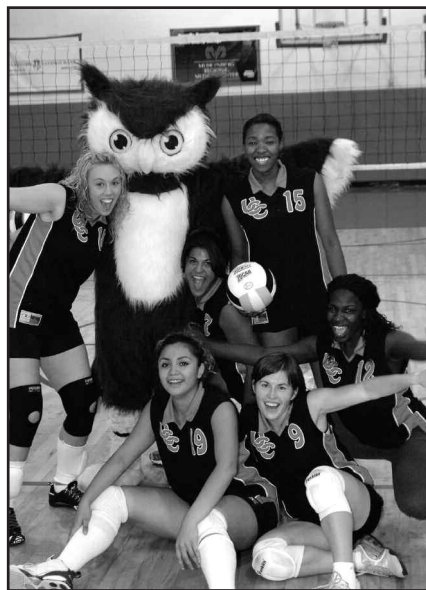


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A Newsletter for
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ANNIVERSARY

Saluting the past
...welcoming the future



1933 - 2008



Please see pages 6 - 7 for 75th Anniversary events.

Upcoming
at

UCC

UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

All alumni are welcome!

Faculty/Staff Dining Room

Cranford Campus Center, Tuesdays, 7 PM

October 21 – Union County Surrogate
James S. LaCorte – *What You Should Know
About Wills and Estates in New Jersey*

Nov. 11 **Dec. 9** - Holiday Party

Feb. 10 **Apr. 14**

Mar. 10 **May 12**

June 9 – Reception & Installation

Alumni Homecoming & Reunion at Union
Saturday, November 22

The THEATER PROJECT, UNION COUNTY COLLEGE'S PROFESSIONAL THEATER COMPANY

DEFYING GRAVITY by Jane Anderson

*An uplifting fantasy inspired by the
1986 Challenger disaster.*

September 25 – October 12

Thursday - Saturday 8 PM, Sunday 3 PM

Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford Campus

\$22, \$15 TH, Students \$10

www.brownpapertickets.com

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TOMASULO ART GALLERY

Kenneth C. MacKay Library

MO - TH 1 - 4 PM, SA 10 AM - 1 PM

TU - TH 6 - 9 PM

Sept 19 – Oct 30

**Snapshots in Time: Vernacular
Photography from the Past 75 Years**

Prof. Robert Yoskowitz, Guest Curator

November 14 - December 20

Miriam Schaer: Solo Show.

Fabulous book arts.

Artist Reception Nov. 14, 6 - 8 PM

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Jeffrey H. Chait '94

New Alumni Association President

"UCC gave me the foundation I needed to further my education and to jump start my future," Jeffrey H. Chait said recently. Like many UCC students, the longtime Springfield resident worked his way through school, attending part time, and graduated with an AAS degree in Business in 1994. He then earned a BS in Business Management from Kean University. Jeff is putting his education to use as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

The new president's plans for the Alumni Association during his tenure include encouraging more alumni to participate. He said, "I am working with the Alumni Board to introduce speaker programs and other activities as a way to attract alumni, including recent graduates."

Jeff hopes many will attend the *Homecoming & Reunion at Union* on November 22nd, believing that "the 75th Anniversary presents a valuable opportunity to get graduates more involved, by inviting alumni to return to the college and see how it has grown over the years." Jeff encourages alumni who would like to get involved with the UCC Alumni Association to reach out - uccreunion75@yahoo.com.



UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS. College President Dr. Thomas H. Brown installed the officers for the 2008 – 2009 year on June 10th. Posing are (l. to r.) Dr. Brown, Donna Herran '85, First Vice President, Suzanne Covine '58, Treasurer, Karen Schmidt Lledo '97, Corresponding Secretary, Gina Caivano '91, Second Vice President, Linda Kurdilla '89, Recording Secretary, and Jeffrey Chait '94, President.



2008 ALUMNI PRIZE WINNER. The student in the UCC class of 2008 who earned the highest Grade Point Average with the greatest number of credits receives the Alumni Prize at commencement. Rositsa Abrasbeva '08 poses with Alumni Association President Nancy Benz '73. She earned an AA in Business while working full time as a church administrator. Rositsa lives in Springfield and is now majoring in management and finance at Seton Hall University.



FREDA & ROBERT N. BROWN PARAMEDIC PROGRAM.

At the Paramedic Program graduation on June 19, Professor Jennifer McCarthy, herself a 1992 graduate, announced the program's new name and warmly expressed appreciation to Mrs. Freda Brown for her friendship to Union County College. Fourteen New Jersey hospitals were sponsors to the 26 graduates who were pinned by Dr. David Adinaro, the Paramedic Program Medical Director. Mrs. Brown poses after the ceremony with Prof. McCarthy.

**Celebrate
your anniversary
as we celebrate
ours!**

We'd love you to have you mark the occasion with us at the Diamond Anniversary Gala. Special recognition for couples who met at UCC! If you will be attending the Gala and would like to be recognized, please contact Maureen Constantino at 908-709-7505 or at constantino@ucc.edu.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

75th DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY Gala



Join the celebration at the UCC Foundation's 16th Annual Gala on October 25th. This lively evening of gourmet dining, dancing and games of chance will support scholarships and enhanced programs to really let Union County College students *sparkle*. What better way to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of UCC than to share the fun of the evening with friends, family and colleagues?

Friends of UCC will celebrate the College's founding in 1933 at this black tie event that will be enhanced by the art, music and elegance of the Art Deco period. Dance the night away to the smooth sounds of *Carrie Jackson & Her Jazzin' All Star Quintet*. Visit our vintage car display. Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a gourmet meal.

Try your hand with *Lady Luck* by playing poker, black jack, roulette and craps for a chance to win fantastic raffle prizes. Get your bid cards ready for the **Live Benefit Auction** with entertaining guest auctioneer Nicolas M. Dawes. In its second year, the action is sure to be fast-paced and an exciting opportunity to walk away with some wonderful items.

Saturday, October 25, 2008 • 6:00 PM – midnight

Victor M. Richel Student Commons

Cranford Campus

A highlight of the evening is always the **50/50 Cash Raffle**. Only 300 tickets are being sold at \$100 each, which may award up to \$15,000. There is an excellent chance you can walk away with a piece of the winnings. First prize is \$6,000, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes will be \$3,000 each if all tickets are sold. They are sure to move fast, so get yours now!

In honor of the "Diamond" Anniversary, guests will have the chance to participate in a **Diamond Hunt** and have the opportunity to take home the real thing! Some lucky winners will find real diamonds and gemstones. Only 75 tickets will be sold so you could leave the party a little more *radiant*. When you join the hunt everyone wins! Your donation will help support the students at Union County College. Plus, you may take home a real diamond!

Please join us and our Diamond Anniversary sponsors - Commerce Bank, Merck and Elizabethtown Gas at the Foundation's largest annual fundraising event, marking this milestone in the College's history. Tables of ten will be available to accommodate you and your guests. Contact the Development Office at 908-709-7039 to reserve your tables/tickets. Sponsor packages start at just \$350 and individual tickets are only \$150 each. Tickets include \$25 of "fun money".

If you can't attend the event but want to show your support, consider placing an ad in the **Gala Ad Journal**. A Full Page is \$500, Half Page is \$300, and Quarter Page is \$225. For more information on participation, sponsorship opportunities and 50/50 raffle tickets call the Foundation office at 908-709-7505 or visit www.uccfoundation.org.

Alumni Homecoming & Reunion at Union

**Saturday, November 22, 2008
Noon to 10 PM**

UCJC, UJC, UC and UCC alumni are invited to a celebration that will span the decades since our college was founded in 1933. Enjoy a Memory Lane of memorabilia tables of the decades, and consider bringing some items of your own to share.



Come and see Union County College today, reconnect with old friends and make new friends. Come early and root for the Owls!

All events will take place in the Campus Center on the Cranford Campus - 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016. Parking is plentiful and free. The cafeteria will be open until noon. **Come - it won't be the same without YOU!**

- 11am-6pm Registration, Victor M. Richel Student Commons
- 10-1pm The renovated and enlarged Dr. Kenneth C. MacKay Library and the Tomasulo Art Gallery will be open.
- 12pm Men's Basketball Game - Gym UCC Owls vs. Camden Cougars, Camden County College
- 12pm Film in Roy W. Smith Theater, Sponsored by SGA (First showing.)
- 2-3pm Exhibition Volleyball Game Gym
- 2-4pm Snacks will be served in Seminar Rooms A & B
- 3pm Film in Roy W. Smith Theater, Sponsored by SGA (Second showing.)
- 4pm Women's Basketball Game - Gym UCC Lady Owls vs. Manor College Blue Jays
- 6-10pm **REUNION AT UNION**
Light Refreshments
Music of the decades by *Legendary DJs*
Decade Tables
Recognition of *75th Anniversary Alumni Honorees*



REUNION LEADERSHIP Donna M. Herran '85, Roselle, Chair, and Co-chair Nancy Benz '73, Cranford, are chairing this very special 75th Anniversary alumni reunion. Donna is First VP of the Alumni Association Board (and a former award-winning Lady Owls coach!) and Nancy is the immediate Past President. Both serve as AA representatives to the UCC Board of Governors. Volunteers are welcome - please contact them at uccreunion75@yahoo.com.

TWO UCC ALUMS IN 1982. Elizabeth Sosenheimer (Lee) Elyoussef '82 beamed after receiving a certificate in Human Resources presented by College President Dr. Saul Orkin '47. Dr. Orkin was the only President who was an alumnus, serving from 1974 until he died of a heart attack in October 1982 during the College's 50th anniversary year.



1982 PHOTO OP. After a Union College Alumni Association banquet on June 18, 1982 in Garwood, the ten alumni who were honored posed for the camera. From l. to r. are the late James M. McGowan '39, Winifred S. Weislogel '47, Philipp D. Hanna '73, Suzanne S. Covine '58, the late John P. Higgins '43, Elizabeth J. Simpson '76, the late Clarence M. Menzer '47, Jacqueline R. Seeland '48, Jay J. Avelino '74, and Michael P. Johnson '73.



Because the UCC Foundation is a major underwriter of the Homecoming & Reunion at UCC there is no registration fee for alumni. However, reservations are needed!

Please send in the form on page 11, or Email or call Sara Guerin, Coordinator of Alumni Relations & Community Outreach, at Guerin@ucc.edu or (908) 709-7066 by November 14th. For answers to your questions or to volunteer, Email uccreunion75@yahoo.com.

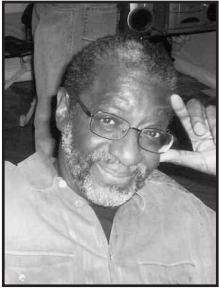
EOF Celebrating 40 Years

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About Alumni

The Educational Opportunity Fund

July 12, 1968 – July 12, 2008



Terry W. Benjamin '72

Since 1968 UCC's Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) has provided higher education opportunities with financial and academic support to over 10,000 Union County College students. This federal program helps economically and educationally disadvantaged students to follow their dreams of a college degree.

This year's EOF program will celebrate its success at the UCC Homecoming & Reunion at Union on November 22, 2008. EOF alumni are encouraged to attend to renew friendships and reconnect with faculty and staff. This year will be an exciting time for all as we launch an *EOF Alumni*

Scholarship Fund drive and recognize outstanding EOF alumni and faculty.

Terry W. Benjamin '72, novelist, publisher and literary innovator, has agreed to serve as the Honorary Chair of this EOF reunion and the new EOF Alumni Scholarship campaign. Mr. Benjamin, who lives in Rahway, was in UCC's first EOF class and was also a popular EOF Counselor for many years. EOF alumni will have the opportunity to become part of UCC's EOF program history by contributing to the endowed scholarship fund as well as to volunteer to be a mentor.

For information about the EOF Reunion, the new EOF Alumni Scholarship or the EOF mentoring and leadership program, please contact Sharon Johnson, Director, at (908) 709-7085 or Johnson@ucc.edu.

- **George N. Apgar, Jr. '72** is a customer service representative in the telecommunications industry in Piscataway, NJ. He lives in North Brunswick, NJ.
 - **Nadinia Davis '73** is now Assistant Prof. of the Health Information Management Program at UMDNJ in Newark. She has MBA, CPA, RHIA, and FAHIMA credentials. Davisn1@umdnj.edu
 - **Elizabeth (Sosenheimer-Lee) Elyoussef '75** is retired in Tarpon Springs, FL after a career as a human resources executive in the insurance industry. She enjoys the beach, working out at the 'Y' and travel abroad, and is the religious education director at her church. Eliese2850@tampabay.ee.com
 - **Dr. Winifred V. Quinn '82** has moved to Alexandria, VA to work in DC at AARP as the Senior Legislative Representative for the Center to Champion Nursing in America. WQuinn@aarp.org
 - **Karen Roman '76**, of Kenilworth, NJ, a licensed realtor since 1995, has joined the Bergdorff ERA firm in Westfield.
 - **Dawn Campagnola '96** lives in Menlo Park, CA where she is a certified yoga and meditation instructor. In June 2008 she earned her second master's degree, in Marriage and Family Therapy, and will work with teens and adults on grief issues. dawncampagnola@gmail.com.
 - **Zulema Cheek '03**, of Piscataway, NJ, is passionate about her music. She formed the gospel group Blayze 5 in 2003 and writes and arranges all their songs. They are working on their third CD. Zulema is the Department Secretary for UCC's Counseling Services. Blayze5onfire@yahoo.com
 - **Melissa D. (James) Passaro '03**, of Hillside, NJ, works at the Newark Museum and is a freelance cartoonist/illustrator. mpassaro@yahoo.com
 - **Darlene Altvater '04** of Clark, NJ, graduated in 2008 with a BA in Spanish from Kean U. She is working in Cranford as a substitute teacher. Twix2219@yahoo.com
 - **Robert L. Muccia '06**, of Union, NJ, is working as a substitute teacher while studying for his bachelor's degree. rml-teach@yahoo.com
 - **Ijeoma Opara '07**, of Roselle, NJ, is a psychology major at New Jersey City U. and works as a care coordinator at a home care agency in Cranford. Missij86@yahoo.com
- IN MEMORIAM**
- **Frank J. Cicarell '49**
January 2007. Princeton, NJ
 - **George A. Danskin '62**
January 2008. New Paltz, NY
 - **William G. Klebous '46**
April 2008. Mountainside, NJ.
 - **Robert B. Moore '55**
May 2008. Baltimore, MD

Have a
"Mini-
Reunion"
at the
Reunion
at Union!

If you were part of a club or activity when you were at UCJC / UJC / UC or UCC and would like to get the group together again, Mini-Reunion tables can be had. Email Nancy and Donna at uccreunion75@yahoo.com.

UCC/Upsala College Alumni - Linda Ross Dolin is a 1967 alumna of UJC and a 1969 Upsala graduate and will host an Upsala table. "Our first college is "alive and kicking" and celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Get into the spirit and wear your UCC colors of Red & White or your Upsala colors of Blue & Gray. Please contact me through the Alumni Office at (908) 709-7066."

Alpha Sigma Nu (Fraternity for Vietnam vets). James C. Garry, who last attended in 1969, is eager to reunite with some of the men who helped make his college time as an older student fun. Contact him at garry1602@optonline.net.

Saluting the past ... Welcoming the Future

Voting by the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee members on submissions to a slogan contest resulted in the above slogan, proposed by Professor Emerita of English Susan Stock. The logo was also voted on from designs from UCC's award-winning Marketing & College Communications Dept. Planning the 75th anniversary year has been a group effort, under the leadership of Chairman Victor M. Richel, Chair of the UCC Board of Trustees and a College Governor, and coordinated by the UCC Foundation.



Victor M. Richel

Committees consisting of alumni, board members, faculty, staff and friends worked under the leadership of their Chairs:



Saluting the past
...welcoming the future

- *Decades & Celebratory Events* - Dorothy Andrews, IT, and Prof. Paula Belmonte, Business
- *Founders Day & Academic Conference* - Dr. Cynthia Singer, Business, and Dr. Susannah Chewning, English
- *History & Archives* - Dr. Lawrence Hogan, Economics/History/Government
- *Recognition* - Dr. Harold Damerow, Economics/History/Government

UCC will be able to better preserve its unique history of beginning as a small "emergency college" during the Depression to becoming a comprehensive community college with four campuses serving 35,000+ credit and continuing education students each year. Although there is not yet a public space, a UCC Archives

has begun and is collecting appropriate items to preserve for future generations. (Contact Dr. Hogan at Hogan@ucc.edu.)

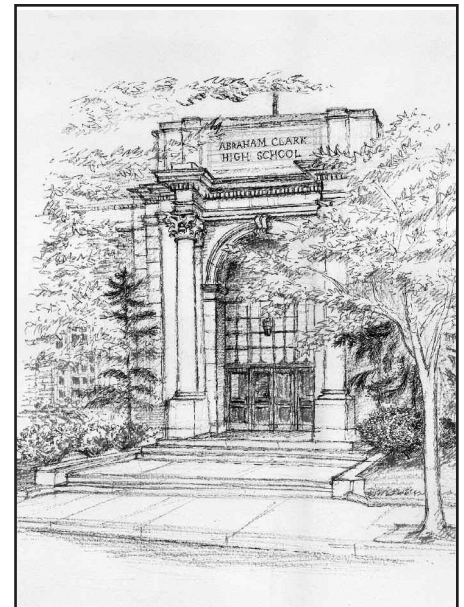


2008 - Renovated
Dr. Kenneth C. MacKay Library, Cranford



1948 - The "Nomabegan Tract" is the future home of UJC, Cranford

Other activities include an *Authors of UCC* exhibition, *Immigration at UCC through the Decades*, a display and event in the spring on the Elizabeth campus sponsored by the Institute of Intensive English, creating a 75th Anniversary section on the College web site, and placing celebratory banners on streets in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield. 🎓



1933 - Abraham Clark High School, Roselle

75th Anniversary Honorees

During the College's 75th Anniversary celebration, up to forty individuals will be named as 75th Anniversary Honorees in five categories: Alumni, former Board Members, Emeriti Faculty, Friends, and retired Staff.

They will be recognized for their dedication and contribution to Union County College and its mission, achievements that brought credit to the College, records of distinction and accomplishment in their fields, or any significant leadership or service to the Union County College community.

Honorees will each have a one-year \$1,000 scholarship in their names and will be invited to the annual Scholarship Reception to meet their student recipients. They will be recognized with a special certificate at celebratory events during the year and will have their names placed on a permanent installation in the Victor M. Richel Student Commons, along with names from 1933 to 2008 of College Presidents, Chairs of the College and Foundation Boards, Faculty Chairs, and Presidents of the UCC Alumni Association. 🎓

Fall 75th Anniversary Events



September 19 – October 30 **Snapshots in Time: Vernacular Photography from the Past 75 Years**

Prof. Robert Yoskowitz, Guest Curator, Tomasulo Art Gallery

Vernacular photographs are “great images by as yet unappreciated and undervalued artists” who take everyday life and common things as subjects. The UCC community can participate by submitting photographs (one each) for exhibition on a wall in the art gallery. Send photos to Prof. Yoskowitz at UCC. Photos will not be mailed back, but can be picked up 30 days after the show. If your photo is UCC-related, consider donating it to the Archives. (See page 2 for Gallery hours.)

October 1 – 19

Authors of UCC Exhibit, Victor M. Richel Student Commons

October 14, 2008 – 7:30 pm **75th Anniversary President’s Program & Reception**

Jim Cramer, Host of CNBC’s MAD MONEY and Markets Commentator of TheStreet.com

Current Market Conditions...

Where Do We Go From Here?

Roy W. Smith Theater, Admission by Ticket Only
 Book signing will follow lecture in the Victor M. Richel Student Commons.



October 16, 2008 – 12:00 noon **75th Anniversary Founders’ Day Celebration**

Kevin Kane, Folk Singer, Music of the FDR Era
 Victor M. Richel Student Commons

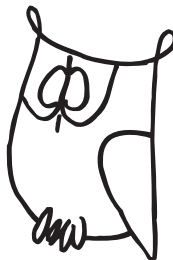
Songs from the early decades of the College will have you tapping your foot and singing along. Enjoy Woody Guthrie’s *Dear Mrs. Roosevelt*, adapted for UCC! Come to sing along and enjoy some 75th birthday cake.

October 25, 2008

UCC Foundation

**75th DIAMOND
 ANNIVERSARY Gala**

November 22, 2008
Homecoming & Reunion at Union



1933 – 1938

Union County Junior College

1938 – 1968

Union Junior College

1968 – 1982

Union College

1982 –

Union County College



Theater Project Salutes Teachers with Discounted Tickets for Fall Play

Defying Gravity by Jane Anderson, a play inspired by the 1986 Challenger disaster, was chosen as a fitting tribute to UCC in its 75th year. In expressing the thirst for knowledge and art that the character “Teacher” inspires, *Defying Gravity* is an accolade to educators everywhere.

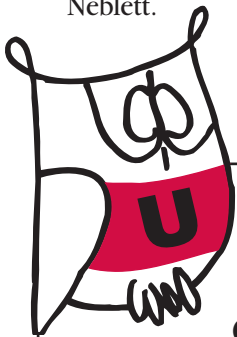
The Study Guide created by Professor Emerita Susan Stock is available at www.thetheaterproject.org. Student tickets are always only \$10, but for this production all teachers can also present ID and see the play for \$10! *Defying Gravity* runs September 25 to October 12 - see page 2 for details.

About Campus



Neblett Prize for Educational Excellence in Teaching & Learning.

For the second year, prizes established by the bequest of Dr. Richard F. Neblett, longtime board member of the College and the Foundation, were presented at Awards Night in May. The four faculty honorees are Assoc. Prof. of Business Maureen Greenbaum, Assoc. Prof. of Psychology/Sociology Toby Marx, Adjunct Prof. of Mathematics Ricardo M. Pijuan, and Associate Prof. of Mathematics Cynthia Roemer. Pictured are the late Dr. Richard F. and Barbara Neblett.



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Look for UCC's wise and friendly owl Icarus in his Big-Owl-on-Campus sweater at

www.uccfoundation.org to make a gift via credit card, or use the enclosed envelope. Make a 75th Anniversary gift today!

President's Council, Benefactors and Founders (annual donors of \$1,000+) are invited to dine with the College President.

Your gift to the *Shaping Our Future* annual fund will help UCC students, and earn you recognition on the Tree of Education. Thank you!

Evelynne Blatt, Director of Financial Aid, is the President-Elect of the NJ Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Dr. Susannah Chewning, English, co-authored *Teaching Medieval Studies in the Two-Year College* in *SMART: Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching*, Fall 2008.

Biology Dept. Chair **Professor William Dunscombe** made five presentations in New Jersey about the Pinelands - to the Linden AARP, the Moorestown Garden Club, the Delaware Valley Senior's Learning Program, the Towne Club of New Providence/Berkeley Heights, and the Chatham Historical Society.

The Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies Spring 2008 Art Show in New York City included three paintings by **Professor George Hildrew**, English/Modern Languages/Fine Arts.

The April - May 2008 issue of the National Baseball Hall of Fame magazine, *Memories and Dreams*, features an article by **Dr. Lawrence Hogan**, Senior Prof. of History. *Blackball and the Sounds of Music* is part of his project on the history of black baseball and black music.

Professor Eileen Kaufman, Psychology, presented *Birth Order: An Adlerian Perspective* at the 92nd Street Y in New York City as part of the Great World of Ideas series.

Adjunct Professor Bill Lipkin, Economics/Government/History, is the new President of the New Jersey State Federation of Teachers-AFT. He is the first higher education representative to be president. He is also President of the UCC Adjunct Faculty Federation.

Communications **Professor Michael Z. Murphy** is the Coordinator for the Northeast Region International Listening Assoc. (ILA). At the March convention in Portland, ME he co-presented a workshop, *Humanifestation*, concerning listening to oneself.

Dr. Jack Parl, Emeritus Professor of English, has created the Parl Family website to chronicle his father's extraordinary life - www.theparlfamily.com. Jackparl@hotmail.com

Associate Professor Helene Roholt-Moen, English/Modern Languages/Fine Arts, was honored in April 2008 with the *Distinguished Chapter Advisor Award* at the 2008 Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Philadelphia. She was saluted for 36 years of service to UCC's Iota Xi Chapter.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS • 2008

Assoc. Professor Louis Campo, Engineering
Senior Professor Dr. Risetta Jacobs, Psychology
Senior Professor Dr. Raymond Krukovsky, Psychology
Senior Professor Dr. James F. Lind, Chemistry
Professor Jerry A. Nathanson (2007), Engineering
Associate Professor Helene Roholt-Moen, Modern Languages
Professor Regina Siemoneit, Psychology

IN MEMORIAM

Prof. Edna Doll, Continuing Education
February 2008. Cranford, NJ
Emeritus Prof. Donald Hedeem, Mathematics, 1969 - 1995.
March 2008. Lightfoot, VA
Evelyn D. Merritt, EOF Counselor
May 2008. Plainfield, NJ

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I Found a Community of Shared Learning as a Tutor at UCC's Academic Learning Center

By Liza Singer '08

When I was first offered a job as a tutor, I didn't know if I would have the time for it, but having had experience tutoring and teaching classes informally, I felt I could handle it. However, my perceptions did not prepare me for what the ALC had in store for me. In the end, the ALC felt less like a job to simply scribble down on a resume and instead became a community of shared learning.

For a socially reserved person, an early challenge for me was making the environment comfortable for tutees. Gail Hein, the ALC Director, explained the importance of making the tutoring center a warm and inviting experience. Gradually I began to find ways to open both the tutee and myself to the experience, and to make it a pleasing one.

Slowly those who would visit my table on a regular basis formed bonds with one another. I became so emotionally invested in these people that the reward of their efforts and achievements offset the modest monetary rewards. I still remember how on overwhelming days where I'd have two tables of students all needing my help, a tutee who was either in the same class or a higher-level class would help another while my attention was occupied elsewhere. I also formed social bonds with the other tutors, where we'd work as a team to help each other tutor effectively.


Of course, tutoring at the ALC was not always an easy task. Sometimes a student and I would not be on the same page and an explanation wouldn't click. We would then search for new

and different techniques to overcome the hurdle. Many times I found myself surrounded by a growing number of students where I'd only be able to help with one problem at time for hours on end. Still, in the end, to see the academic growth made all the effort worth it.

However, it needs to be understood that as a tutor it was never my job to "make someone smarter". Most of the time I found it was simply giving the time to students that felt neglected, and helping them to realize their own abilities. I came across brilliant writers who were not given the SAT grammar drilling exercises and mathematicians who only needed the confidence to be assured that their answers were right.

Many times I was learning along with them. Focusing on specific grammatical points and/or math problems I hadn't seen for a while helped strengthen my own academic work. When there was a comprehension disconnect it drove me to find new ways to explore certain problems that originally hadn't crossed my mind.

What is great about the ALC is it gives students who truly have the desire to succeed a chance. Whether it is because students can't connect with the professor's learning style, or are required to know something they don't have the background for, or they haven't been in school for a while, or maybe they just need the extra time, these disconnects are able to be resolved thanks to the ALC.

Some students put so much attention and passion into their academic success that I was at many times humbled by their work ethic. It made me realize that the people who will truly succeed in life are not those who easily slide through all the roads of life, but those who have relentless motivation and don't take success for granted. Sometimes they just need an extra boost. 

The Academic Learning Centers (ALC) on the Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield Campuses offer tutors in almost all credit courses taught at UCC, with special emphasis on high-risk courses. Liza Singer of Short Hills, NJ was a peer tutor at the Academic Learning Center in Cranford. She is now a student at the Gallatin School at NYU.



SCHOLARS AT SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

All smiles at the annual Scholarship Reception in April are College dignitaries, three *Eleanor B. Reiner Foundation Scholarship* recipients, and one proud little boy. The students are in the American Sign Language & Deaf Studies program. Dr. Thomas H. Brown, College President, is at left, and Victor M. Richel, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Tom Sharkey, Jr., UCC Foundation Chair, at the right.



New member Dr. Sondra Fishinger (l.), Dr. Thomas H. Brown and Dr. Tressa Brown

Heritage Society Appreciation Luncheon

Heritage Society members are honored in perpetuity for their generosity in making planned gifts to benefit UCC. Seven new members were inducted into the *Heritage Society* on June 5th at the annual appreciation luncheon for planned gift donors.

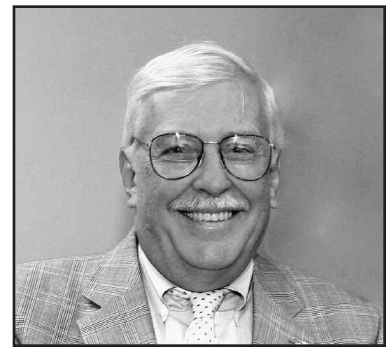
The new members inducted are Charles T. Davis, Vista, CA; Dr. Sondra B. Fishinger, Emerita Professor of English, Rahway, NJ; Richard Haberski '48 and his wife LaVerne Haberski, Emerson, NJ; Anonymous '71, NC, and Dr. Thomas J. Kehoe, Emeritus Professor of History and Jane C. Kehoe.

Guest speaker Dr. Cynthia Singer, Senior Professor of Business, provided a provocative talk, *Globalization: A Personal Perspective - Preparing Our Students to Compete in the Global Economy*. To learn about the *Heritage Society* and gift planning with the UCC Foundation, please contact Ann Poskocil, Director of Development at (908) 709-7028.



Patricia Hobbie and James R. Perry, Vice Chair of the UCC Board of Trustees at the *Heritage Society* luncheon.

Really it's simple: Help Union County College and receive an income for life at the same time. Contact the UCC Foundation to learn more.



Bruno "Bud" Ziolkowski

UCC Loses A Dedicated Friend

On Sunday, May 18, 2008, UCC Trustee and former Foundation Chairman Bruno E. "Bud" Ziolkowski passed away. One of the staunchest of UCC supporters, he will be missed greatly. A long time member of the *Heritage Society*, Bud had made a planned gift of life insurance. His dedication and foresight will provide for future generations of UCC students.

The College community extends its sincere condolences to the Ziolkowski family. Bud is survived by his loving wife, Maria E. Ziolkowski, two sons, Joseph and Michael, and his brother Thomas. He was predeceased by his daughter, the late Cynthia Angus. Memorial donations may be made to the *Cynthia Angus Memorial Scholarship Fund*, c/o the Union County College Foundation, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ or to the N.J. Caddie Scholarship Fund, c/o Echo Lake country Club, Westfield, NJ. 🇺🇸

Gift Planning at the UCC Foundation

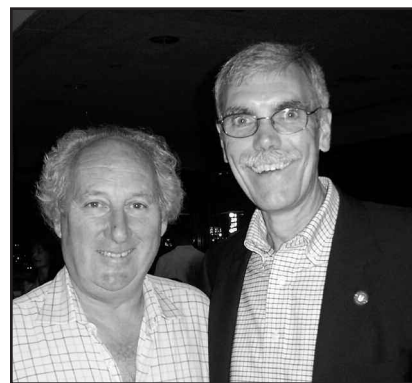
To confidentially discuss gift annuities, bequests, trusts, etc. at any time please contact Director of Development Ann M. Poskocil at (908) 709-7028 or poskocil@ucc.edu. Check out the Gift Calculator at www.uccfoundation.org

Evening at the Races - a Winner for Student Scholarships!

A good time was had by all at the Meadowlands on June 26th. Friends of UCC helped the UCC Foundation's 15th annual fund raising event at the Pegasus Restaurant to raise over \$45,000. Save the date and plan to gather a group of your friends next year - Thursday, June 25, 2009 - to enjoy gourmet dining, harness racing, and great company.



Century 21 Atlantic Realtors, Inc. once again generously sponsored the Evening at the Races. Colleagues enjoying the evening are Ricardo Veloso '95, Michael Edwards '04, company president George A. Castro II, and Rafael Rosendo. Mr. Castro is a Union County College Trustee.



Dedicated members of the Races Committee, (and UCC Foundation trustees) enjoyed the evening with friends: Andrew Hamilton (l.) and Bill Collins, Event Chair.



Bob Petrosky '77 and wife Denise, of the Industry Business Institute, at the Pegasus dessert buffet.



Homecoming & Reunion at Union

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008

- YES, I/we will attend.
- Contact me about a mini-reunion.

Alumni Association Membership

- Networking • Library Privileges
- UCC Fitness Center at Low Alumni Rate

- YES, I want to join the UCC Alumni Association.
 - 3 years (thru June 2011): \$15.00
 - Lifetime: \$125
- I am a member
 - enclosed are my renewal dues.
 - 3 years (thru June 2011): \$15.00
 - LIFETIME: \$125

Make checks payable to UCC Alumni Association.

Please register for the **REUNION AT UNION** and/or share your news for **About Union**. (There is no fee for the reunion.)

Use the enclosed envelope, mail to: UCC Foundation, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ, 07016, or e-mail uccfound@ucc.edu.

Name: (Please include maiden name) _____

Guest Name: _____ also Alum

First Name(s) for badge(s): _____ E-mail _____

Graduation YEAR _____ Or Last Year Attended _____

Phone: Evening _____ Day _____

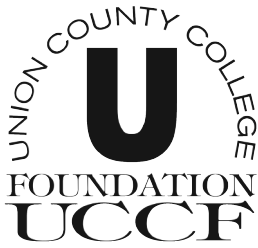
Address: new? _____

News for the "About Alumni" column/comments: _____

- I/we have UCJC / UJC / UC / UCC items to donate to the UCC Archives.



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21 Club Cash Raffle

Tickets now on sale for 2009 Raffle!

1st 20 weeks, each week: 21st week: November 23, 2009

\$200 cash prize	\$2,000 cash grand prize
\$100 cash prize	\$1,000 cash prize
\$50 cash prize	\$500 cash prizes

Enjoy 64 chances to win cash prizes with each ticket -
winning tickets remain eligible for future weeks' drawings!

Take a chance to be a winner and help the UCC
Foundation make dreams come true for UCC students!

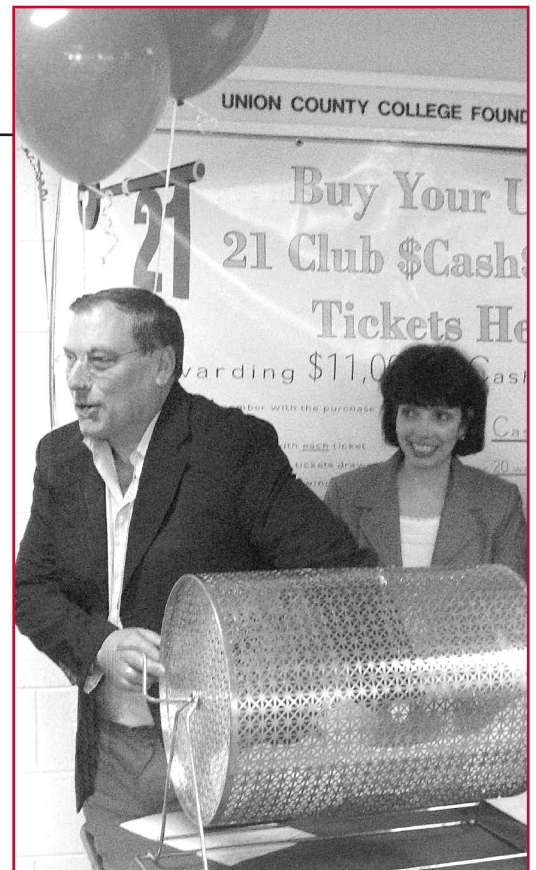
\$11,000 in Cash Prizes!!

Drawing tickets begins for 21 weeks on July 6, 2009. **Only \$20 each!**

Tickets may be purchased with cash, check or credit card.

Call 908/709-7066 or email guerin@ucc.edu.

You can order tickets at www.uccfoundation.org with a credit card.
Proceeds support scholarships for UCC students.



"21 Club" Raffle Committee Chair and UCC Foundation Trustee Jeffrey H. Katz of PSE&G draws the first winning ticket on July 7, 2008 as Linda Moore cheers him on.