

The Campaign to Exponentially Increase Graduation Rates

SUMMARY: In 2015, Union County College had a graduation rate of 15.7%. This graduation rate represents the highest rate in the past twenty years and three times as high as it was just five years ago. However, this number still is below the state and national averages. Our goal is to surpass the New Jersey state average of 20% for the Class of 2016 and reach the national average of 33% in 2017.

THE PLAN: To develop a new Foundation fund that will have a direct and immediate impact on student success. The fund will financially support the efforts of the Union County College *Operation Graduation Program* and fund specific scholarships designed to help students complete their degrees. This fund will be managed by the Foundation office with advisement from faculty, staff and key volunteers.

GOAL: To raise \$100,000 by June 30, 2016 to establish the Operation Graduation Fund.

PROGRAMS TO BE SUPPORTED:

- Completion Scholarships
- On Campus Employment
- Academic Boot Camp
- Advisement and Mentoring
- Transfer Support
- Leadership Training & Conferences
- College Campus Visits
- Emergency Funding

EXPECTED OUTCOMES: To see a dramatic increase in overall graduation rates among our full-time first-time students for the 2016 - 17 academic year.

For more information on how you can support the Operation Graduation Campaign, please contact Doug Rouse at 908.709.7113 or email at douglas.rouse@ucc.edu.

