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RCSJ Virtual Open House

Learn more about the College’s Gloucester and Cumberland campuses

To help reduce the financial stress of higher education and keep our students moving forward so they can fulfill their dreams, RCSJ is freezing tuition for the 2020–2021 academic year.

Life is unpredictable and circumstances change, but having a plan and being prepared is the most certain path to a positive outcome. Yes, this pandemic has caused our world to change, but that does not mean you must sit on the sidelines waiting for the return of normal. Keep moving forward and making progress; do not allow life’s challenges to prevent you from fulfilling your dreams.

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Social distancing prevented the Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ)–Gloucester softball team from taking the field this season, but it could not bench the Roadrunners when it came to uplifting the spirits of elementary school students in Florida’s Brevard Public School District.

As part of a community service project, the Roadrunners collected school supplies, physical education equipment and more than $300 in gift cards to deliver to Apollo Elementary School after learning the children had little-to-no access to playground equipment. The team looked forward to delivering the items in person during a spring break trip to Cocoa Beach; then the pandemic hit and their trip to Florida was cancelled — along with the entire softball season.

Head Coach Stephen DePasquale took action, encouraging the Roadrunners to shift their game plan. An assist by Sam and Cheryl Micklus, owners of the education program Odyssey of the Mind, helped to cover shipping costs. The packages arrived just before Apollo Elementary School’s closure, giving the children there another reason to look forward to taking the field upon their return to school.

Welcome Madam President

Theta Kappa honor society since 2017 — first as a member, then as corresponding secretary before finally becoming chapter president. When the opportunity arose to run for New Jersey State President, the busy student, wife and working mother of three did not hesitate to throw herself into the race.

She began developing a campaign centered around overcoming life’s challenges. Just as Giunta was nearing the final weeks, everything changed as the entire world ground to a halt. The process of campaigning switched to a virtual environment; instead of campaigning in person, PTK required candidates to run a social media campaign leading up to a virtual election.

On March 28, more than 200 individuals participated in an election held via Zoom. Results of the election for state presidents were saved until the very end. When they announced PTK’s 2020 New Jersey State President, it was Giunta’s name that they spoke.

Giunta has now assumed the role of PTK’s New Jersey State President — the second RCSJ student to be elected to the role. She is already hard at work, dividing her goals for this leadership position into what can be accomplished now in a virtual setting and long-term goals to put into action once the storm of this pandemic passes.

For more information: RCSJ.edu/PTK

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Congratulations to RCSJ’s 2020 New Jersey Community Colleges All-State Academic Team

Alyson Broadbent of Mantua
Anthony Hairston of Camden
Ztasha Kirkland of Vineland
DeAnna Pascucci of Millville

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RCSJ Roadrunners Make Last-Minute Save

When RCSJ Business Studies major, Candice Giunta, launched her campaign to become Phi Theta Kappa’s (PTK) New Jersey State President, she had no way of anticipating the unprecedented obstacles she would face.

Giunta has been an active participant in RCSJ’s Alpha Psi Pi Chapter of the Phi
For Assistant Professor of English, Bryan Buttler, the best solution to the looming sense of anxiety surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic is a daily dose of altruism. The educator and founder of Bryan Buttler Media Relations makes it his goal to perform acts of kindness each day — whether it’s securing Pedialyte for a terminally ill child, delivering care packages to those most vulnerable or utilizing his publicist skills to help raise grant funds for performing artists. His rationale is as simple as it is admirable: “If I can do something each day, it makes me feel good and it spreads a sense of humanity.”

Our graduates make a difference, supporting the community through their expertise and dedication — answering the call of their professions with compassion and grit.

To our many heroes on the front line, who are caring for others and helping to keep us healthy and safe during this global pandemic, we are extremely grateful. Thank you for your sacrifice and resilience … and for being there when we need you!
RCSJ Student Puts His 3D Printing Skills to Good Use

When the rapid spread of COVID-19 resulted in a shortage of protective filtration masks for healthcare workers, Rowan College of South Jersey Engineering Technology major Nate Simpkins jumped into action. “Because I have my own online 3D printing shop, I decided I was going to see if I could manufacture masks that I could donate,” said the Franklinville resident. “After about a week of tinkering I was ready for full production on the masks.” Simpkins’ goal is to produce and distribute approximately 1,000 face masks to health care facilities and hospitals in Cumberland, Gloucester and Atlantic counties. “This project is simply about helping those in need without asking for anything in return,” Simpkins said. “I want to contribute and help others when I can.”

Engineered for Safety

Engineering Science Instructor, Gayle Hughes, did not waste a moment when Rowan University publicly released their blueprints for a 3D printed mask. Concerned with the national personal protective equipment (PPE) shortage, Hughes reached out to RCSJ’s administration for help. The College donated its nine 3D printers along with spools of material to her efforts. Despite the fact that it takes approximately three hours to print each mask, within a week she had delivered 65 to the Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management. Hughes has no plans to stop at 65; she intends to continue until emergency personnel have the PPE masks that they need to protect themselves on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resiliency Tips with Dr. Kate Tumelty Felice

RCSJ Coordinator of Education Programs, Professor of Education and Psychology, and trained New Jersey Master Resiliency Officer, Dr. Kate Tumelty Felice, shares her tips and tricks for safeguarding your physical, mental and emotional health in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

- **Go Back to Basics.** Proper sleep and a diet rich in whole foods provides a solid foundation for brain and body health.
- **Just Breathe.** Mindful breathing is tremendously beneficial for combating anxiety and stress.
- **Keep Your Social Distancing.** Utilize the communication tools at your disposal (video chat, call, email, text!) to dispel the loneliness of social distancing.
- **Reimagine Routine.** Create a routine that works for you and commit to it, to find a new normal amongst the chaos.
- **Walk it Off.** Never underestimate the benefits of fresh air and sunshine. Engage (safely!) in outdoor activities that bring you joy.

- **Call for Backup.** Mental health resources are available to you through your college, your community and often your health insurance provider. Do not be afraid or ashamed to use them.

“Remember that the only way to effectively do all that you need to, particularly during challenging times, is to be aware of your own wellness and practice self-care.”

—Kate Tumelty Felice
RCSJ Welcomes Visiting Students
Save Time & Money
Take RCSJ courses and transfer college credits to your home university.
Complete a free application and register online, visit RCSJ.edu/Visiting

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RCSJ is here to help you take back control of your life and your career in three easy steps.

1. **Apply.** RCSJ’s application is free and available online. All applications are accepted, and placement testing is optional*, so fill out your application today at RCSJ.edu/Apply.

2. **Register.** RCSJ has advisors standing by to help you register for summer and fall courses. Visit RCSJ.edu/Enroll to get started.

3. **Start Learning.** RCSJ offers more than 120 degree and certificate programs and flexible scheduling options, enabling you to seamlessly fit learning into your lifestyle.

*RCSJ is Bringing Opportunity to Your Doorstep*

The world as we know it has changed. The landscape of higher education has changed. RCSJ has changed, too — evolving and adapting to help you achieve your educational goals from the comfort and safety of your home. Offering a host of online services and resources, RCSJ brings New Jersey’s best community college right to your doorstep.

**Advising**

Virtual academic advising sessions are available by appointment or on-demand through Express Advising, to help you explore programs, select courses, discuss career goals and help navigate any challenges.

**Financial Aid**

All services offered by Financial Aid have been made available remotely and 71% of first-time students receive some form of aid. Visit RCSJ.edu/FinancialAid to start exploring how to finance your education today.

**Scholarships**

RCSJ awards more than $850,000 in scholarships each year. Explore scholarship opportunities and submit applications online at RCSJ.edu/Scholarships.

**Need a laptop?**

RCSJ can help!

RCSJ.edu/Laptop

**Summer Classes — 100% Online!**

**Session Start Dates**

**Cumberland Campus:**
- June 1–Aug. 6, Session III
- July 7–Aug. 20, Session IV

**Gloucester Campus:**
- June 22, 5-week session
- July 13, 7-week session
- July 27, 5-week session

**Choose RCSJ… and Keep Moving Forward**

Social distancing got you thrown off course? Uncertain about where to go and what courses to take?

RCSJ is your gap year solution. Offering 88 unique degree programs and more than 35 different certificate options, RCSJ is the perfect place to start your education. Enroll in general education classes or major-specific programs and earn college credits at a significantly reduced cost — then transfer those credits to a four-year university of your choice. Or, participate in one of the College’s two-year programs and enter the workforce, with little to no debt.

RCSJ lab tech, Liliana Lemanowicz, performing one of the labs at home.

**Science Labs: At-Home Edition**

The best way to learn science is to do science — and where would be a better place to do that this summer than at home? RCSJ’s Online Science Labs allow you to complete hands-on mandatory lab work on your own time schedule, stay on course with academic goals and save money.

For more information, visit: RCSJ.edu/Summer
A New Generation of Community College Offering More Opportunities

Rowan College of South Jersey is here for you — moving you forward to help you reach your goals. With more than 120 degree and certificate programs, unique cost-saving opportunities, academic programs informed by industry demands, and flexible scheduling options for traditional and non-traditional students alike — RCSJ has the right opportunity for you.

Affordable Pathways to Marketable Credentials

Rowan 3+1

The Rowan 3+1 program offers students in select majors the opportunity to earn their bachelor’s degree for less than $30,000. Participants complete their first three years of courses through RCSJ at the community college tuition rate and transition to Rowan University for their senior year.

For eligible majors and campus-specific details: RCSJ.edu/3plus1

Career Evolution for the Experienced

Career & Technical Education Programs

CTE offers industry-recognized certifications, career-focused degree and certificate options, college credits for prior learning and apprenticeship programs to equip students with the tools and credentials they need to get the job they want. Designed for those seeking to advance their current career or reinvent themselves in a new one, CTE prepares students for in-demand jobs in our region.

For more details: RCSJ.edu/CareerTech

Unemployment Tuition Waiver

Funded by the State of New Jersey, this program waives the cost of tuition and general service fees at RCSJ for unemployed residents of Cumberland and Gloucester counties. Find out how to submit your Unemployment Tuition Waiver application and prepare to reenter the workforce stronger than ever.

For more information: RCSJ.edu/TuitionWaiver

A Headstart for High School Students

High School Credit Programs

The High School Option (HSOP) and Dual Credit programs provide high school students affordable, practical ways to earn college credit while still in high school — at a fraction of the cost — and prepare for the rigors of a collegiate environment. Find out how to start earning college credits now.

For more information: RCSJ.edu/DesignYourFuture

NJ STARS

NJ STARS rewards New Jersey’s top-achieving high school seniors with scholarships covering the cost of tuition for up to five semesters at RCSJ; further funding opportunities are available upon transfer to a four-year institution through NJ STARS II.

For more information: RCSJ.edu/NJSTARS

Discover the right opportunity for you at RCSJ.edu/Opportunity

Professor Ballard’s TIME in the National Spotlight

To mark the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage, TIME magazine set out to make some history of its own with the 100 Women of the Year in history project. The weekly news magazine selected a woman, or group of women, to represent each year from 1920 to 2019.

To depict Claudette Colvin, Aurelia Browder, Mary Louise Smith and Rosa Parks, whose peaceful and history-making acts of resistance, in 1955, initiated the Montgomery Bus Boycott, TIME selected mixed-media artist Lavett Ballard, an adjunct professor at Rowan College of South Jersey.

Ballard’s piece “The Bus Riders” was featured as one of TIME’s regional covers for the March 16, 2020 issue. Ballard was also highlighted within its pages.

For two years, Ballard has been teaching art appreciation, art history, and drawing at RCSJ. The Willingboro resident is an alumna of Rutgers University-Camden, where she earned a dual bachelor’s degree in Studio Art/Art History, with a minor in Museum Studies. She went on to earn a M.F.A. in Studio Art from University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

Ballard, whose art focuses on “themes of history, colorism and Afro-futurism,” illustrated her TIME cover art with painted photo collage elements adhered to reclaimed wooden fencing.

“Wood has so much texture and history,” she said. “There are fences in our lives and in our relationships. Fences hold some people in and keep others out. With the [Montgomery] boycott being about segregating others, a wood fence was the perfect substrate for this story.”

Ballard described the honor of being tapped by TIME magazine as “beyond amazing.”

“A lot of people were happy and supportive. Others were shocked at the enormity of it all,” Ballard said.
Awards of Excellence

Voted the Best Community College in New Jersey by Schools.com, RCSJ defines a new generation of community college — the first regional dual-campus of its kind in the state, committed to your safety, educational advancement and future success.

Keeping pace with the changing landscape of higher education, RCSJ continues to reimagine opportunities for both the traditional student and the individual seeking to improve employment prospects. More choices, unique programs, university partnerships and internship experiences benefit students, businesses and industries within the community — making RCSJ a standout leader among community colleges.

RCSJ’s Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program was ranked this year’s best LPN program in New Jersey.

For their 2020 rankings, the research team at Nursing Schools Almanac compiled an extensive data base of student performance results based on the NCLEX-PN, a licensure exam all practical nurses in the United States must pass before becoming an LPN. RCSJ first-time test takers from the class of 2018 achieved a 100% pass rate on the exam.

When times were hard, you worked harder. You navigated a virtual campus environment to stay connected and learning despite the distance. You rose to the challenge. You did it!

Congratulations Graduates!

For the fourth consecutive year, RCSJ has the distinction of being ranked the #1 Nursing program in New Jersey. RegisteredNursing.org examined 40 New Jersey nursing programs (associate degree, bachelor’s degree and direct-entry master’s degree) and rated them based on the NCLEX-RN exam, a licensure exam used by all state boards across the country to assess a student’s competency. Once again, the College’s nursing program came out on top. RCSJ nurses graduate ready to answer the call of their profession and provide support to the community through their expertise and dedication.

Congratulations

Rowan College of South Jersey

Class of 2020

2,080 # of degrees and certificates awarded in 2020*

76 # of South Jersey high school seniors who will graduate with both high school diplomas and RCSJ associate degrees this year

*anticipated degree and certificate conferrals

Fall Classes

Session Start Dates:

Cumberland Campus
Sept. 1 – 15-week
Sept. 28 – 10-week:
Sept. 1 – 7a
Oct. 26 – 7b

Gloucester Campus
Sept. 1 – 15-, 7-, 5-week
Oct. 5 – 10-, 5-week
Oct. 20 – 7-week