of 30 credits, but not more than 60 credits, and have a GPA of 2.5 at the time of award. Scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need.

Fred & Betty Kopf Annual Scholarship

Awarded to full-time students who reside in Union County, are in a matriculated major and have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students must demonstrate financial need.

Fred & Betty Kopf Scholarship

Awarded to full-time students who reside in Union County, are in a matriculated major and have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students must demonstrate financial need.

Fred & Betty Kopf Scholarship for Part-Time Students

Awarded to part-time students who reside in Union County, are in a matriculated major and have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students must demonstrate financial need.

Fred & Betty Kopf Completion Scholarship

Awarded to students who are members of a first-time, full-time, Fall student cohort. Recipients must be entering the final year of their degree program and be on course to graduate on time. Recipients must reside in Union County, have a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

The Legacy Scholarship

The Legacy Scholarships were established by an anonymous bequest to the Union County College Foundation. Awarded to full-time students who have completed a minimum of 30 credits, but not more than 60 credits. Recipients must have a minimum 2.5 GPA at the time of award. Scholarships will be awarded to those students who demonstrate financial need.



Thanks to your continued support, Union County College had the largest graduating class in its history last year!

The Legacy Completion Scholarship

Awarded to students who are members of a first-time, full-time, Fall student cohort. Recipients must be entering the final year of their degree program and be on course to graduate on time.

Linden Mayor's Scholarship

Awarded to a full- or part-time student who is a Linden resident and demonstrates financial need. Recipient must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 to receive this award.

Norelli Psychology Scholarship

Awarded to first-time, full-time students who are on track to graduate. Recipients must be Psychology majors who have completed a minimum of 30 credits and earned a minimum overall GPA of 2.5. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

Osiecki Excel Scholarship

Awarded to full- or part-time student(s) enrolled in one of the STEM disciplines at Union County College (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Recipient(s) must have completed 30 credits and earned an overall GPA of 3.5. Students must demonstrate financial need, and preference will be given to student(s) who reside in Linden, NJ.

Hemlata Patel Scholarship

Awarded to a full- or part-time student who is majoring in Computer Science. Recipient must have an overall GPA of 2.5.

Hemlata Patel ESL Scholarship

Awarded to a full- or part-time student who is currently enrolled in the ESL Program. Recipient must have an overall GPA of 2.5.

PSEG Foundation Scholarship

Awarded to a full-time Hispanic student majoring in one of the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Recipient must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need.

Scholarship & Award Contributors

Thank You, Donors!

Scholarship Reception 2015

The highlight of Union County College Foundation's calendar is always the annual Scholarship Reception held in April. There is no other night when our students get to meet those responsible for their scholarships. It is a very touching event, especially for our donors who can see firsthand how their support of the Foundation is truly changing lives in our community. Last year alone, the Foundation provided over \$850,000 for nearly 800 scholarships.

HONOR ROLL OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONORS

Following is a list of contributions made to our many scholarship funds during 2015. A complete roster of scholarships is available at www.uccfoundation.org.

ANNUAL & ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS/SPECIAL FUNDS

- AAI Members Memorial Scholarship**
Amateur Astronomers, Inc.
- Alumni Scholarship for Degree Completion**
Nancy J. Benz
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Thank you...

“Hopefully, one day I will be able to help others achieve their goals just like you are helping me now.”

*Sebastian Castro,
Dr. McLean Memorial
Scholarship*

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Laurie Sheldon

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Scholarship**
Marie Gray

Dr. Toby Grodner Scholarship
Dr. Toby Grodner

**Dr. Elizabeth Hawthorne
Women in Cybersecurity
Scholarship**
Dr. Elizabeth K. Hawthorne

Sherry Heidary Scholarship
Sherry Heidary

Herran-del Valle Scholarship
Donna M. Herran

**Shirley Hirschfeld Memorial
Scholarship**
Harvey Hirschfeld

**Hispanic Law Enforcement
Association of Union County
Scholarship**
Hispanic Law Enforcement
Association of Union County

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Edward J. & Patricia Hobbie

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Scholarship**
Infineum USA LP

**Institute for Intensive English
Scholarship (I.I.E.)**
Dr. Helen Aron
John H. McDermott

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Investors Foundation, Inc.

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Scholarship**
Sharon D. Johnson

**Bonnie Sue Kaplan Memorial
Scholarship**
Howard Kaplan

Sharon Karmazin Scholarship
Sharon Karmazin

**Leonard James Keating Memorial
Scholarship**
Bert Atsma

**J.C. Kellogg Foundation
Scholarship**
J. C. Kellogg Foundation

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Honors Students**
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Kiwanis-Luerich Scholarship
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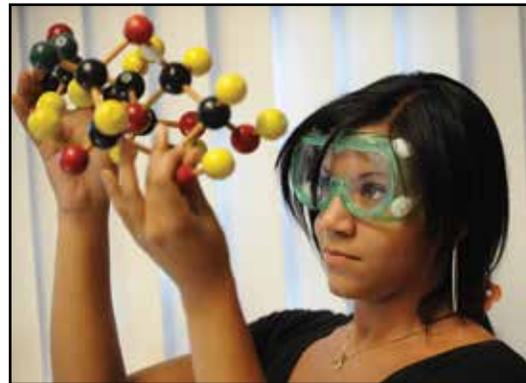
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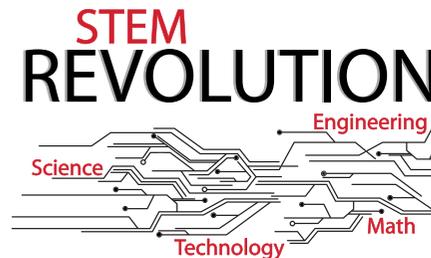
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1. Stem Revolution

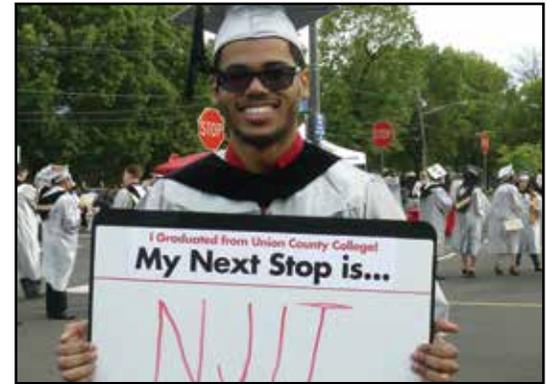
The newly developed STEM Revolution campaign is designed to provide funding and support to ensure that Union County College's STEM division continues to provide the best programs and services to our students while investing in scholarships for student success.



OPERATION GRADUATION

2. Operation Graduation

The Foundation's Operation Graduation campaign was developed to financially support the efforts of Union County College's strategic plan to increase overall graduation rates. Our fund will support multiple completion scholarships, as well as programs and services designed to help students complete their degrees on time.



3. “Close the Gap”

Seeing the need to make a difference, four key Foundation volunteers joined together to develop the “Close The Gap” Campaign to financially support the efforts of Union County College's new Project Achievement Gap Program. Through scholarships and program support, the Foundation hopes to have a direct impact that will help shrink the achievement gap among our African American students.

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Union County College Staff, Dr. Lisa Hiscano, Ellen Dotto and Lynne Welch enjoy a round of golf at Union County College Foundation's 23rd Annual Golf Outing!

Thank you, employees!

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23rd Annual Golf Tournament
– April 27, 2015

As the sun rose over the hills, the wonderful weather welcomed a record 144 golfers to the Foundation's Spring signature event, 23rd Annual Golf Outing at Union County's own Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, NJ. Chaired by Morris Lenczicki and co-chaired by John Richel, the golf tournament continued to be a champion for student scholarships by raising over \$140,000.

The Foundation would especially like to thank our lead sponsor, Investors Bank, for helping ensure that the Golf Outing was one to be remembered.

However, the incredible day would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our volunteer committee. The Foundation would also like to thank the faculty, staff and students who volunteered that day to make sure our golfers and guests had a great time.

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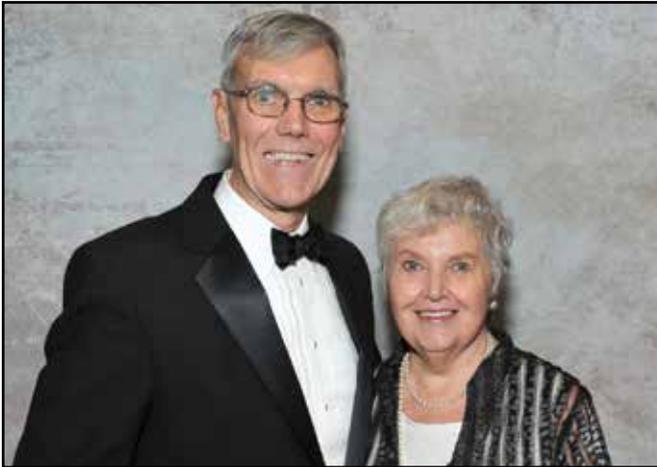
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(From Left to Right) Victor M. Richel, Chair, Union County College Board of Trustees and College Board Governor, Jeffrey Katz, Chair, Union County College Foundation and College President, Dr. Margaret McMenamin, kicking off the 23rd Annual Scholarship Gala.



Guests enjoying the October 2015 Annual Gala.

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23rd Annual Scholarship Gala

October 30, 2015

With a last minute date change due to weather, hundreds of guests and volunteers still were able to come together in support of the Union County College Foundation's mission and to honor the memory of Dr. Gerald Glasser at the 23rd Annual Scholarship Gala. Thanks to the generosity of our guests and sponsors, nearly \$250,000 was raised to help fund our Foundation's efforts to provide our students the financial resources needed to fulfill their dream of a college degree.

The highlight of the evening was when we heard from our keynote speaker, Luis Gonzalez-Aguilar. Luis, an honor student and campus leader, shared his life story. Most importantly, he touched on how the scholarship he received put him on a path that would not only change his life, but his family's life as well. Graduating in 2016, Luis plans to continue his education and return to his community to help small businesses succeed. He is a true example of how one person's gift can change a whole community. Inspired by Luis and the other students in the room, the Glasser Foundation decided to match every donation that was contributed during the books and tuition auction. Thanks to their generous support, the Foundation raised an additional \$40,000 that night!

Finally, the Foundation would like to thank Suzanne Covine, this year's gala chair, as well as the rest of the volunteers on the committee. Without their leadership and hard work, the evening would not have been possible.



Gala keynote speaker, Union County College student Luis Gonzalez-Aguilar.

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Victor M. Richel, Chair, Union County College Board of Trustees and College Board Governor, presents Marlene Glasser with a Gala award honoring Dr. Gerald Glasser.



Foundation Board Trustee and College Board Governor, Chester Lobrow, with his wife Jadwiga at the 23rd Annual Scholarship Gala.



Union County College students and Associate Dean of College Life, Rebecca May, pose for a group shot at the Gala!

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Doug Rouse, Foundation Executive Director and Mary Zimmermann, Foundation Board Trustee and College Board Trustee and Governor, join Foundation Board Trustee and College Board Governor Ada McGuinness of Investors Bank, as she presents a \$15,000 scholarship to thankful students.



Foundation staff member Britney Mack, Foundation Board Trustee Suzanne Covine, and College staff member Meghan Walsh are all smiles at registration awaiting golfers!



President Margaret M. McMenamin and Foundation Executive Director Doug Rouse accept a generous donation from Michael Osiecki, a Union County College student who raised funds to create the Osiecki Excel Scholarship for deserving students.

Thank you...

“This scholarship will allow me to better concentrate on my studies and be one step closer to my goal of becoming a registered nurse.”

*– Daphnee Desir,
UCC Foundation P/T Scholarship*

It’s hard to believe how swiftly time passes from the beginning of the Fall semester to our May commencement. This past year, the Foundation saw unbelievable growth and leadership, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our volunteer board, our community and alumni donors, and the collaboration of the Union County College faculty and staff. Only together, working as a team, can we truly realize our mission of providing all of our students the opportunity to fulfill their dreams of a college education.

Year in Review



College Governor Chip Dickson and wife Ellen catch up with Foundation Board Trustee Susan Hairston and husband Jerome at the President's Holiday Party!

Assemblyman Holley, donors Joan Bryant and Marlene Glasser, and Foundation Chair Jeffrey Katz at the 23rd Annual Gala.



Scholarship Donor, Freda Brown, with Amadeu Cruz, recipient of the Brown Family/Ralph Jimenez Memorial Scholarship at the annual Scholarship Reception.



ConnectOne Bank officers Mark Cardone, Patrick Scanlon and France Delle Donne present President Margaret M. McMenamin and students with funding for the ConnectOne Bank scholarships.

Check out the web for updates from the Foundation!



After the launch of Union County College Foundation's Facebook last year, hundreds of people are now able to keep up to date with exciting news from the Foundation, campus and our students and faculty.



You can also follow the Foundation on Twitter and LinkedIn. Both of these social media platforms help the Foundation better communicate with donors, alumni and community and business leaders. The Foundation is also planning to update our webpage to better serve the community. Currently, the Foundation offers the option to make direct and secure donations and we are soon planning an update of our webpage to better serve the community.



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– Brianna Gero, Gibson
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UNION MARCHED IN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Once again President McMenamin led a group of Union County College students, faculty, and staff in Union County's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Held on March 12, more than 100 members of the College community joined Dr. McMenamin for the mile-long celebration.



UNION STUDENTS HELPED CLEAN UP NOMAHEGAN PARK FOR EARTH DAY

In honor of Earth Day 2016, the Advising, Career and Transfer Department gathered a group of student volunteers to clean up Nomahegan Park in Cranford. For two hours on April 22, the students, joined by a few members of the ACT staff, crossed the street from the Cranford campus and helped beautify the environment with trash pickup. The group of more than 10 students filled more than a half dozen bags of trash in the course of two hours.

NUMBER 1 IN ADULT BASIC LITERACY AND EDUCATION GRANT/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The College's Center for Economic and Workforce Development is NJ State's top-ranked adult-education consortium, according to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Report Card on Workforce Investment Act Title II State-wide performance for program year 2013/14. During the year, CEWD oversaw the \$1.3 million ABLE PLUS WIA Title II Consortium with four partner service providers. The consortium served more than 2,500 of the County's neediest residents with classes in Basic Skills, ESL, ESL Civics, high-school equivalency and job preparation. The report tracks the participants' educational gains in their classes as well as "follow up" measures including their success in entering and retaining employment, their pass rate for earning high-school equivalency and in entering college or occupational training programs. More than half of the cohort found employment—almost twenty percentage points higher than the State benchmark. Among the 17 consortia throughout the State, the overall grade was C, and the College consortium earned an "A," reflecting an excellent level of performance and enabling the College to serve as a model for other institutions.

UNION IN THE COMMUNITY



Along with President McMenam and leaders of the Cranford chapter of the Junior Chamber are two graduates from Union County College's EMT program—Jason Cruz (third from left) and Kruti Brahmhatt (second from right)—who are working EMTs for the Rescue Squad.

CRANFORD JAYCEES THANK PRESIDENT MCMENAMIN

The Cranford Jaycees visited in the Cranford campus in mid-January to thank President McMenam for once again enabling the community nonprofit to host an event in October to raise funds to support local charities. Shown here is a "big check" for \$16,000 that the Jaycees donated to the Cranford Rescue Squad.

EASTER RISING LECTURE

The United Irish Organization of Union County hosted a two part commemorative lecture on the 100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising. The lecture was held in the Roy Smith Theater on the Cranford campus on April 20. The presentations covered, "The History of the Rising;" "The Effect of the Rising in NJ;" and "NJ Connection to the Rising." Union professors, Dr. Valerae Hurley and Dr. Michele Rotunda, gave two of the evening's presentations.

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY COMMISSION AT UNION

On Sept. 16, NJ's College Affordability Commission held a public hearing at the Cranford Campus. Students and community members from throughout the State participated by testifying before the Commission. As the host institution, Union was given the honor of being the first to testify. Chief Academic Officer Maris Lown spoke on five topics of interest to the College: 1. NJ STARS; 2. Dual enrollment with high schools; 3. Articulation to universities; 4. Bachelor's degrees in Nursing at community colleges; 5. Union's elimination of general per-credit fees and the graduation fee.



Union County College Foundation Chair Melinda Ayala, Nancy Burke, and Alumnae Nancy Benz

BURKE PRESENTED LECTURE FOR ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

Author Nancy Burke spoke about her book, *If I Could Paint the Moon Black*, at the Union County College Alumni Association Author Series Event held on Oct. 4 at the Cranford Campus. Ms. Burke relayed the true story of an Estonian childhood interrupted first by Russian, and then German occupation, during World War II. The book is a reminder of the power of tenacity and courage one must have in the face of hardship.



NEW JERSEY YOUTH CORPS GRADUATE

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the Union County College New Jersey Youth Corps of Elizabeth supported a total of 44 student participants. On June 21, those students celebrated the completion of the program with Freeholder Vice Chairman Sergio Granados, who gave words of encouragement and congratulations to the graduates.

New Jersey Youth Corps



The start of a brighter future.

PRESIDENT MCMENAMIN CHOSEN AS CHAIR BY PEERS

President McMEnamin was elected and installed as the chair of the New Jersey Community College Presidents for 2016. In this capacity, she leads all monthly meetings and also serves on the New Jersey Council of County Colleges' Executive Committee. As a part of the Executive Committee, Dr. McMEnamin will help shape statewide community college policies and projects, including the implementation of the Strategic Goals for Student Success, the collective effort of all 19 community colleges to improve student success.



UNION CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In celebration of Women's History Month, Dr. Rama Lohani-Chase, Instructor in the Psychology/Sociology Department, led a roundtable discussion about International Women's Day on March 8. She addressed various historical achievements of women and current issues affecting women today. The luncheon was sponsored by the Office of College Life in the Admiral Stanley Room at the Cranford campus.



Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski poses with Teen Arts Coordinator Kathy Kakaletis and Freeholder Mohamed Jalloh.

TEEN ARTS SHOWCASES MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL TALENT

More than 1500 high school and middle school students converged on the College's Cranford campus during spring break to participate in the Union County Teen Arts Festival. Hosted by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, the Festival is a tribute to the artistic, musical, and choral talents of the students. The students participated in art workshops and assemblies each day.



9/11 CEREMONY REMEMBERED THE VICTIMS

In an annual tradition at Union, the Student Government Association unveiled the banner created in 2001 in memory of the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks during the ceremony. In addition, small US flags were placed in the lawn outside the Commons around a large US flag, as part of the commemoration. Dr. Melinda Norelli, advisor to the Student Government Association, led the day's ceremony.

UNION IN THE COMMUNITY



FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON VISITED UNION TO STUMP FOR HILLARY

On June 1, former President Bill Clinton came to the Cranford Campus to speak before a capacity crowd in the Richel Commons. The two-term United States President delivered a 45-minute campaign speech to support the presidential candidacy of his wife, Hillary Clinton. President McMenamin had the honor of introducing President Clinton.

CONGRESSMAN LANCE HELD VETERANS TOWN HALL IN CRANFORD

Congressman Leonard Lance held the US Department of Veteran Affairs Veterans Town Hall Meeting on Benefits and Claims Clinic on the Cranford Campus on Jan. 28. Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce Bergen, President McMenamin and others addressed an audience of more than 50 veterans. After the meeting, caseworkers from the VA met one-on-one with veterans to address questions and concerns about their benefits.



COLLEGE HOSTED JOB FAIR FOR WAREHOUSING WORKERS

The Workforce Innovation Business Center hosted two job fairs in February to fill 100 full-time and part-time job openings for packers, truck loaders and customer service call representatives. The WIBC was established by the Union County Freeholder Board with Union County College through a \$2.4 million investment in 2014, leveraging the employment services and education experience of both partners. In a little more than a year, the Center has connected more than a thousand job opportunities with Union County residents. The WIBC is located at The Mills at Jersey Gardens in Elizabeth.

GOVERNOR CHRISTIE VISITED UNION

Governor Chris Christie held a press conference at the Cranford Campus on April 14 to announce new State-wide programs to boost education in the Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Transportation-Logistics-Distribution industries. The Governor chose Union for the announcement because the College was a recipient of a \$900,000 Department of Labor and Workforce Development grant to serve as the State-wide lead for TLD training throughout New Jersey. Dubbed a Talent Distribution Center (TDC), Union's Industry-Business Institute under Dr. Lisa Hiscano has developed and delivered training to dislocated workers and currently employed/incumbent workers and then partner with employers for jobs. A number of other educational institutions will support Union's lead, including Rowan College at Burlington, The College of New Jersey, Middlesex County College, and Camden County College.

UNION PARTICIPATED IN COLOMBIAN DAY PARADE

A group of College staff participated in the Colombian Day Parade held in Elizabeth on June 26. Freeholder Vice Chairman Sergio Granados was honored as the Grand Marshal of the Parade, which was sponsored by the cultural group Colombianos Sin Fronteras. This was the fifth year of the parade which featured dance groups, floats, antique cars, community organizations, and highlighted culture and folklore from Colombia and other South and Central American countries.



Freeholder Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Senator Menendez, and Dr. McMenamain.

SENATOR MENENDEZ VISITED UNION AND LED A COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY FORUM

U.S. Senator Robert Menendez hosted and led a forum at Union County College on the ever increasing costs of higher education on Fri., March 11. Senator Menendez was joined by President McMenamain, Senator Raymond Lesniak, Union County Freeholder Chairman Bruce H. Bergen, Union's Financial Aid Director Dayne Chance, and others to discuss the student debt crisis and elements of the "In the Red Act" for which Senator Menendez is a co-sponsor.



UNION HOSTED NJ EMS COUNCIL MEETING

On Feb. 22, Union County College hosted the monthly meeting of the NJ EMS Council at the Health Sciences Building at the Plainfield campus. Laurie Sheldon, Director of EMT Programs, coordinated a tour of the facilities, followed by the monthly meeting of the organization.

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The College is indebted to our advocates in Trenton and Washington for their unending support of our community and their commitment to education.

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Union County Freeholders play an important role in assisting the College. They provide financial support and are present at many College events. We are grateful for their commitment to our students, our college and our mission.



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UNION NAMES TWO TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The College's Board of Governors appointed two new members at the Dec. 1 meeting. Dr. Sondra Fishinger and Anthony Manger, Esq. were both active members of the Union County College Foundation's board which raises nearly \$1 million annually to provide scholarships for students who need a financial boost for tuition. Dr. Fishinger taught at Union for 38 years and retired in 2007 at the rank of Senior Professor of English. Mr. Manger spent more than 25 years of his law career focusing his practice on the healthcare industry and nonprofit institutions in New Jersey, as well as in New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Both have created scholarships as a permanent legacy to their commitment to Union's students.

MEMBERS OF THE UNION COUNTY COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Trustees and Board of Governors are responsible for the governance of Union County College.

A MEMORABLE BOARD RETREAT

The June retreat of the combined Boards of Trustees and Governors began with a June 13 dinner featuring Bakari Lee, Esq., Association of Community Colleges Trustees Chair-Elect. The next day, Board members and College staff participated in a day of lectures that were led by retreat facilitator Tara Dowdell. NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development Deputy Commission Dr. Aaron Fichtner was the first presenter, leading a discussion on, "21st Century Economic Development and Jobs." Gabrielle Charette, the Executive Director of the State's Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, offered her views on the future of financial aid. Union's Executive Director of Assessment, Planning and Research Liz Cooner looked at student demographics, and then Instructional Design Director Beth Ritter-Guth dazzled attendees with a student-aided demonstration on state-of-the-art educational technology. Finally, Academic Affairs Vice President Dr. Maris Lown and labor attorney Matt Giacobbe, provided a retrospective on various ways that community colleges rely on faculty for teaching.



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TRUSTEE ZIMMERMANN NAMED TO ACCT COMMITTEE

Mary M. Zimmermann, Chair of the Union County College Foundation, and member of the College's Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, was named as an Associate Member of the Governance and Bylaws Committee of the Association of Community College Trustees. This committee reviews resolutions about governance of the ACCT, bylaw amendments, and board policies. The committee ensures that the ACCT Board of Directors fulfills its role in representing the member boards through its written policies.



Union Trustee Nuno Pereira, Trustee Mary Zimmermann, and Congressman Leonard Lance.

PEREIRA AND ZIMMERMANN ATTEND NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

During the National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, from Feb. 5-8, a Union County College delegation consisting of Board of Trustees Student Representative Nuno Pereira, Trustee Mary Zimmermann, and President McMenamin met with several federal legislators including US Senator Cory Booker and Congressman Leonard Lance. They thanked these elected officials for their continued support of Pell Grants, Perkins Funding, and America's College Promise.



Dr. Lawrence Nespoli; NJCCC Chair Helen Albright; Victor Richel; and Union President Margaret M. McMenamin.

TRUSTEES CHAIR RICHEL HONORED WITH RONALD WINTHERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Board of Trustees Chairman Victor Richel was honored with the Ronald D. Winthers Community College Trustee Leadership Award on June 20 by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. Mr. Richel earned recognition for his dedicated service to New Jersey's 19 community colleges. The award was established in honor of Burlington County College Trustee Ronald D. Winthers to recognize visionary leadership by a New Jersey community college trustee at the local, state and national levels. In addition to his chairing the Board of Trustees, Mr. Richel is a member of the College's Board of Governors, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Trinitas Health and Regional Medical Center, and a member of the Board of Trustees of John Cabot University located in Rome, Italy.

RICHEL ELECTED BOARD CHAIR OF TRINITAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Congratulations to Mr. Victor M. Richel, Union County College Board of Trustees Chair, who is the newly-elected Board Chair of Trinitas Regional Medical Center and Trinitas Health, its parent organization. With his wife, Mr. Richel heads the Cranford-based Richel Family Foundation and has served more than 40 years in healthcare in Elizabeth on numerous hospital boards and in other capacities. He has served tirelessly on the Union County College Board of Trustees for 34 years.

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MacKay Library, Cranford Campus



Kellogg Building, Elizabeth Campus



Logos Building, Plainfield Campus



UNION COUNTY COLLEGE HISTORY

- 1933:** Union County Junior College was founded on Oct. 16 and offered only evening classes. It was housed in Abraham Clark High School in Roselle.
- 1934:** Dr. Hubert Banks Huntley became first chief administrator of Union County Junior College.
- 1935:** Dr. Charles G. Cole succeeded Dean Huntley as head of the College and is considered the first "President."
- 1936:** Union County Junior College is established as a non-profit institution governed by a Board of Trustees on Jan. 7.
- 1936:** The College changed its name to Union Junior College.
- 1940:** Basketball was the only sport at the College and the '39/'40 girls' basketball squad take first place in the "Powderpuff League." This was the first championship for a UJC team.
- 1941:** The College began offering days courses on Sept. 1 and continued to use the laboratories at Abraham Clark High School.
- 1942:** The College moved its day operations to the former Grant School in Cranford and rented the space from the Cranford Board of Education.
- 1944:** To better accommodate returning veterans from WWII, the College created a Veterans Study Center and changed the academic year from two semesters to one divided into four quarters.
- 1944:** Dr. Kenneth Campbell MacKay, who was dean of the day school, succeeded Dr. Cole.
- 1948:** For less than \$56,000, the Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of 56 acres from the Dreyer family in Cranford. A decade later it would be the home of the Cranford campus.
- 1949:** Elizabeth General Hospital began its affiliation with the College in the training of its nurses on July 1. Later, Muhlenberg Hospital also participated in a partnership to provide nursing students their pre-clinical course requirements. Elizabeth General is now the Trinitas School of Nursing and Muhlenberg Hospital Nursing School is now the JFK Medical Center Muhlenberg Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Schools, and both still operate cooperative programs with Union County College.
- 1958:** A Development Fund Campaign was initiated on Oct. 1 to raise \$1 million to build a Cranford campus.
- 1959:** The Nomahegan Building was completed on July 15 and the College moved its operations to the 48 acre campus in Cranford.
- 1967:** The word "Junior" was dropped and the College is officially known as "Union College."
- 1968:** Dr. MacKay stepped down as President and was succeeded by Dr. Kenneth W. Iversen, who served until 1974.
- 1970:** The College began holding classes in Elizabeth at the Bayway Community Center and the Elizabeth YMCA on Aug. 5.
- 1970:** The College began offering classes in Plainfield on Sept. 2.
- 1973:** MacKay Library opened on the Cranford campus.
- 1974:** Dr. Saul Orkin became President and served until his untimely death in 1983.
- 1977:** The Women's Basketball team was named Region XIX Champions.
- 1982:** Union College was merged with the Union County Technical Institute and Union County College was established on Aug. 17.
- 1983:** Dr. Derek N. Nunney was named President.
- 1989:** The College acquired the Elizabethtown Gas building on West Jersey Street in Elizabeth.
- 1990:** Dr. Thomas H. Brown became President.
- 1991:** The Campus Center, now known as the Victor M. Richel Student Commons, was opened on the Cranford campus.
- 1992:** The College purchased the former Courier News building in Plainfield on Aug. 17 and began offering courses in the newly renovated building.
- 1992:** The Elizabeth campus was opened on Sept. 1. The former Elizabethtown Gas Company building was named the Lessner Building.
- 1994:** Renovation in the lower level of the MacKay Library in Cranford was completed in June and a state-of-the-art Visual Arts and Communications Center was opened. The College partnered with Rutgers (then the University of Medicine and Dentistry) to open a Health Technologies Building in Scotch Plains and offered joint programs in the health professions.
- 1995:** "The Pavilion" was added on the Cranford campus which included the Fitness Center and the Executive Education Center.
- 1999:** The Annex Building was completed on the Plainfield campus. It housed instructional space for the American Sign Language and the Emergency Medical Technician/ Paramedic Programs.
- 2002:** Trinitas School of Nursing moved to the Lessner Building from its hospital-based setting.
- 2006:** The renovation of the MacKay Library in Cranford was completed, having added a third floor of instructional space to the building
- 2007:** The Union County College Foundation completed a capital campaign that raised \$8 million for capital construction and student scholarships.
- 2009:** Thanks to the generous support of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the College opened the \$48 million Elizabeth I. Kellogg building on West Jersey Street on Sept. 29.
- 2009:** The Men's Soccer Team was the first in the College's history to win the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III, National Championship.
- 2010:** Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin, the College's eighth and first woman president, began her tenure at Union on July 1.
- 2011:** The Paralegal Studies Program was granted approval by the American Bar Association.
- 2012:** The Middle States Commission on Higher Education approved the College's Periodic Review Report by reaffirming the College's accreditation and commending the institution for the quality of the report and the process of the review.
- 2013:** New athletic teams were established – Men's Lacrosse and a Men's and Women's Track team as well as a Men's Cross Country team. The College revamps its mission statement to "Transforming our Community, One Student at a Time," to accurately reflect the nature of the environment at the three campuses.
- 2013:** The College celebrated its 80th Anniversary on Oct. 16. The College hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony in the lobby of the newly acquired Thul Auto Parts Building on Nov. 22, across the street from the Plainfield campus.
- 2014:** The College hosted its first Winter Commencement Ceremony on Jan. 14 for students who completed their degrees in August and December. The College held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new Student Services Building on the Cranford campus on Oct. 9. This project was made possible through the support of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Improvement Authority.
- 2015:** The College expanded its reach in the community when it held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Rahway, at 1591 Irving Street, next to the Union County Performing Arts Center. This location hosts continuing education and humanities courses.
- 2015:** Thanks to the NJ State "Building Our Future" capital construction grant, two new biology laboratories were added to the seventh floor of the Lessner Building at the Elizabeth Campus.
- 2015:** The Women's Basketball team was again named the Regional XIX Champions. Head Coach Cheryl Bell was named the Donna Herron Division II Coach of the Year.
- 2015:** The College held a ribbon-cutting event at the Plainfield Campus to open the Health Sciences Building on Oct. 20. This building houses the Practical Nursing, Emergency Medical Studies, and the Paramedic program.



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