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Arts & Sciences

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Ready. Reset. Go!

The pandemic hit the academic community hard, forcing many students to put their dreams on hold. It has been 18 long months of lost time, delayed plans and personal struggles. Despite the circumstances, we all have persevered, become more technology savvy and are ready to refocus on the future we've imagined. As the dark cloud of COVID-19 wanes, Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) faculty, staff and administration enthusiastically

await welcoming students back to our campuses in September.

The prospect of students being back on the RCSJ Gloucester and Cumberland campuses is exciting. Our classes will be available both on campus and online, offering options and opportunities to fit different learning styles while still maintaining safety, value and affordability.

At RCSJ, we are ready — ready to re-engage in the classroom, ready to reignite the spark of learning and ready to help you reset your future. When our doors open this fall, your safety and educational goals are top priority. While vaccination is encouraged, the College will continue to follow CDC and New Jersey Department of Health guidelines in an effort to respect all students and faculty on this path to recovery. Essential support programs and resources, along with full transparency on our daily cleaning procedures and safety measures, provide confidence making it easier for you to concentrate on your academic plans.

RCSJ is ready to move forward. Are you? It's time to reset and focus on your education. Ignore past distractions and embrace the new academic year with renewed hope and exuberance. Now is the time to refocus on your goals and reset your future.

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Community Synergy

It has been Rowan College of South Jersey's great privilege to serve as one of six vaccination megasites in New Jersey, which have collectively worked to deliver an estimated two million coronavirus vaccinations. From the first dose given at the RCSJ megasite on Jan. 8 to the final shot administered on June 18, members of the Gloucester County community came together to create a safer, healthier New Jersey and helped to forge a pathway out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you to the many institutions, agencies and individuals that came together at the Gloucester County Megasite to help administer

300,000+
vaccine doses.

Thank you for your tireless work, fearlessness on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, and dedication to the greater good of our community.

Meet the Next Generation of Healthcare Heroes



Jesus Calixto
2021 RCSJ graduate,
Biological Sciences

Jesus Calixto's passion for biological sciences stemmed from a very personal source — his mother's battle with cancer. While thankfully in remission for the past five years, she inspired him to enroll at RCSJ and embrace every opportunity. A participant in the Cumberland Bridge 2 Rowan program, designed to prepare underrepresented students for biomedical research careers or graduate programs, Jesus is also a PTK member, peer tutor, SGA president, the 2021 EOF Leadership Award recipient, and the student speaker at his graduation from RCSJ–Cumberland. In September, Jesus heads to Rowan University, where he will continue on his mission to make a contribution to the advancement of stem cell and regenerative health research.

“Everyone has a dream of being a hero in their own story. I wanted there to be a way that kids didn't grow up the way that I did, worried about their mom. I didn't want other people to feel the pain that my mom experienced.”



Dalia Ampiah
2021 RCSJ graduate, Nursing

2021 Nursing graduate, Dalia Ampiah, has traveled further than most for her dreams — from the Republic of Ghana to the State of New Jersey — driven to make an impact on underserved communities. While a freshman in RCSJ's Nursing program, she was accepted into the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine's (SOM) New Jersey Area Health Education Center Scholars Program. The volunteer-based program prepares future healthcare professionals to deliver culturally competent care to vulnerable populations. As part of the program, Dalia and her research team worked to identify mental healthcare barriers for residents of Camden further stressed by COVID-19, and how those barriers could be addressed on a local, state and federal level.

“Helping underserved communities is important to me because I know how it is; I've seen it in my personal life. The past year-and-a-half has really strengthened me and pushed me to move forward with my nursing career. I'm eager to become a nurse and get to work helping people.”



Emily McGee
2012 RCSJ graduate, Biology

Emily McGee, a 2012 RCSJ graduate, is helping to save lives every day as a research microbiologist. She is part of a team of scientists performing comprehensive research on emerging viruses, including the coronavirus. Emily came to RCSJ to pursue Radiology but found her true calling in a Biology classroom; the following semester, Microbiology confirmed that calling wholeheartedly. By sophomore year, she was a supplemental instructor for Biology I and Microbiology and a tutor to her fellow STEM students. After graduating from Rowan University, she took on her role at a top pharmaceutical company in Pennsylvania. Today — in the same RCSJ Biology class that set Emily's path in motion — her example continues to inspire students who are eager to make our world better through medical research.

“When our team took on the Covid projects, I was overjoyed. My contributions pale in comparison to the chemists who create the formulas for these life-saving vaccines and medications, but it's very fulfilling to know that I'm helping on a global scale.”

Find Your Fit at RCSJ

Reach Your Destination, Whatever Your Goal.

At RCSJ, we realize that one size does not fit all. That is why you will find 100+ in-person and online degree and certificate programs to help you find your perfect fit.

Visit RCSJ.edu/Future to find the right pathway for you.



Krisha Darji
2021 RCSJ/high school
graduate, Arts & Sciences

A Head Start for High School Students

Krisha Darji had a busy summer, graduating with both her Associate Degree in Arts & Sciences from RCSJ and her high school diploma from GCIT. Throughout high school, she made the most of GCIT dual enrollment opportunities and RCSJ's High School Options Program to arrange her high school and college schedules — each semester taking on increasingly advanced courses — to earn her degree and her diploma just weeks apart. Krisha will enter Rowan University's accelerated medical degree program in September, earning her Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering before continuing to the Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine for her doctorate. She is leaning towards an OBGYN career but is also considering Pathology or Virology and is eager to make a difference with the passion for medicine she discovered at RCSJ.

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I was interested in technology as a high school freshman and now I'm going to medical school! It was a major flip, and it wouldn't have been possible if I didn't take college courses at RCSJ. If you're considering HSOP, do it. 100%. Do it.



Samantha Bicking
2021 RCSJ graduate/
"3+1" Psychology major

Affordable Pathways, Unlimited Opportunities

Samantha Bicking became an RCSJ student at 16 through HSOP, before registering full-time after graduation. The same desire to make a positive impact that fueled Samantha's passion for psychology, drove her to become one of RCSJ's most active students. She serves as president of eight student organizations, including the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and Student Government Association, along with contributing to numerous College initiatives. Samantha graduated with her associate degree this May, wearing a rainbow of cords, stoles and medals to mark her achievements. Next fall she continues as an RCSJ student through the "3+1" program, before completing her senior year at Rowan University to earn her bachelor's degree. Samantha plans to pursue her doctorate, and possibly do some research work, before taking her place in academia as a psychology professor and one day a department head.

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I enrolled in 3+1 because I got to stay at RCSJ. That's the biggest thing: I get to stay. I've been told I'm technically a graduate, but I don't accept the alumni label yet! I want to stay where I feel like I belong and can be myself. RCSJ is my second home.



Brian Britton
Surveying Engineering
Technologies major

Career Evolution for the Experienced

Brian Britton feels lucky to have found his calling early in life. A high school drafting course led him to technical school and a successful career in land surveying. Brian hoped to earn his bachelor's degree one day, but the right opportunity never presented itself for the busy professional and married father of four — until he found RCSJ's Surveying Engineering Technologies degree pathway. RCSJ staff helped convert 20+ years of hands-on experience into academic credits that put him closer to his goal and aligned Brian's coursework for a hassle-free transfer to Rowan University. Now, Brian is well on his way to the degree he's been dreaming of, and the personal pride and professional advancement that follow.

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It was always a thought in my mind — a dream — that one day I'd be able to go to college and earn a degree. The fact that I'm doing it now, well, I kind of pinch myself sometimes. I have a goal that I'm working towards and RCSJ is making it possible.

Paying for College

Whether you attend college full or part time, RCSJ offers a host of scholarship, grant, financial aid, work-study and payment plan options to put your goals firmly within reach. Additional support programs are waiting for military service members and veterans, top-ranking high school graduates, firefighters and rescue workers, first-generation students, unemployed members of the community and many more, to help make RCSJ's low tuition rates even more affordable. If there has been a change in your family's economic situation, please contact the Office of Financial Aid to explore available options to adjust your financial package.

Visit RCSJ.edu/PayingForCollege to learn how to make a sound investment in your future at RCSJ.



Griselda Bautista
2021 RCSJ graduate,
Social Services

Griselda Bautista Seizes Her Opportunity with CCOG

Griselda Bautista had dedicated herself to serving as a fearless advocate for her four-year-old son, her mother and the students she works with every day as an aid in the Vineland Public School District. Her own dreams of earning a college degree and becoming a teacher had been selflessly pushed to the back burner, until Griselda found she was eligible for free tuition through the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG).

CCOG, signed into law by New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy in February, was established in 2019 to provide free tuition for eligible students with an annual household income of \$65,000 or less. The grant has presented an especially unique opportunity for adult learners like Griselda, eager to secure a brighter future through higher education.

This May, Griselda crossed RCSJ's Commencement stage to accept her associate degree in Social Services — proud of her hard work, grateful for the support she received through CCOG and overwhelmed at the significance of the example she was setting for her son. Receiving her college degree was a moment Griselda dreamed of for so long, and a tribute to what can happen when determination meets opportunity in New Jersey.

“There are no words to describe how much CCOG has helped me. As a single mother, it's been really beneficial. I have to think about rent. I have to think about feeding my child. Now, I don't have to worry about how much I'm going to pay for my tuition. It's like seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.”



Find out if you are eligible for free tuition through CCOG at RCSJ.edu/CCOG.



A Shot of Generosity for RCSJ Healthcare Students

It was sheer serendipity for RCSJ healthcare students when Jonathan Peacock, a biopharma executive, traveled 100+ miles from his Morristown home to receive his COVID-19 vaccine doses at the Gloucester County megasite. Jonathan's vaccination experiences triggered a closer look at the College, resulting in the creation of a perpetual scholarship.

The Peacock Family Endowment will bestow an annual \$500 scholarship to a qualified, first-year nursing or allied health student, with an additional \$250 the second year for those who meet academic benchmarks. First-generation college students and applicants with financial need are especially encouraged to apply for the scholarship and take a shot at the career they've been dreaming of at RCSJ.

Visit RCSJ.edu/Scholarships for more information on student scholarships.

“I was impressed by the practical training and healthcare programs. Rowan College is developing nurses, healthcare professionals, and teachers ready for the workforce.”
— Jonathan Peacock

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Are you ready to reset for a brighter future?

Are you eager to move forward with
your educational and career goals?

RCSJ is ready — ready to help you reignite
the spark of learning and find your perfect
fit in the working world.

Get Ready

Schedule a campus tour to discover all
of the best places to learn, relax, socialize
and study on the Cumberland
or Gloucester campus.

To Reset

Leap into college life with the Reset program.

This two-hour event helps you connect to
fellow students, stock up on RCSJ swag and
learn about the resources, faculty and staff
members here to support your success.

And GO!

Welcome Back Week features events to prepare
you for a successful semester, including
resource fairs, academic focus sessions,
refreshments, giveaways, and plenty of
guidance on completing last-minute tasks
before September classes begin!

**Visit RCSJ.edu/Ready for program dates and details
or to submit your free registration to participate.**

Find Your Campus Community

At RCSJ, college is more than just going to class! Embrace college life with clubs, honor societies, creative activities and networking opportunities — all designed to help you find your campus community.



Connect with Student Clubs and Organizations

50+ clubs and organizations across two campuses offer free, fun and engaging activities throughout the year, with plenty of opportunities to meet fellow RCSJ students.



Construct with Academic Honor Societies

Build your network and hone your professional skills by joining an academic honor society, like Phi Theta Kappa or one of RCSJ's major-specific honor societies.



Create with Dedicated Makerspaces

Explore your creativity in one of the College's art and innovation centers. Collaborate and connect with other students, while creating everything from pottery to podcasts.

Find Your Assets

Free and accessible RCSJ resources to ensure students are supported and successful.

Academic Coaching: Tutoring, study skills, writing assistance and more.

Advising: Explore programs, careers and transfer options with experienced staff.

Career Services: One-on-one career advising for RCSJ students and alumni, including career exploration, internship placement, resume writing assistance, interview prep and other employment resources.

Computer Labs: Computer labs are located throughout both campuses to provide access to technology and printing services.

Counseling & Wellness Services: Confidential support for managing difficult times and experiences.

Fitness Centers: Unlimited use of exercise equipment so students can stay in shape.

Libraries: Broaden your knowledge with online and in-person access to research, resources and technology, assisted by qualified and friendly staff.

Roadrunner Refuel/Got Food Pantries: On-campus confidential food pantries so that no student has to go to class hungry.

Find Your Peace of Mind

The tight, COVID-19 safety restrictions of the past 18 months are no longer necessary, according to guidance from the CDC and the N.J. Department of Health, but RCSJ continues to go the extra mile to keep students safe, happy and learning.

- Enhanced cleaning procedures instituted in high-traffic areas
- Updated UV air purifiers installed in HVAC systems
- Hand-purifier pumps located throughout campus
- Optional masks offered for an extra layer of safety
- Daily health screenings to efficiently enact contact tracing
- Encouraged handwashing and general hygiene practices
- Campus Medical Director on staff to guide decisions effecting student health

Vaxing and Masking

Thanks to increasing vaccination rates in N.J., mask usage will no longer be required on RCSJ's campuses.



Unvaccinated students are strongly encouraged to wear a mask to protect themselves, and masks will be available throughout the campus for individuals who need or prefer them.



Bon Appetit! Campus dining returns this September.

Visit the Cumberland Café or the Roadrunner's Café to refuel with a quick snack or a full meal between classes.



Local Programs, Global Recognition

RCSJ's core Business Studies Division programs are recognized by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) — a highly respected, global accrediting organization focused on recognizing teaching excellence, determining student learning outcomes, and continuing to improve business programs. Founded in 1988, ACBSP has member–campuses in 60 countries and is the first organization to offer accreditation to all levels of collegiate business educational degree programs from associate to doctoral.

ACBSP Accredited Programs

Accounting A.A.S.

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Human Resource Management A.S.



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RCSJ Named 2021-2022 Military Friendly School

RCSJ is proud to be a recipient of VIQ TORY's G.I. Jobs Magazine 2021-2022 Military Friendly® School designation.

VIQ TORY, a veteran-owned business headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, provides veterans with data-driven guidance on which schools are doing the most to embrace them as students. Institutions are rated on their ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, degree advancement, and loan default rates for all students, but specifically for student-veterans.

RCSJ has long stood committed to the positive outcomes VIQ TORY seeks for student-veterans in higher education. The College maintains a fully staffed Military Services Office on both campuses to provide guidance on programs, services, and resources available to veterans at RCSJ and how they can access their G.I. Bill benefits. The office also works to provide scholastic assistance through academic advising, encourage support and comradery through the Student Veterans Organization, and connect students with available resources within their local community.

To learn more about programs, services and support for student-veterans at Rowan College of South Jersey, visit RCSJ.edu/Veterans.



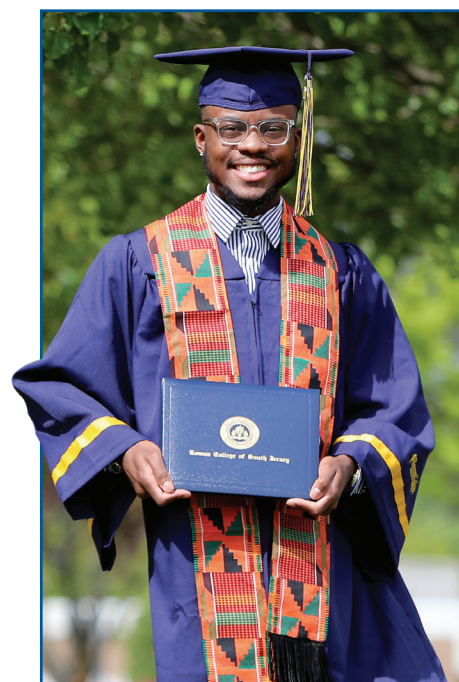
Pictured (left to right): RCSJ Board of Trustees Chair Gene J. Concordia, RCSJ–Cumberland Foundation Chair Robert DeSanto, Cumberland County Commissioner Director Joseph Derella, Catherine Arpino Executors Angela (Julie) Antonelli Tamburro and Lawrence A. Pepper Jr., RCSJ–Cumberland Foundation and Alumni Director Maria LeBlanc, RCSJ President Frederick Keating and RCSJ Vice President James Piccone.

The Catherine J. Arpino Education and Humanities Center

On July 14, 2021, RCSJ celebrated the renaming of its Cumberland-campus Academic Center as a tribute to Catherine J. Arpino. A 25-year member of the College Foundation Board, Arpino's service and role as an educational benefactor has benefitted many RCSJ–Cumberland students through her Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships. The new Catherine J. Arpino Education and Humanities Center will prepare the next generation of communicators, educators, government shakers, historians and philosophers — a fitting tribute to the memory of one of Vineland's strongest supporters of higher education.

Pomp, Circumstance and a Parade of Graduates

Celebrating dedication, resilience and academic excellence!



Hats off to RCSJ grads for wearing ecofriendly regalia made from 100% post-consumer plastic bottles — resulting in fully recyclable, zero-waste caps and gowns.

It's Not Too Late to Register for Fall Classes!

For the most current course offerings, visit

[RCSJ.edu/Courses](https://www.rcsj.edu/Courses)

The Rowan Connection

Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) — New Jersey's #1 community college — and Rowan University — a nationally recognized research university — connect to form a unique and innovative premier partnership that makes higher education more accessible and affordable.

Visit RCSJ.edu/RU for details.



3+1 — Unique in New Jersey, the “3+1” program enables students to complete three years of coursework at RCSJ and one year at Rowan University to earn a bachelor’s degree for less than \$30,000.

(Select Majors Only — Business Administration: Global Business/Leadership, Cybersecurity: Computing and Informatics, Emergency Management, Exercise Science: Fitness Management, Inclusive Education, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Psychology, Radio/Television/Film)



Rowan Choice — RCSJ and Rowan University partner to offer freshman and sophomore students an affordable residential college experience by choosing one-year or two-year options to take RCSJ classes and live on Rowan’s main campus in Glassboro — with substantial savings on tuition, room and board.

(Available to All Majors)



Rowan Partnerships Online — RCSJ and Rowan University have teamed up to offer incoming freshmen students fully online degree programs providing affordability, flexibility, safety and convenience — at a locked-in price for all four years. Students earn a RCSJ associate degree, then complete their junior and senior years at Rowan University.

(Select Majors Only — Entrepreneurship, Construction Management, Human Resource Management, Management Information Systems and Psychology)



Rowan Work & Learn —

The first alliance between county vocational-technical schools, a two-year college, a four-year university and local businesses in the state of New Jersey to target job needs within the region. This new, customized approach launches a career pathway from high school, to college, to employment by offering stackable credentials.

Degree Completion —

RCSJ graduates have the opportunity to study online and earn a Rowan University bachelor’s degree through Rowan Global, while enjoying a 15% discount on tuition and fees.

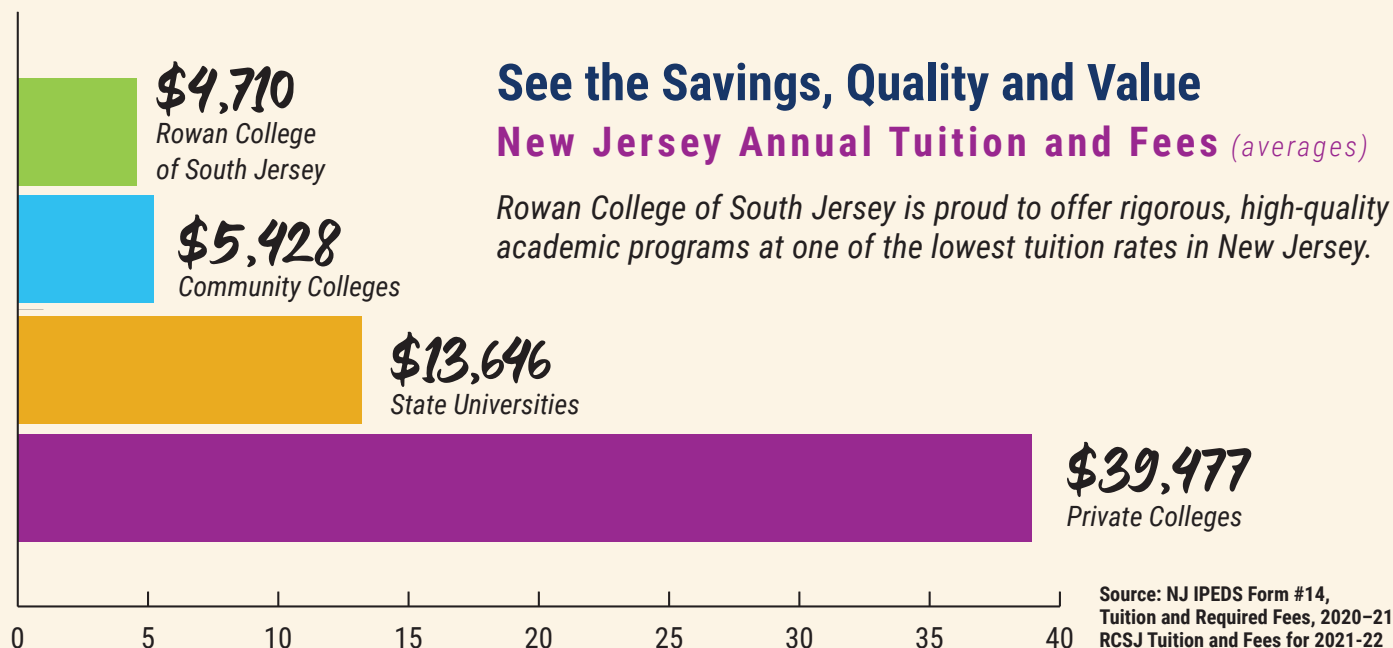
(Select Majors Only — Construction Management, Law and Justice, Liberal Studies, Psychology)

Traditional Transfer —

RCSJ graduates, who meet the GPA and prerequisite requirements for their program, are guaranteed admission to Rowan University.

(GPA and prerequisite requirements may vary by major.)

(Available to All Majors)



Dukes

The Dukes of RCSJ-Cumberland returned for a successful year after a shortened 2020 season. Student-athletes competed at a championship level in their sports while also achieving academic success.



Program Details:

- ☆ Hosted first round of Region 19 Baseball Tournament, as well as Softball District Championship
- ☆ 12 student-athletes named to All-Region teams
- ☆ Dukes' softball team won the Region 19 Softball Championship Tournament
- ☆ 25 student-athletes achieved Spring '21 GPA's of 3.0 or higher
- ☆ More than 75 student-athletes were active in their respective sport in 2020-2021



Endless Opportunities to Compete and Conquer



Congratulations

to former Roadrunner's pitcher and future MLB star, **C.J. Widger** — drafted by the Texas Rangers in July!

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Roadrunners

Roadrunner Athletics soared out of the difficult year-long pandemic to emerge as one of the NJCAA Division III premier programs in the nation with a spectacular showing in 15 different sports.



Program Details:

- ☆ 15 sports had seasons
- ☆ 161 games/matches/meets completed
- ☆ 88 home events including three Region 19/District Championship events
- ☆ 4 teams competed in National Championship events
- ☆ 11 teams earned Spring '21 GPA's of 3.0 or higher



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Fall Classes

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15-week, 7-week
and 5-week

Oct. 4:
10-week, 5-week
(flex start)

Oct. 25:
7-week
(flex start)

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