

When a medical emergency occurs, you rely on the expertise of the responding Paramedics. Since 1982, Union County College has been utilizing new and innovative methods of training its paramedic program so that New Jersey residents receive the best possible care. Today, the Freda and Robert N. Brown Paramedic Program is the only regional paramedic training program in the state, offering training to 15 of the 21 paramedic health systems in NJ.

What makes UCC's program so unique is its method of preparing and promoting safety for students and patients through the use of a medical simulation lab. Medical simulation is a state of the art technique used in training students when real life experience is either too expensive or too risky. It has been proven to reduce medical errors, allowing students to practice a difficult patient case or rare condition, and offers a forum for students to apply learned material before interacting with live patients.

UCC's simulation lab was conceived by Professor Jennifer McCarthy, Paramedic Program Director. "I have



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always trained my graduates to a level of comfort that if they responded to treat my family, I would be happy to see them walk to my front door. With the added use of the medical simulation lab, I can fully assess their performance in a way that I could not in the past. I can make the environment mimic real life stressors that can distract paramedics during an emergency. My teaching and mentoring ability has catapulted to a level that I could never imagine through the use of medical simulation.”


On the Plainfield Campus, the Emergency Health Science Lab (EHS Lab) has been expanded to a fully functional medical simulation lab. The lab now houses two computerized mannequins that provide students with interactive patient experiences.

The lab expansion included a sound proof wall to enable the area to be divided into two patient treatment rooms.

Each room holds three video cameras that interact with an audio visual system to professionally record a student's performance during assessment of the mannequins.

A control room has been added, where the faculty programs the mannequins. Each room allows two-way communication between the students and faculty in the control room. The new state of the art lab was made possible by grant funding from the Carl P. Perkins and Department of Labor grants.

The EHS Lab is one of a kind in the tri-state area, offering graduates a unique training experience to prepare them for the uncertainty that the paramedic field offers.

Anyone interested paramedic training can visit the Freda and Robert N. Brown Paramedic Program at Union County College website at [www.ucc.edu/go/medic](http://www.ucc.edu/go/medic). 

# Upcoming at UCC

## UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*All alumni are welcome!*

Faculty/Staff Dining Room

Cranford Campus Center, Tuesdays, 7 PM

**Sept. 8 • Oct. 13**

**Nov. 10 • Dec. 8** - Holiday Party

**Feb. 9 • Mar. 9 • Apr. 13 • May 11**

**June 8** - Reception & Installation



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

*The Ruby Sunrise* by Rinne Groff

**Oct. 1-18**

Thursday - Saturday 8 PM, Sunday 3 PM

Student tickets - \$10

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**Nov. 12 -14**, All performances 8 p.m.

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Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford Campus

[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

[www.thetheaterproject.org](http://www.thetheaterproject.org)

(908) 659-5189



## TOMASULO ART GALLERY

Kenneth C. MacKay Library

M-Th 1-4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 1p.m.

T-Th 6-9 p.m.

**Sept 21 - Oct 31**

**Leah Oates:** Solo Show of Photography.

Transitory Space - China and Canada

**Nov 13 - Dec 21**

**Tom Nussbaum:** Solo Show

Figurative Sculpture & Works on Paper

Artist Reception Nov 14, 6-8 PM



## UCC FOUNDATION

17th Annual Gala - **October 24**

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## Letter From the Executive Director of Development



How time flies! I can hardly believe that it has been a year since I first joined the UCC Foundation as its Executive Director of Development. At that time, we were kicking off the College's yearlong 75th Anniversary celebration with a variety of events and activities. Many of you were a part of them!

As Union County College enters its 76th year of excellence in education, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who gave so generously this past year in support of our students. This year, especially, your contributions were even more meaningful, because you gave in spite of an economic downturn that affected us all.

Now that the Fall semester is upon us, I encourage you to continue to remember our students! One way that you can help is to donate to the Foundation's "Shaping Our Future" campaign. Your support of this annual appeal enables us to provide a variety of need-based and merit scholarships to new and existing students who would not be able to attend UCC without this helping hand. Enclosed in this issue of *About Union* is a postage paid envelope for this purpose. Please consider making a donation now to ensure that our students receive the assistance they need in achieving their dream of higher education.

You know the value of the education you received at UCC. Now is the time to reach out and give to the next generation of students! Now, more than ever, we need your help!

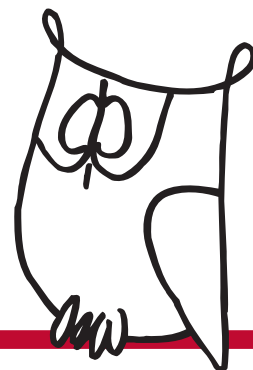
I am proud to be associated with UCC, and look forward to the coming year! With you help, I know that we can accomplish great things for our students. Thanks for being there for them. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions about the UCC Foundation.

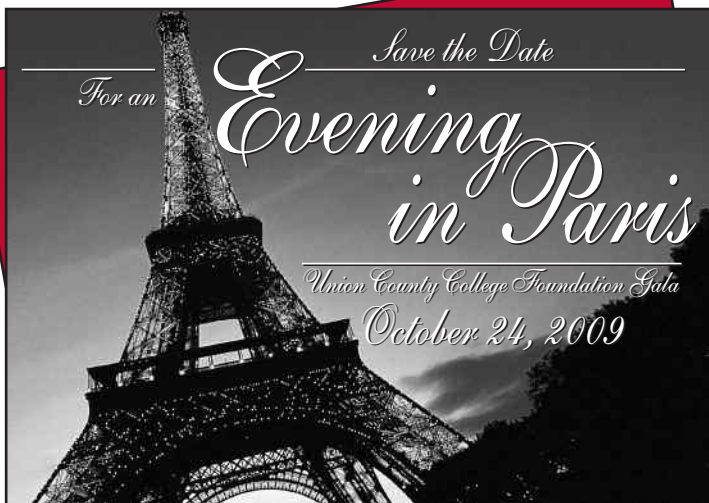
James J. Masterson

Executive Director of Development

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Join the UCC Foundation for an *"Evening in Paris"* at its 17th Annual Gala on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Eat, drink and dance the night away in the City of Lights! This enjoyable night of gourmet Parisian dining, dancing, and games of chance will support scholarships and enhanced programs for our many UCC students.

*Saturday, October 24, 2009  
6:00 pm - Midnight*


Victor M. Richel Student Commons  
Cranford Campus

Try your luck at one of our many gaming tables featuring poker, black jack, roulette, and craps for a chance to win fantastic prizes. Be sure to get your bid cards ready, as well, for the third annual Live Benefit Auction. This exciting, fast-paced auction is a must and a great opportunity to purchase some wonderful items including vacations, dinner with a private chef, and the season's must-have tickets in sports and theater.

The **50/50 cash raffle** is sure to be a highlight of the evening! With only 300 tickets sold at \$100 each, the potential winnings could total \$15,000! First prize is \$6,000, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th prizes will each be \$3,000 when all tickets are sold. You can be one of the lucky winners! Be sure to reserve your ticket today before they are all sold out.

It will be a Fête to Remember! Tables of ten are available to accommodate you and your guests. Sponsor packages start at just \$350 and individual tickets are only \$150. Contact the Foundation office at (908) 709-7505 to reserve your table and event tickets.

If you are unable to attend the Gala and would still like to participate, please consider placing an advertisement in the **Gala Ad Journal**. This is an excellent way to showcase your business, as well as support the College. A full Page is \$500, Half Page is \$300, and Quarter Page is \$225.

For additional information regarding sponsorship opportunities, event and table reservations, 50/50 raffle tickets, ad journal sales, and participation in our upcoming "Evening in Paris" Gala please contact the Foundation office at (908) 709-7505 or visit [www.uccfoundation.org](http://www.uccfoundation.org). 

## 16TH ANNUAL

## EVENING AT THE RACES



On June 25th the UCC Foundation held the 16th Annual Evening at the Races in the Pegasus Restaurant, high atop the Meadowlands racing complex. A group of almost 200, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees, and corporate partners joined us for an exciting evening of harness racing. This highly anticipated event raised over \$35,000 to support UCC students with tremendous help from friends and supporters! Be part of the fun next year, join us at the Meadowlands on Thursday, June 24, 2010!

*Investors Savings Bank once again proudly sponsored the #7 race. Ada Melendez, a new UCCF board member enjoyed the night with her colleagues.*



*Dr. Thomas H. Brown, UCC President, NAME, and Victor M. Richel, UCC Board of Trustees Chairman.*

*UCC's Student Government Association celebrated the end of the Spring semester with a trip to the Races. (l. to r.) Stephanie Muriel Rolla, UCC Athletic Director Jim McCue, Lucio da Silva Barreto, Yuri Shymkiv, Olga Kalynchuk and Garnet Batson.*







## 2009 Alumni Prize Winner.

The student in the UCC class of 2009 who earned the highest Grade Point Average with the greatest number of credits receives the Alumni Prize at commencement. Alvaro Gallegos '09 poses with Alumni Association President Jeffrey Chait '94. Starting as an ESL student on the Elizabeth campus, he earned an AA in Business. Alvaro, a resident of Rahway, is now majoring in Economics with a minor in Mathematics at Stevenson University in Maryland. 🇵🇷



*Nancy Benz '73, UCC Alumni Association's Immediate Past President, displays her frame in an Italian Wood Diplomat Frame.*

## Is your UCC diploma sitting around gathering dust?

Display your achievement with pride in a high-quality polished gold, walnut, Briarwood, or Italian wood frame from the Alumni Association. Frames come with red and gold matting embossed with the UCC seal in gold foil. Prices start at just \$44.95. Visit the website [www.uccfoundation.org/alumniassociation.htm](http://www.uccfoundation.org/alumniassociation.htm) or call 908-709-7066 for more information. 🇵🇷



*UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS. James J. Masterson, Executive Director of the UCC Foundation installed the new officers for the 2009 – 2010 year on June 9th. Posing are (l. to r.) James Masterson, Suzanne Covine '58, Treasurer; Gina Caivano '91, Vice President, and Jeffrey Chait '94, President. (not pictured: Karen Schmidt Lledo '97, Secretary)*

# Alumni Profile

## Alum New Head Of Foundation Board

In 2002, Carol A. Hertling '80 joined the Union County College Foundation Board of Trustees. She was looking for a way to volunteer her time to help her alma mater. "My attendance at UCC allowed me to have a successful career and I wanted to give current students that same opportunity." This year she steps up to an important role on the Foundation Board, as the new Chair.

Carol, raised in Roselle, NJ, went straight to work after finishing high school. After a few years, she realized she wanted to continue her education and earn a college degree. She enrolled in UCC on a part-time basis, while still holding a full-time job in Cranford. "I chose UCC because of its convenient location and reputation as an excellent school."

She pursued an AA in Business Administration, but due to the creativity and dedication of the professors, Carol found herself enjoying new subjects for the first time. "Science was never one of my favorite classes," she said, "but the professor was so wonderful, I looked forward



Carol Hertling (c) is honored as a 75th Anniversary Honoree by President Thomas H. Brown (l) and Alumni Association President Jeffrey Chait (r) at the November 2008 Homecoming and Reunion at Union.

to that class every week. I even met my best friend in Chemistry class."

Carol graduated from UCC in 1980 and continued in the business world, eventually serving as the CFO of Kelso & Co., a private equity firm from 1989 to 1997. Although she no longer works full-time, she has become a staunch supporter of UCC. In November 2008, she was honored by the College as a 75th Anniversary Honoree in the Alumni category. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Phoenix House Foundation. Carol lives in New York City with her husband, and their two sons. 🏠

## About

## Alumni

- **Reverend Meredith Samuel Merrick '60**, of Denison, Tx was conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity this summer from Masters International School of Divinity, Evansville, Indiana.
- The artwork of **Martha McLoughlin '81**, Cranford, NJ was selected to be part of the Cranford Artists exhibit during the Spring. Her artwork was displayed at the Cranford Public Library along with 30 other local artists' works.
- **Karen Holencsak** of Vero Beach, FL, who last attended in **1987**, received her A.S. in Early Childhood Education from Indian River State College this spring. She now begins her A.A. in education with the goal of earning a B.A. in Exceptional Student Needs.

- **Pauline L. Dwyer '94** of Roselle, NJ received her MA in Educational Administration. She is now a teacher in Elizabeth.
- After earning her degree from Kean U. in 2006, **JoAnn Page Wingate '01** of Burlington, NC went on to become the Director of Operation for TLC Hospice in Burlington.
- **Theodosia A.G. Tamborlane '08**, of Cranford was a featured artist at the New Century Artists Gallery in Chelsea this summer. The show included five of her oil-on-paper collages. Her paintings are permanently displayed at the Simply Gallery, Cranford, NJ. [www.Tamborlane.com](http://www.Tamborlane.com)

### IN MEMORIAM

- **Albert C. Mueller, Jr. '44**  
Pompton Plains, NJ. May 2009

## James M. McGowan Memorial Scholarship Endowed

An endowed scholarship was established in memory of James M. McGowan (1920 - 2004) a 1941 alumnus who was active on the College Board of Trustees from 1967 to 1982, and on the UCC Foundation Board from 1984 to 2000. As a member of the New Jersey General Assembly he secured passage of legislation resulting in Union County College becoming state assisted. The scholarship will be awarded to students with a 3.0 or higher.

Tax-deductable contributions to scholarships are welcome and may sent to the UCC Foundation via mail or on the website at [www.uccfoundation.org](http://www.uccfoundation.org).

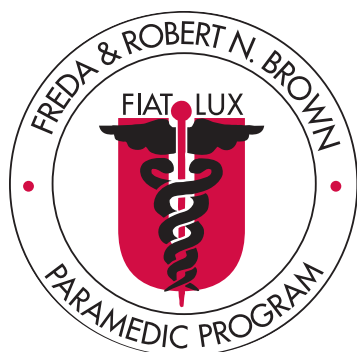
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# Neblett Prize For Educational Excellence In Teaching & Learning

For the third 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 two faculty honorees are Prof. William E. Dunscombe, Jr., Biology, who will receive a \$2,300 scholarship in his name to be awarded to a Biology major, and Professor Joann Levey, Business, who will receive a \$2,300 scholarship in her name to be awarded to a Business major. 🏆



## Paramedic Scholarship Established

Starting this Fall, the Brown Family Paramedic Annual Scholarship will be awarded to full and part-time students in the paramedic program. The Freda & Robert N. Brown Paramedic Program was named for Freda Brown and her late husband Robert last year. 🏆

## About Campus

- In April, at the Annual Conference of the American Association of Community Colleges held in Phoenix, Arizona, **Dr. Thomas H. Brown**, UCC President, **Dr. Ralph Ford**, UCC Vice President for Student Services, and **Dr. Jose Adames**, Provost of the Plainfield campus, gave the presentation, *Creating a Transformational Change for Student Success*. The presentation described major student success initiatives that combine to make an impact on student success at Union County College.
- UCC President, **Dr. Thomas H. Brown**, was given a Dean's Citation Award in recognition of his support of Allied Health Professions' Education at the 29th Convocation of the UMDNJ School of Health Related Professions in May. The evening's event was a celebration of the dedication and commitment of UMDNJ's students, faculty and friends. UCC's Scotch Plains campus is a joint campus between UCC and UMDNJ.
- Director of the Practical Nursing Program, **Dr. Patricia Castaldi**, presented her doctoral project at the New Jersey Nurses Association/New Jersey League for Nursing annual convention in Atlantic City in March. Dr. Castaldi's project involved development of an evidence-based student retention model for the Practical Nursing program.
- **Dr. Susannah Chewing's**, English/ Fine Arts/Modern Languages, new book, *The Milieu and Context of the Wooing Group* was published in July. The book is a collection of essays about a group of texts called "The Wooing Group", which were written in the first half of the thirteenth century in England.
- **Prof. Eileen Forestal**, ASL and Deaf Studies Program and the ASL-English Interpreting Program, and **Prof. Cynthia L. Williams**, ASL-English Program and Coordinator of the Educational Interpreter Program, together published the article, "Teaching and Learning Using the Demand Control Schema". This article was published in *Applications of Demand Control Schema in Interpreter Education* through the Deaf Wellness Center,
- Department of Psychiatry, at the University of Rochester School of Medicine.
- Dean of Trinitas School of Nursing, **Marybeth Kelley, MSN, MEd, RN, CNE**, received an honorary degree of Doctors of Laws, from the College of St. Elizabeth at their convocation exercises in recognition of her accomplishments and in appreciation of significant contributions to educating educators. For over 35 years, Dean Kelley has served as Clinical Associate Professor at Union County College, Cranford, New Jersey, where she also set-up a Cooperative Nursing Program.
- *Urban Edges*, a 12 painting exhibit by **Valeri Larko**, UCC's Tomasulo Gallery Curator, was on display this summer at the Hunterdon Art Museum in Clinton, NJ.
- **Patricia Murphy, RN, MSN**, of the Muhlenberg Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder School of Nursing, was honored with the 2009 Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award in Healthcare from the Union County Commission on the Status of Women. The award recognizes her lifetime accomplishments and serves as a celebration of her vision and creativity in helping others.
- **Prof. Deborah Singer Pires**, ESL, won an award in the National Arts Program Exhibit and Contest for Union County Employees and Their Relatives. She came in second place in the intermediate category for her watercolor entitled, "Waiting". Pires has entered her work for the past four years and has won an award each year.
- **Marianne Schubert, BSN, RN**, Simulation & Skill Lab Coordinator for the Practical Nursing Program (Plainfield campus) has been nominated to the Board of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Nursing Simulation and Learning (INACSL) to represent practical nursing programs worldwide.
- Psychology Chair, **Prof. Eileen Kaufman**, gave a presentation at the 92nd St. Y in New York City in April. The presentation topic was, *From Biblical Times to Current Times-Birth Order and Personality; An Adlerian Perspective*.






## Heritage Society Appreciation Luncheon

Heritage Society members are honored in perpetuity for their generosity in making planned gifts to benefit UCC. Four new members were inducted into the Heritage Society on June 9th at the annual appreciation luncheon for planned gift donors.

The new members inducted are Donna M. Herran '85, Roselle, NJ; Carol Ann Horbacz, Smithville, NJ; and Thomas Kaercher and his wife Susan Olszewski, Plainfield, NJ.

The guest speaker Jennifer McCarthy, Paramedic Program Director, provided an informative talk on UCC's Paramedic program, What's New in Emergency Medical Training.

To learn about the Heritage Society and gift planning with the UCC Foundation, please contact James Masterson, Executive Director of Development at (908) 709-7505. 



*Dr. Thomas H. Brown, UCC President, new inductee Donna M. Herran '85 and Foundation Executive Director, James Masterson.*



*Heritage Society members Andrea Richel, Susanne Covine '58, and Ann Poskocil.*

## Keep In Touch

### Join the UCC Alumni Association!

The benefits of membership include:

- Networking • Library Privileges
- Bookstore Discount • Holiday Party
- UCC Fitness Center at Low Alumni Rate

#### ☐ **YES, I want to join**

the UCC Alumni Association.

- ☐ 3 years (thru June 2012): \$15.00
- ☐ Lifetime: \$125

#### ☐ **I am a member**

- enclosed are my renewal dues.

- ☐ 3 years (thru June 2012): \$15.00
- ☐ Lifetime: \$125

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UCC Alumni Association.*

## UCC is proud of you!

**Please share your education or career news.**

Mail this form to: Union County College Foundation, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ, 07016, or e-mail us at [uccfound@ucc.edu](mailto:uccfound@ucc.edu) or use the **Contact Us!** form on [www.uccfoundation.org](http://www.uccfoundation.org).

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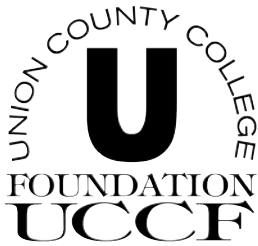
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# 21 Club Raffle 2009-2010

## Cash Prizes!!

1st 20 weeks, each week: 21st week: November 22, 2010

\$200 cash prize

\$100 cash prize

\$50 cash prize

\$2,000 cash grand prize

\$1,000 cash prize

Two \$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!**

**Drawing tickets begins  
for 21 weeks on July 5, 2010**

**Tickets may be purchased with cash, check or  
credit card. Call 908/709-7066 or email  
guerin@ucc.edu.**



*"21 Club" Raffle Committee Chair and UCC Foundation Trustee  
Jeffrey H. Katz of PSE&G draws the first winning ticket on July 6, 2009  
as James Masterson cheers him on.*

**You can order tickets at [www.uccfoundation.org](http://www.uccfoundation.org) with a credit card.**

**Proceeds support scholarships for UCC students.**