



Smiles Abound at the UCC Annual Scholarship Reception

Scholarship donors and scholarship students and their families all streamed into the Victor M. Richel Student Commons on March 31st for this memorable annual event. New this year was recognition of the thirty-seven *75th Anniversary Honorees*, each of whom had an annual scholarship named in his or her honor for this year. The crowd was welcomed by President Thomas H. Brown, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, UCC Foundation Chair Thomas J. Sharkey, Jr. and UCC Foundation Executive Director James J. Masterson.

Inquiries about how to become a scholarship donor to help UCC students build sound futures are welcome at the UCC Foundation. 



Scholarship Reception speaker and chemistry major Kenneth Antwi '09

"It's a great privilege to be given the opportunity to express sincere gratitude to the Union County College Foundation and to our incredible donors... My career intention is to pursue medicine or pharmacology. Personally, this last year of school was the most difficult one, but thanks to Union County College Foundation, I was able to focus all my time and attention into studies, which enabled me to get very good grades. I believe some of the other scholarship recipients have had the same worries.

We all know how tough it is to pursue education without financial stability. However ... through the help and support of the UCC Foundation and the generous contribution of our donors, we are able to walk through the academic gates with confidence... We are very grateful to have people like you to support us."



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16th Annual Evening at the Races - June 25

17th Annual Gala - October 24



Dr. Thomas H. Brown, President of the College, unveiled the impressive 75th Anniversary Plaque on February 27, 2009. (A larger image is on pp. 6-7). It is on permanent display in the Victor M. Richel Student Commons in Cranford, and smaller framed versions of the text are hung on the Elizabeth and Plainfield campuses. Posing with Dr. Brown are representatives of 75th Anniversary Sponsors: (l. to r.) Gail Driscoll, Merck & Co., and Beatrice Romao and Isabel Barreto of TD Bank.



Award winning Lady Owls coaches (l. to r.) Cheryl Bell-Fortes '90 and Tracey Napoleon '89.

A Perfect Season For Lady Owls!

Their best season ever - 24 wins, 0 losses - gave the Women's Basketball Team their third consecutive win of the Garden State Athletic Conference Championship. Then in March they cinched the Region XIX Championship. UCC was ranked number 5 in the country, the highest ranking ever for the Lady Owls.

For the District title, the Lady Owls worked hard not to let the game get away from them. Although they challenged the Community College of Rhode Island the whole

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- Sandy Itzkoff Memorial Scholarship
- Nathan Schwartz Memorial Scholarship
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- UCC Foundation "Partnership for the Future" Scholarships

time and racked up impressive stats for three UCC players, they lost 65 to 63 in a close game.

The award-winning Lady Owls coaches are all UCC alumnae. Coach Cheryl Bell-Fortes '90, of Plainfield, was named the Region XIX Donna Herran Coach of the Year and also the GSAC Coach of the Year, and Assistant Coaches Tracey Napoleon '89, of Rahway, and Janell Nelson '06, of Roselle, are GSAC Assistant Coaches of the Year. 

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About Alumni

- **Kenneth Flynn '62** has retired to Long Beach Island, NJ from his position as a foreman supervisor, tool and die maker.
- **Ralph Seebach '67** of Sunnyvale, CA owns and operates an online education company, Amelox Inc., which offers on-line tutoring courses for college students and professionals. www.amelox.com
- **Walter V. O'Grady '69**, of Voorhees, NJ is with the Maiden RE insurance company. wograd@comcast.net
- **Ronald P. Tobia '71** of Bridgewater, NJ is the founder of Kitchens Direct, a Hillsborough kitchen and bath remodeling company in business for more than 35 years. His company was named Contractor of the Year by the National Association of Remodeling Industry's Central Jersey chapter. www.kitchensdirectinc.com
- **William Kripaitis '83** of Cranford, NJ is the associate director for intranet development for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He is leading a global project to consolidate all portals for the company's 60,000 employees. Billk219@verizon.net
- **Maryam Muhammad '90** lives in Irvington, NJ. A special education teacher in the Hillside school district, she is pursuing her Ph.D. in Metaphysical Sciences. Mmuhammad13@yahoo.com
- **Rocio Sullivan '92** of Miami Beach, FL just opened her own real estate brokerage, Crealova International Realty in South Florida. rosullivanyc@msn.com
- **Robert Friscia '93** of Union, NJ recently relocated his business, Classic Framing & Gifts, to Fanwood. www.classicframingandgifts.com
- **Lilisa Williams '93**, Hillside, NJ, has her dream job as a training coordinator at the Kintoch Group facility in Newark and teaches business at Essex County College in the evening. She frequently speaks to women's groups, sharing her story of success.
- **Caroline Akalonu '95**, Newark, NJ has worked for the past 13 years as an LPN at McAuley Hall Health Care Center in Watchung, NJ. lovely2252004@yahoo.com
- **Timothy A. Williams '00**, of Rahway, NJ, was elected to the board of the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway Foundation. He is Manager of Community Outreach at Elizabethtown Gas Co. and also serves on the UCC Foundation Board. timawilliams@comcast.net
- **Joyce L. Merrigan, RNC-OB '02**, Cranford, NJ, is completing her BSN at Kean U. She is a board certified RN for inpatient high risk obstetrics. Joyce.merrigan@yahoo.com
- **Henry Perez '05** of Hillside, NJ received his BA Cum Laude in International Criminal Justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and is completing his MA in Criminal Justice there. He is an investigator for the New York State Workers Compensation Board. Hperez83@comcast.net
- **Anthony Davis, Sr. '07** lives in Plainfield, NJ. He is the athletic director for the new Queen City Baseball League for youth in Plainfield. acyrussr@yahoo.com

IN MEMORIAM

- Edna M. Hill '59**
Kenilworth NJ. March 2009.
- Arthur Hartland Mershon, Jr., '36**
Raleigh, NC. February 2009
- Dr. Philip J. Wolfson '36**
The Villages, FL. December 2008

Alumni Profile

Chester Lobrow '83

This UCC alumnus was honored by the National Polish Apostolate as the recipient of the 2008

Pride of Polonia Award. This distinguished award recognizes loyalty to the Church, willingness to help those in need and involvement in philanthropic activities.

Before he was forced to emigrate from Poland in 1979 with his wife Jadwiga



Chester '83 & Jadwiga Lobrow at the UCC Foundation Gala

and three sons to escape repression, he served as the elected President of a trade association which served 4,500 member-owners of small enterprises.

Chester graduated from UCC's Institute for Intensive English in 1983, and he is indeed a distinguished alumnus. A successful businessman, he and his wife own Severyn Fur Salon in Linden, one of the largest fur companies on the East Coast.

Tireless volunteer and advocacy activities on behalf of the Polish community, including promoting Poland's entry into NATO, earned him the distinction of election as the Grand Marshal of the 1999 Pulaski Day Parade in New York City. In 2003 the President of Poland awarded him the *Cavalier Cross of the Order of Merit of*

the Republic of Poland, one of his most prized tributes.

UCC has been fortunate to have this effective volunteer serve on the Foundation Board since 2001 and on the Board of Governors since 2007. His other volunteerism and philanthropy activities included serving on the Boards of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, DC, of the International Order of Smile, of the District Management Corp. in Linden, NJ, and as President of the Linden Kiwanis Club.

Although Chester wrote this about coming to America, the many hundreds of new immigrant students at UCC echo these sentiments about their college experience: *"It encouraged one to dream and offered the opportunity to realize that dream, through hard work and struggle, where hope was possible and aspirations were rewarded..."* 

About Campus

UCC Faculty and staff were well represented as speakers and moderators at the **75th Anniversary Academic Conference** held at UCC April 3-4, 2008, co-chaired by Dr. Susannah Chewing and Dr. Phillip Papas: Elissa Austria, Lew Cohen, Pedro Cosme, Harold Damerow, Maggie Diggory, Noel Fiarotta, Barbara Gaba, Maureen Greenbaum, Valerae Hurley, Pat Ishill, Bill Lipkin, Arlene Marcus, Toby Marx, Katharine Mastrantonio, David McClure, Derek McConnell, Martha McNulty, Mary Meeks, Michael Z Murphy, Deborah Pires, Joe Pizzo, June Pomann, Hugh Potter, Elizabeth Ramos, Arlene Rogoff, Cynthia Singer, Kathy Svare, John Tooker, Andrea Vaccaro, William van Dorp.

■ **Dr. Jose Adames**, Plainfield campus Provost/Associate Vice President, was honored in Feb. with the *William U. Harris Award of Excellence* from the Middle States Regional Forum in Baltimore, MD. The award recognizes extraordinary leadership skills in the education field. In March he received a *2009 International Exemplary Leader Award* at the International Leadership Conference of the Chair Academy in Nashville, TN.

■ **Prof. Albert Bramante**, Psychology/Sociology, facilitated a session on engaging students in professional research at the National Institute of the Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg, FL in January, and was also a presenter in March at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Pittsburgh.

■ **Prof. Katy Cedano**, English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages, presented *Technology in the World Language Classroom* in March at the *NJEDGE.net 10th Annual Faculty Best Practices Showcase* at the College of St. Elizabeth.

■ **Prof. Maureen Greenbaum**, Business and **Prof. Toby Marx**, Psychology/Sociology, presented a workshop, *Provide Students the Choice to Create Relevance and Communicate in a 21st Century Mode*, at the NJ

Council of County Colleges 2009 Best Practices Conference in April at Hudson County Community College.

■ *Transparent Things*, an exhibit of, new paintings by **Prof. George Hildreth**, English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages, took place this spring at the Phyllis Stigliano Gallery in Park Slope-Brooklyn, NY.

■ **Prof. Elizabeth Joyce**, Coordinator of Paralegal Studies, spoke about the student outcome assessment program she implemented at UCC at the Northeast Regional Conference of the American Assoc. for Paralegal Education in Washington, DC in April.

■ As President of the regional chapter of the College Reading and Learning Association, **Jacqueline Leonard**, Head Tutor for the Elizabeth campus Academic Learning Center, coordinated the Regional Conference in March in Newtown, PA. **Gail Hein**, Director of the Academic Learning Centers, served on the committee and presented a workshop on peer evaluations. Staff members **Carolyn Thomas**, **Kathy Svare**, and **Prof. Pat Ishill** of the Institute for Intensive English presented *Creating Successful ESL/Allied Health Learning Communities for Advanced ESL Students*.

■ **Prof. Bill Lipkin**, Economics/Government/History, is President of the UCC Adjunct Faculty Federation of the NJ State Federation of Teachers, and Acting Director of the United Adjunct Federation of New Jersey. He was a featured speaker at the American Federation of Teachers Higher Education Conference in Miami, FL in March.

■ Director of the Paramedic Program **Prof. Jennifer McCarthy** shared her thoughts on the future of EMS education on a video produced by Laerdal Medical Inc. for use at its annual meeting. The video was made in UCC's newly expanded simulation lab in Plainfield.

■ Poet and **Prof. of English John McDermott**, in addition to participating in several poetry readings, has recently published poems in *Voices From Here*, The Paulinskill Poetry Project anthology, in *Edison Lit Review, Issue 8*, in *US 1 Worksheets Issue 54*, and in the *Carriage House Poetry Series 10th Anniversary Anthology*. He is again a workshop leader for the Geraldine R. Dodge workshops for high school teachers. Prof. McDermott used most of his 2007 Neblett Prize funds to establish the *Neblett Prize Poetry Collection* at the MacKay Library.

■ *Terrific Specific* is an easily customized tool allowing teachers to give a one-session course in concise writing; it will fit any subject and helps students avoid drifting off topic. **Prof. Michael Z. Murphy**, English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages/Communications Dept., presented his program at the International Listening Association Convention in March. He is a 2009 Fellow in the Teacher Fellows Program of the Artist/Teacher Institute.

■ In April 2009 Adjunct Professor **Dr. Stephen Schoeman** gave a lecture series on national and international affairs to the Brandeis U. Study Group in Millburn, and also lectured at both the Westfield and South Orange libraries on the American Presidency.

■ **Marianne Schubert, RN**, Simulation and Skill Lab Coordinator for the practical nursing program, was the guest lecturer at a brunch at Temple-Beth-el-Mekor Chayim in Cranford on Feb. 22. She spoke from experience on *Crime Scene Investigation – Not As Glamorous as Television*.

■ Senior Professor of Business **Dr. Cynthia Singer** was the keynote speaker at the conference of the American Council on Education Office of Women in Higher Education in April at Brookdale Community College. Her topic was *Mentoring: Teaching One to Fish*.

IN MEMORIAM

Former Prof. Joseph Ellis Kopf, Sr., Engineering, January 2009. Cranford, NJ.

Dr. Anthony Signorelli, Professor of Psychology, February 2009. Mountainside, NJ.



75th Anniversary Academic Conference

Union County College hosted an Academic Conference on April 3-4, 2009. *The Changing Dynamics of the Two Year College* was attended by over 100 UCC faculty and visiting academics from the tri-state area, staff, and students. Chairs Dr. Susannah Chewning, English, and Dr. Philip Papas, History, were helped by the 75th Anniversary Convocation

Committee. Fifteen different sessions engaged participants, with topics such as *The Changing Political and Policy Environment for Community Colleges and Activating Millennial Students*, in addition to subjects like *New Jersey Writers and Pedagogy and History*.

On Friday evening, following a reception for the attendees, Dr. Jonathan Zimmerman of New York University gave a plenary lecture, *Blackboard Memories: 'The Little Red Schoolhouse' and American Education*. The following day Dr. Anne A. Cheng of Princeton University presented the second plenary lecture, *Diversity in a Post-Identity World*. The UCC Foundation provided a grant to help fund the conference. 🇺🇸



TWO GENERATIONS OF UCC GRADS. Posing in Cranford are (l. to r.) Collin '03 and Christine Orshak, Wayne '74 and Gail Eling Orshak '76, son-in-law Bob and Candice Sawicki.

UCC Alum Elected to National Office

Cranford Postmaster and UCC alum Wayne Orshak is the elected National Secretary-Treasurer of NAPUS (National Association of Postmasters of the United States) for 2009 - 2011. Wayne Orshak and his family grace the cover of the January 2009 issue of *Postmasters Gazette* which contains a feature story, *Wayne Orshak is Passionate About Postmasters*.

Wayne met his wife Gail at UCC, where he belonged to the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. They married in 1976, the year he graduated from Kean U. Their son Collin Orshak '03 teaches fifth grade in Bloomfield and is working on his master's in special education; his wife Christine is a speech pathologist. Daughter Candice, who, like her brother, once worked for the Post Office, is a new mother; her husband Bob Sawicki is a firefighter/EMT with the Westfield, NJ Fire Department. 🇺🇸

STEP INTO THE WINNERS' CIRCLE WITH THE UCC FOUNDATION!



Join the fun and excitement of the 16th Annual **Evening at the Races** at the Pegasus Restaurant high atop the Meadowlands Racetrack on **Thursday, June 25, 2009**. The buffet begins at 6:00 pm and continues throughout the event. The first race kicks off at 7:00 pm.

Event Tickets are \$90 per person (\$40 tax deductible).

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All gift annuity donors become perpetual members of the UCC Foundation *Heritage Society*. 



George P. Zirnite, Sr. '48
(1927 - 1986)

A Gift That Keeps on Giving

Each year at the Awards Ceremony a graduating senior is honored with the *George P. Zirnite Memorial Scholarship Award*. The purpose is to memorialize a beloved and gifted English professor who taught at UCC for 21 years, inspiring a generation of students, and to financially assist students to pursue a bachelor's degree. Students are nominated by faculty members and must major in liberal arts, communications, or women's studies.

The lucky student receives a cash award towards tuition at the four-year institution he or she will attend in the fall. In 2002 the Zirnite Fund was increased substantially with a \$100,000 bequest from James Wise, a good friend of George Zirnite who had made annual gifts over the years. Mr. Wise's final gift was a wonderful tribute to a UCC alumnus and professor, one which will help many students over many years to achieve their dreams. 

Gifts from IRAs in 2009

Congress extended the provision allowing those age 70 ½ and over to make gifts to charity from their IRAs.

The other rules are:

- Your IRA administrator must send your gift directly to the UCC Foundation on or before December 31, 2009.
- Each person can give up to \$100,000 per year.
- Gifts count towards the required minimum distribution requirement for 2009.
- Since you will not pay taxes on the withdrawal, you cannot claim a federal charitable income tax deduction for this gift.

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... When You Write Your Will

After you have provided for your family and other loved ones, you can give a gift that will last. You can help future Union County College students with a bequest to the UCC Foundation. Alumna Carol A. Horbacz, who will be inducted into the *Heritage Society* this year, has done this. She created a scholarship named for her and her late mother through her will.

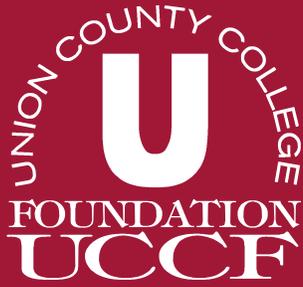
All bequest gifts are special. Please consider adding a specific gift amount or a "rest and remainder" clause to your will. And please do let us know when you have included the Union County College Foundation in your will. We will be honored to enroll you in the *Heritage Society*. 

75th Anniversary Plaque

Hanging in a place of honor in the Victor M. Richel Student Commons and opposite the Tree of Education, the 75th Anniversary plaque celebrates the leadership of this College since its founding in 1933 as Union County Junior College and also the 75th Anniversary Honorees. The text is also on the 75th Anniversary section of the UCC web site – www.ucc.edu.



<p>75th ANNIVERSARY HONOREES</p> <p>Alums James Glavin 1932 Carl A. Herring 1935 Dr. J. Southworth 1942 Barbara Ann Howe 1946 Margaret A. Neuhay 1973 James Neuhay 1980 Frederick J. Pety 1982 Michael E. Whitting 1987 Anne Reed 1988</p> <p>Board Members Harold H. Brown Joseph M. Fox James H. Hagan Thomas R. Long Robert M. Moore Harry W. White</p> <p>Faculty Emeriti Dr. Helen Ann Professor Sherman G. Gandy Dr. Thomas J. Sabin Professor Patricia M. Brown Professor Amy Neuhay Barbara Fox Wiley Professor Susan Dick Professor Greta Wolf</p> <p>Friends James G. Kelly, Jr. Paul Brown Neil Egan Christine E. Nelson Susan Henschel Nancy A. Worthington</p> <p>Staff Bernice J. Smith Helen A. Goshoff Carole Connor James H. Hale Alberta Hayes Barbara C. Norrish Audrey Bennett</p>	<p>PRESIDENTS OF THE COLLEGE</p> <p>Harold Babin Hurdle, Dean Dr. Charles Glenville Cook, Dean Dr. Kenneth George Herring Dr. Kenneth H. Swartz Dr. Albert H. Neuhay, Jr., Acting Dr. Saul Olin Dr. Conrad T. Kolesar, Acting Dr. Donald H. Herring Jeffrey W. Smith, Acting Dr. Thomas H. Brown</p> <p>CHAIRS - BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p>Union County Junior College Carl A. Herring Dr. James H. Hagan Dr. Arthur L. Johnson</p> <p>Union Junior College Dr. Arthur L. Johnson William H. Van Orsdel Joseph A. Purnell Ray Olin Hark G. Nelson Dr. Thomas Ray Jones Hugo E. Mann</p> <p>Union College Hugo E. Mann Edward Mann E. Earl Harris Gilbert F. Lammie</p> <p>Union County College Edwin F. Lammie Farris H. Galt, Jr., Vice Farris A. Nelson, Exec. Ward H. Baker</p>	<p>UNION COLLEGE 75th ANNIVERSARY Celebrating the past...acknowledging the future</p> <p>1933 - 2008</p> <p>Union County Junior College 1933 - 1938</p> <p>Union Junior College 1938 - 1968</p> <p>Union College 1968 - 1982</p> <p>Union County College 1982 -</p> 	<p>CHAIRS - BOARD OF GOVERNORS</p> <p>Union County College Thomas J. Herring James H. Hagan Dr. Robert F. Nelson John A. Smith Ernest C. Bell Elizabeth Jones</p> <p>CHAIRS - UCC FOUNDATION 1977 - 2008</p> <p>Edward Mann Shays G. Wilson Dr. Henry J. Robinson James H. Hagan Elizabeth J. Nelson Dr. Robert F. Nelson Frank H. Bell, Jr., Exec. John A. Smith Bruce E. Johnson Lawrence D. Balle Thomas J. Shroyer, Jr.</p> <p>CHAIRS - FACULTY 1970 - 2010</p> <p>Dr. Roger A. Fisher Prof. George F. Jones Dr. Augustus G. Dandekar Dr. Donald Ellis Dr. Maria Lutz Dr. Harold E. Damme Prof. James Magallon Dr. Anthony S. Szymaniak Dr. James B. Farnage Prof. Barbara Linschewsky</p>	<p>PRESIDENTS - ALUMNI ASSOCIATION</p> <p>1937 - 2008</p> <p>Vivian Aquino 1973 Susan W. Bell 1982 Nancy J. Benz 1973 Jeffrey H. Chalk 1994 Stephen Champ 1940 John H. Cook, Jr. 1941 Suzanne Stella Cronin 1989 Eric W. DeHobbes 1988 Carl A. Herring 1970 Catherine M. Herring 1988 Kay D. Fisher 1940 Donald P. Gandy 1944 Philip D. Herring 1970 John F. Herring 1988 Lawrence Herring 1940 John F. Herring 1982 Bernard L. Jett 1980 Michael P. Johnson 1973 Barbara R. Knight 1940 Linda Ann Kynthe 1980 Charlotte W. Mann 1947 Richard A. Moore 1987 Howard J. Mottola 1980 Richard P. Mottola 1941 Kenneth E. Sabin 1940 Raymond F. Sabin 1940 John A. Wirt 1989</p>
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remembered
forever ...*

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Members of the Union County College Foundation *Heritage Society* have made a planned gift to benefit Union County College, such as a bequest, insurance policy, Charitable Gift Annuity, Charitable Remainder Trust, or Charitable Lead Trust.

Heritage Society members are inducted by the College President at an annual Appreciation Luncheon and are recognized for their generosity in perpetuity.

Heritage Society Members Leave Legacies for Future Generations

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- Maria Ziolkowski

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List as of April 2009.



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UCC HISTORY ON UCC WEB SITE.

Check out www.ucc.edu/ucc/ucc75 for a timeline from the College's founding in 1933 as Union County Junior College.

SimMan© JOINS STAFF. The recently updated and expanded Emergency Health Science Lab on UCC's Plainfield campus welcomed this high fidelity patient care mannequin, thanks to funding from the Dept. of Labor and Perkins grants.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATED. UCC Trustee Ralph N. Milteer of Hillside, NJ was an honoree at the *6th Annual Black History Month/Frederick Douglass Birthday Celebration* on Feb. 18, 2009. The North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club and the Newark Boys Chorus gave a wonderful concert in the Roy W. Smith Theater. Also featured that evening were an African American Heritage Market and a soul food dinner.

HONORS FOR PHI THETA KAPPA CHAPTER. UCC's Iota Xi Chapter was honored at a regional conference with the *Regional Service Hallmark Award*, the *Four-Leaf Clover Award*, the *Diamond Award*, the highest regional honor, and - for the 29th year - the *Five-Star Award*. Prof. Nicole Stokes-DuPass received the *Paragon Award* for New Chapter Advisors. Three students also received awards - Chapter President Maria Conneran, Djana Gonzalez and Joseph Eulo. 🐾

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Family of Esteemed College Administrator Roy Smith Establishes Special Fund in His Memory



Leroy W. Smith (1926 - 2007) posed next to the bust of his friend Dr. Kenneth C. MacKay in the MacKay Library.

The Roy W. Smith Public Affairs & Cultural Endowment Fund was established in December 2008 with a generous gift from Roy's twin sister, Virginia L. Busch. The Roy Smith Fund will "support annual programming pertaining to topics of a cultural, current events and/or otherwise educational nature." Sponsored programming will take place in the Roy W. Smith Theater on the Cranford campus.

Roy Smith served the College well for 41 years, including 16 months as Acting President in 1989 and 1990, after which the trustees named the theater in his honor.

He retired in 1998 as Vice President of Resource Development. He is noted for chronicling the history of Union County College, including books about UCC from 1982 to 1992, about the cooperative nursing program, about the L.I.F.E. Center, and his last, a biography of College President Dr. Kenneth MacKay. The College held a memorial service for him in the Commons on May 11, 2007, the date of what would have been his 80th birthday.

The UCC Foundation will convene a faculty/staff committee to select and administer the annual programming, which will begin in 2010. 🐾

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Source: New Jersey Council of County Colleges

On the Front Lines of Liberty:

UCC's Cranford Campus Space and the American Revolution

Dr. Phillip Papas, Associate Professor of History

From a speech presented as part of a panel on Founders Day, October 16, 2008:

As we celebrate Union County College's 75th Birthday, we should seriously think about the past: about the history attached to the space the college occupies, about all those here who work hard to give students an opportunity at a quality education. We should think of its alumni who paved the way for the current generation of students. For we must know and appreciate the past: we must learn its lessons and understand that it is the story of our lives and the lives of those around us and the spaces that we occupy. We must teach history, nurture it, and encourage it. History is the antidote for our selfish notion that we are all self-made men and women.

As a historian of the American Revolution, my thoughts tend to drift back to that period of our nation's history. UCC's "campus space" refers not only to the physical space, but also to the history of the community it serves. Think about UCC's "college space" at one of the most critical moments in the history of the American Revolution: 1779-1780, when the forward lines of the Continental army were encamped in Crane's Mills and its immediate vicinity.

One of the leading families in the area was the Crane family, and Cranford was then known as Crane's Mills. The family's gristmill and sawmill on the Rahway River were important to the commercial livelihood and the social life of the community. As local raw materials were processed into marketable commodities, residents socialized and heard the latest news from Elizabethtown (today's Elizabeth) or New York City. The mills were located on the north and south sides of a dam close to the present day North Union Avenue Bridge.

For much of the Revolution, the Continental army had mounted sentries posted at the low-water place on the Rahway River, which runs through Cranford. Crane's Ford, located near the present intersection of Riverside Dr. and Springfield Ave. (near Memorial Park), gave Cranford its name. Throughout the war, the residents of Elizabethtown and its vicinity,

including Crane's Mills, were subjected to partisan raids by Loyalists based on Staten Island, who used the British-occupied island as a "safe-haven." In turn, some residents of Crane's Mills joined Patriot partisans to raid Loyalist homes, farms, and businesses there in retaliation. Thus for most of the American Revolution, the residents of Crane's Mills, like other area residents, were caught in a vicious civil war carried out by Patriot and Loyalist partisans.

By 1779-1780, Crane's Mills was the headquarters for successive American generals who commanded the front lines of George Washington's army. Two of the most important were New Jerseyans William Alexander (Lord Stirling) and William Maxwell ("Scotch Willie"). The Continental army's 2,000-man front lines stretched from Newark in the north to Perth Amboy in the south, protecting Washington's main army at Morristown from British military operations from New York City or Staten Island.

Many American troops were quartered on local farms and in the mills. But soldiers were also camped in open fields, orchards, and woodlands: their tents a sea of white against the earth's landscape. Some of those tents were very likely pitched on what is today the UCC Cranford campus.

The Cranford Post Office boasts a large mural, *the Battle of Cranford*, painted by Gerald Foster in 1937 as part of a WPA program.

The winter of 1779-1780 was critical to the American war effort. The soldiers' morale and the army's supplies were dangerously low. Adding to their misery was enduring one of the coldest winters in the history of North America. A fierce snowstorm on January 2 - 6 blanketed the area with 18 inches of snow. During a break in the weather, Washington initiated offensive operations and ordered a winter raid on the British garrison on Staten Island. He saw an opportunity to surprise the British and boost the slumping morale of his men. This attack would be a jab to the belly of the British army, like his attacks on the British and their Hessian allies at Trenton and Princeton in the winter of 1776-1777.

On January 14, 1780, Gen. Alexander led the raiding party of nearly 3,000 men from Crane's Mills across the frozen Arthur Kill into Staten Island. The men were crammed onto 300 sleds provided by local

farmers sympathetic to the Patriot cause. However, spies had warned the British authorities of the impending invasion. Without the element of surprise, Stirling's men headed into a hornet's nest, and when they reached the island were met with fierce resistance. The raid was a disaster and Stirling retreated to Crane's Mills. The Americans lost several men; some of the wounded were treated at a makeshift hospital that may have been on the grounds of the UCC campus.

During the Battle of Connecticut Farms Hannah Caldwell, the wife of the well-known Patriot leader and minister the Rev. James Caldwell of the First Presbyterian Church, was shot and killed. Her death is depicted in the seal of Union County.



The vicinity of Crane's Mills was associated with two other major military events in 1780: the Battles of Connecticut Farms and of Springfield. On June 6, nearly 7,000 British and Hessian troops crossed from Staten Island to Elizabethtown and advanced toward Connecticut Farms (now Union). Although Hessian Gen. Wilhelm von Knyphausen believed that Washington's demoralized army could be smashed or badly damaged after its horrendous winter camp, his troops met stiff resistance from two regiments of the New Jersey Brigade, commanded by Col. Elias Dayton. As the British troops moved out of Elizabethtown, they were harassed by New Jersey militia and a reinforced American line forced them to retreat, and on June 8, 1,000 Continental troops attacked Knyphausen's front lines in the Battle of Elizabethtown.

This engagement was a stalemate for two weeks, until on June 23, the British attacked again, in two columns: along Galloping Hill Road and also along Vauxhall Road, planning to surround and overwhelm the Americans in Springfield. However, the American commander at Springfield had withdrawn his forces toward the high ground of the Short Hills, along the way fighting some small engagements. The British-Hessian assault was stymied at Springfield and Knyphausen ordered his men to retreat. However, before they retreated back to Staten Island, Springfield was put to the torch. The Battle of Springfield, however, was an important victory for the Americans. The American lines bent, but they did not break. And New Jersey was cleared of British forces. 



UCC 75th ANNIVERSARY QUILT.

Assistant Librarian / Head of Acquisitions Rae Wong (l.) and Assistant Librarian/ Head of Reference Josaine Royster (r.) proudly display the beautiful quilt they created to celebrate the MacKay Library and UCC's 75th anniversary. Their design incorporates the UCC 75th anniversary logo, a UCC diploma, a photo of MacKay Library, photo of the bust of Dr. Kenneth MacKay, a computer, shelves of books and the UCC mascot, the owl. The quilt was unveiled in the lobby of MacKay Library on March 3, 2009, during Women's History Month. Many traditional artistic methods maintained by women, such as quilting, are finally getting recognition as the art forms they are. 🐼

Memorial Scholarship for Tony Signorelli



Dr. Anthony Signorelli

Dr. Anthony Signorelli was an active and honored member of the UCC community for 38 years until his untimely death on February 21,

2009. Dr. Signorelli was a member of the Union County College faculty, serving as chair of the psychology department and also four terms as chair of the faculty. A scholarship in his memory is being established. The UCC Chapter of the AAUP (American Association of University Professors) has contributed \$5,000 to the Fund. Tax-deductible memorial contributions are welcome and may be sent to the UCC Foundation via mail or through the web at www.uccfoundation.org. 🐼

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