

Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Fellowship – Phi Theta Kappa at UCC

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges in the world. Its four hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship have inspired more than 1,500 UCC students since the *Iota Xi* chapter was founded 44 years ago. It has always enjoyed the backing of the administration.

Anna Blanche Murphy was the first advisor, in 1958, followed by Prof. George Marks III from 1961 to 1972, when Prof. Helene Roholt-Moen assumed the post. She has enthusiastically led the chapter ever since. Under Prof. Roholt-Moen's leadership, the *Iota Xi* PTK chapter has received many regional and national awards, and has been recognized for many years as a "Five Star Chapter", PTK's highest honor. Prof. Roholt-Moen herself has been honored numerous times by national and regional PTK and by the UCC chapter.

All students who have completed at least 12 credits leading to a degree, have a GPA of 3.5, and "enjoy full rights of citizenship" in their country are eligible to join. Prof. Roholt-Moen personally interviews every student who applies. Membership in PTK is an excellent training ground for learning leadership skills and community service.

An important benefit of membership is the opportunity to obtain PTK scholarships: last year more than 13,000 students received transfer scholarships from 550 four-year institutions across the U.S. and Canada, from a pool of \$34 million available.

PTK service projects are legend. Their "The Joy of Smoking" anti-smoking campaign 15 years ago was very effective - after they took a petition with 1,300 signatures to the President and the Board of Trustees, restricted smoking areas were created at UCC. Everyone looks forward to PTK's semi-annual used book sales and Red Cross blood drives, the Holiday Boutique poinsettia sales, and candy and bake sales. Because PTK is self-supporting, these projects help raise the funds needed for chapter activities, including sending delegates to regional and national PTK leadership conferences

Some recent community service projects involve helping families coping with cancer with the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, distributing Vials of Life with the Red Cross in Summit, joining a charity walk for breast cancer, voter registration drives, helping with soup kitchens, and a Halloween safety campaign. For ten years, the UCC Foundation



PTK Iota Xi LEADERSHIP, 2002 – 2003. Posing in their signature gold shawls (which they will wear at Graduation) are (l. to r.) Chapter Advisor Professor Helene Roholt-Moen, Veronika Luciani, President, Ewa Zielonka, Vice President – Fund Raising, Ines Rauschenbach, Vice President – Service & Honors Topic, Suellen Dymitryszyn, Vice President – Publicity, Marci Steinberg, Secretary and the visiting New Jersey State President Sherri Smith. Not pictured are Fabiana Passeado, Vice President – Special Services and Suzann Mercadante, Treasurer.

has gratefully relied upon PTK student volunteers at its annual Fall Galas, which raise funds for scholarships. They also practice the social graces at the annual PTK dinner and two lunches, and the semi-annual induction ceremonies, where they are encouraged to "dress for success".

The *Iota Xi* chapter presented Professor Roholt-Moen with a beautiful clock and in their Fall 2002 Newsletter congratulated her for "30 years of dedication and hard work", her "endless hours and energy" spent on

Phi Theta Kappans, and her "advice, motherly love and guidance", and stated, "We have been truly blessed with her presence and are grateful to have had the opportunity to learn how to become true leaders... Without your leadership and determination, our organization would be nothing!"

PTK alumni are welcome to join the Middle States Alumni Association, for alumni in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. Visit www.ptk.org to learn more. 

Take Note

UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Second week of each month -
Monday, 7 PM
Cranford Campus
Faculty / Staff Dining Room
Feb. 10
Gail Ann Denman '70,
"My Life as an FBI Agent"
Mar. 10
Apr. 7
Roy W. Smith, biographer of
Kenneth W. MacKay,
"As Ever, Mac"
May 12
June 9
Installation of officers

UCC THEATER PROJECT

Cranford Commons
FREE staged readings of new
plays. Second Sundays - 3 PM.
February 9, March 9, April 13

OVERCOMING HATRED/ CREATING COMMUNITY

February 25 - 28

TOMASULO ART GALLERY

MacKay Library
March 4 - April 7, 2003
Prints from the collection of
Eileen M. Foti, Artist and
Master Printmaker

April 23 - May 7, 2003
Annual Architecture Class
Exhibition, curated by
Prof. Dori Vicente

UCC FOUNDATION GOLF & TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Echo Lake Country Club
Monday, April 28

Check out the UCC Alumni Association on the web -

[www.uccfoundation.org/
Alumniassociation.htm](http://www.uccfoundation.org/Alumniassociation.htm).

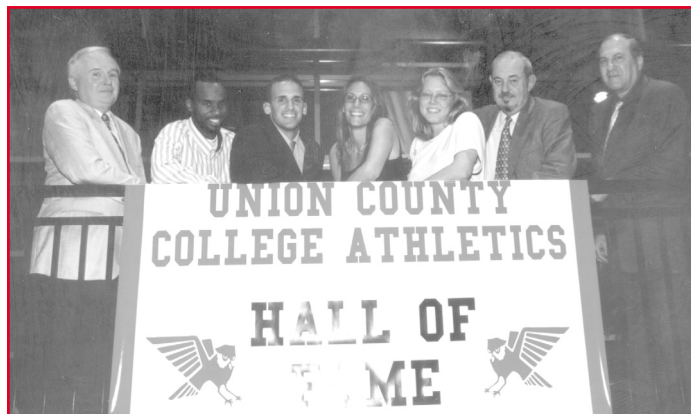
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FINALLY – A FLAG FOR UCC!

A flag contest was part of a varied agenda for the Founders' Day celebration this fall to commemorate the College's founding in 1933, and the 20th anniversary of the merger that created "Union County College". Yvonne LaMons, of Medford, who will graduate from the American Sign Language program in May, won with her bright and distinctive design. Posing on October 1st with the flag, Yvonne is next to Dr. Larry Hogan, Senior Prof. of History and Founders' Day Co-Chair, President Brown, Co-Chair Prof. Fareed Fareedy, History, and Prof. Joanne Gouveia, Communications. Founders' Day was made possible by a grant from the UCC Foundation.



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME. *New honorees pose after being inducted at a dinner in October; from l. to r. are President Brown, Rashaan Barner '95, Hillside, Lou Romeo '92, Clark, Anne Degenhardt '94, Cranford, Karen Kreitz '94, Roselle, Ted Marney, Soccer Coach and Dr. Stephen Parker, Team Physician.*

“ENGINEERING” THEIR SUCCESS! ➡

The UCC Foundation held its 3rd Annual Focus On The Future Job Shadowing Day on November 19, helping more than 50 UCC and Cranford High School students learn more about their career interests by matching them with local business sponsors. Here General Motors Production Engineer Harry Cuadrado (center) takes Christopher Nowak and Randy Saint-Louis through the assembly process for GM cars.

Mark your calendar

**2003 UCC Alumni
Reunion!**
FOCUS ON SCIENCE
Cranford Campus
Saturday, May 3, 2003
2 PM • Dinner 6 PM.

- Visit with former classmates and professors
- Tour the campus and UCC's up-to-date science labs, and participate in a Biology lab practical exam set up by Professor Bill Dunscombe.
- Marvel at how a frog is dissected – virtually!
- Lecture by Lyme disease expert and Merck microbiologist James Occi '80
- Demonstration of the innovative use of computers to teach chemistry by Senior Professor of Chemistry Dr. Brian Pankuch '63.
- Tour the Cranford campus arboretum to see some of its 140+ trees with Senior Professor of Biology Dr. Thomas Ombrello.
- Visit the Tomasulo Art Gallery to see the annual architecture class exhibit.

1953 alumni will be inducted into the *Honorary Society of Golden Anniversary Alumni* as "Golden Owls". There will be many stimulating activities – don't miss it! It won't be the same without YOU!



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DID YOU KNOW!

... that it was not until 1953 that Union Junior College was able to confer the Associate of Arts degree? Before then, students received a Certificate of Education from the College.

... that the large sun dial flanking the William Miller Sperry Observatory building on the Cranford campus was designed by the late Prof. Dean Van der Clute, an architect, and built by the Cranford Kiwanis Club? It was dedicated in 1973 when Dr. Kenneth Iversen was President of the College and Charles Crane was President of the Amateur Astronomers, Inc.

... that UCC has dual degree programs with Rutgers U., Fairleigh Dickinson U., NJIT, Montclair State U., Kean U. and New Jersey City U.? UCC students are admitted to the four-year institution during their first school year and attend that school after two years at UCC.

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Alumni Profiles

Robert W. & D. Nadine Mack '61



Bob Mack and Nadine Hixsom met while students at UJC and were in the first class to graduate from the new Cranford campus. Married for 36 years, the Hillsborough residents have three children, all of whom also began their higher education at community colleges. Their daughter Kathy says she wanted to be a teacher because she saw how much her mom and dad love it.

Nadine went to Newark State (now Kean U.) for a BA in Education, then taught second grade for nine years. In 1972 she earned an MA in Reading Instruction from Kean, followed by ESL certification in 1986. She has taught in many schools in Somerset and Middlesex Counties, and received a humanitarian award for her concern for her adult ESL students. Since 1986 she has been an English as a Second Language teacher for elementary students in the North Brunswick School District. "Mrs. Mack" and her annual pumpkin patch trip have been featured in local papers. This innovative teacher says she likes to find ways to engage her students without relying on textbooks.


Bob's bachelor's degree was earned at Rutgers U. Newark, where he majored in History and English and was a sports reporter for the college paper. After seven years teaching middle school in Readington Township, in 1970 he joined the faculty of the Bridgewater-Raritan High School with a new MA in Social Studies Education

from Rutgers. He still teaches history and social studies there, and says his biggest challenge is making learning fun and bringing the past alive, and that he gets his psychic reward when his students "get it".

This born teacher also loves to learn. He was awarded NDEA grants in 1966 to study at six universities around the country, and has amassed 105 credits past his MA degree. Bob learned about public education from another perspective as a member of the Board of Education for Hillsborough Township (1994-1997). For two years he served on the Hillsborough Township Committee and the Planning Board.

Nadine and Bob were both in Key Club at UJC, where one role was to welcome visitors to the new campus, and they were

"Greeks". Nadine's sorority was Sigma Alpha Pi and Bob's fraternity Gamma Iota Alpha. A sports reporter for "The Owl" and a Student Council member, Bob's most memorable teacher was Saul Orkin (1947 alum and later College President), who inspired him with his lively and tough government and politics courses.

A donor since 1982, Bob has a special reason for appreciating this College. The grants he had received were not enough to pay his tuition, so UJC promised him a campus job to make up the difference. He was an aide in the development office under the late William J. Seeland '47. Bob and Nadine not only got a great start on their educations here (leading to 79 years of dedicated teaching!) but also they found each other. The Macks can be reached at rmacker1@rcn.com. 

CALL FOR PHONATHON VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy catching up with old friends and making new ones? Would you like to help raise scholarship funds?

Please consider volunteering for one or more of our phonathons! Evenings of fun, friends, and food and prizes are planned for the following dates from 6:30 - 9:00 PM:

Thursday, February 20 • Wednesday, March 19
Thursday, April 17 • Wednesday, May 7
Thursday, May 29

We need your help! Please call 908-709-7505 or email barkenbush@ucc.edu for more details!



From the Director

Happy New Year! The UCC Alumni Association has been busy as ever. Our second annual Crystal Ball Room in October was a success and we were able to raise nearly \$2,500 for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. In December at our annual Holiday party we welcomed many new members along with old friends, as well as honoring and bidding "Bon Voyage" to our past president Naomi Mirlocca, '57 who has moved to Florida. We have just finished our Entertainment Book sales drive, and thanks to the hard work of Suzanne Covine, '58 we expect this to be our most successful sales drive yet.

As the College moves back into high gear in this new semester, the Alumni Association is moving forward with great anticipation. We will have several exciting programs. We are especially looking forward to our guest speaker at the Monday, April 7th meeting - Roy W. Smith will present "*As Ever, Mac: A Biography of Kenneth C. MacKay, College Frontiersman*", about Dr. MacKay, the late UCC President Emeritus whose biography Roy is writing. If you are in the area, please join us at 7 PM in the Faculty / Staff Dining Room in the Campus Center.

We're also busy preparing for this year's Alumni Reunion, scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd on the Cranford Campus. The focus will be on science programs, with some interesting lectures and demonstrations planned. All alumni are welcome to attend – please see the reservation form on page 7 for more details, and send it in.

I hope you will be able to join us for some of these events, and I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Ellen Barkenbush
Director of Annual Giving

Focus on Faculty



Professor Helene Roholt-Moen

One phone call changed her life. In 1968, Prof. Hermann Bielefeld called the young mother who tutored from her home and asked her to teach a Spanish class – beginning the next week! It was "love at first sight" when they met. Prof. Roholt-Moen says she will be forever indebted to Prof. Bielefeld, and that, "I cannot think of anything that I would like to do other than teach language and culture."

The journey to 35 years of teaching and service at Union County College began in Norway, where her family lived under German occupation until they emigrated to Seattle, WA. Her college career resulted in a BA with both Spanish and Scandinavian Studies from the U. of Washington, but included two semesters at the Sorbonne and several years at the U. of Madrid. Her master's in Spanish was earned at Middlebury College.

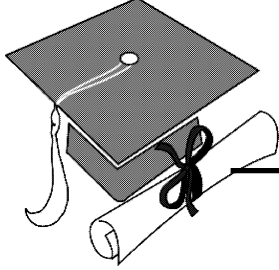
Her world travels include a stint bicycling from Oslo, Norway to the Spanish border – alone! She has led over 60 student trips to Spain, most recently in January 2003.

She has a large "family" in Madrid who adopted her years ago when she was a student there. She has taught summer school at the U. of Madrid. Fluent in five

languages, Prof. Roholt-Moen wrote UCC's courses in Spanish, French and German culture and Intermediate Spanish Conversation courses.

Prof. Roholt-Moen's commitment to students goes far beyond the classroom, as evidenced by 30 years as advisor to Phi Theta Kappa and 12 years to the Spanish Club, which she founded to promote Hispanic culture. She is certified as an Instructor of the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Program, and is passionate about her students gaining leadership skills and scholarships.

Twice the College's Board of Trustees has passed resolutions praising her national awards from Phi Theta Kappa as an outstanding advisor. Her awards are truly too numerous to list, but have been given by national, regional and the Iota Xi PTK chapter, by the Student Government Assoc., the Red Cross, etc. An avid gardener and art collector with many interests, Prof. Roholt-Moen is a longtime member of the Foundation Gala Committee, but always makes time for her students, many of whom become good friends. Alumni may contact her at roholtmoen@ucc.edu.



About Alumni

OVERCOMING HATRED Creating Community

Dr. Lloyd Delamater '42 received an Honorary Doctorate in October 2002 from the American University of Paris. Dr. Delamater, whose Ph.D. is from the Sorbonne and who had been a Foreign Service career officer, founded the American University of Paris as an American-style liberal arts college in 1962. He was its first president. The Delamaters live in Seaside Park, NJ and in France.

"Betty's Basement", a new thrift shop at The Church of the Holy Cross in North Plainfield, is named in honor of **Betty Bradley '44**, of Watchung, who was instrumental in its implementation. Both the church and immigrant families in the area benefit. bet@mailbug.com.

John R. Blasi '67 of Summit, NJ, is an attorney with Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook in Westfield, NJ, and formerly was a Tax Law Specialist at the IRS. He has a master's in tax law from Georgetown U. John is Chairman of the Board of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Virginia Apelian '73 has formed a "Union County Club" in her new home in Manchester, Ocean County; she was elected an elder in her church, and directed Vacation Bible School this summer. virjinehenri@aol.com.

Nancy Pizzi Benz '73, of Cranford, joined the UCC Board of Governors this fall, representing the UCC Alumni Association.

Patricia June Helmer '81 lives in Kent, WA. She finished her BA in music at Pacific Lutheran U. in Tacoma, ran a business, and is now studying for a certificate in arts administration at the U. of Washington. tishahelm@aol.com.

Kelley Anne McGee, of Forked River, NJ, who last attended in 1986, is a freelance feature writer for *The Forked River Gazette*. She thanks the "excellent English professors" at UCC, who "had a profound impact and long lasting effect on my life". She is married to Paul Janowski, also a former Cranford resident.

John W. Bennett '87 married in 2001 and lives in Alpharetta, GA; he is in sales and marketing for the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*.

Kim M. Ponzio '89 is a dental hygienist living in Phillipsburg, NJ with her husband and two daughters.

Veronica P. McLeod '91, of Plainfield, graduated from Bloomfield College and earned an MBA at Rutgers; she is a CPA in financial management at Salomon Smith Barney. This fall she spoke to the UCC Business Management Assoc.

Doug Placa of Roselle Park, who last attended in 1992, is a 1994 Rutgers U. political science grad who has been active behind the scenes in Union County politics. He is now chief of staff to the NJ Commissioner of Labor, after serving as Gov. McGreevey's Director of Advance.

Agnes DiGiovanni of Cranford, who last attended in 1993, has 6 children and 12 grandchildren and is retired after working as a switchboard operator and financial aid clerk at UCC. She likes to sew, embroider and quilt.

Mary Anne Kowalczyk '93, of Clifton, NJ, was honored by Caldwell College for Excellence as a communicator and advocate for the deaf. She founded The Communication Connection with her husband Frank and has been very active with Parents for Deaf Awareness since 1991. She belongs to many professional associations for deaf educators.

Ivon Nunez '96 was a star EOF student while at UCC, received a BA in Sociology and History from Rutgers U. in 1999, and is pursuing an MBA while working at NJIT as Assistant Director of Student Financial Aid Services.

Jamie Novak '99 is a Lifestylist whose new book, *A Busy Person's Guide to a Life You Love, 9 Quick and Easy Ways to Create and Have Time for Your Best Possible Life*, is available in bookstores and at (866) 294-9900 for \$15.95. Jamie lives in Scotch Plains; her married name is Seravia.

Overcoming Hatred / Creating Community will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas relating to atrocities and prejudices in a series of events held at three UCC campuses from **February 25-28, 2003**. It will allow the community to explore how individuals and groups can prevent atrocities from occurring. Although the focus for this third OH/CC event is the African American experience, the Holocaust and Arab-Israeli relations will also be explored.

All events are free and open to the public. Included are: an art exhibit on the history of African Americans in the U.S.; a performance by the oldest African American chorus in the country - the New Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club; a presentation of

The Diary of Clara Kramer, a dramatization from the life of Holocaust survivor and Elizabeth resident Clara Kramer; a panel discussion on Arab / American relations; two performances of *The Meeting*, a dramatization of an imaginary meeting between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X; a multimedia presentation on the Negro Baseball League by Dr. Lawrence Hogan; a showing of the film, *Compensation*, about African American families and deafness and the documentary *Harvest of Shame* about the migrant experience. An international food festival put on by the International Student Exchange will be the closing event. For details, check the College web site, www.ucc.edu or local papers, or call (908) 709-7505 to receive a schedule.



GALA GALS. The 10th Annual Gala, the UCC Foundation's largest fund raiser, raised over \$143,000 and honored HP, Total Tec Systems Inc. and venerable College trustees/governors and former Chairmen Mr. Sidney F. Lessner and Dr. Richard F. Neblett. Alumnae Cathy Meyers '98, Virginia Apelian '73 and AA President Gail Ann Denman '70 were among alums who supported the event.



CLICK TO GIVE! Look for Icarus, UCC's wise and friendly owl, in his *Big Owl on Campus* sweater at www.uccfoundation.org, the UCC Foundation Internet site. You can securely and easily make a gift via credit card to *Shaping Our Future*, or to any scholarship fund, memorial or special event. While you're there, please complete the newsletter evaluation questionnaire and send in your news for the next *About Union*.



READ OWL ABOUT IT

NEW PROVOST - TAKE TWO. This fall UCC welcomed Dr. Jose Adames as Provost/ Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs of the Plainfield campus and Dr. Barbara Gaba as Provost/ Assistant Vice

President of the Elizabeth campus. Dr. Adames had been Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Kean U. He holds an Ed.D. and M.Ed. in applied linguistics, an MA in ESL/ bilingual education and a BA in political science. Dr. Gaba was formerly Dean of Academic and Student Support Services at Camden County College. She has a Ph.D. and M.Ed. in educational psychology and an ABA in sociology.

AMERICAN ELMS IN UNION COUNTY PROJECT. Dr. Thomas Ombrello and his Biology 153 students are involved in a research project to grow and evaluate a fairly new cloned cultivar of American elm (*Ulmus Americana* 'Liberty'). If the trees survive and thrive in Union County this will be a model to encourage planting more American elms, which, because of Dutch Elm Disease in the early 20th century, are now rare. The Dutch Elm was once the most commonly planted street tree in North America. A 1999 grant from the E. J. Grassmann Trust and the Elm Research Institute funds this research.

2002 NATIONALITIES SURVEY. Students studying English as a Second Language (ESL) are from 82 nations and Puerto Rico, with three represented for the first time – Cape Verde, Slovenia and Tajikistan. The five top countries of origin are Colombia, Haiti, Peru, Poland and Ecuador.

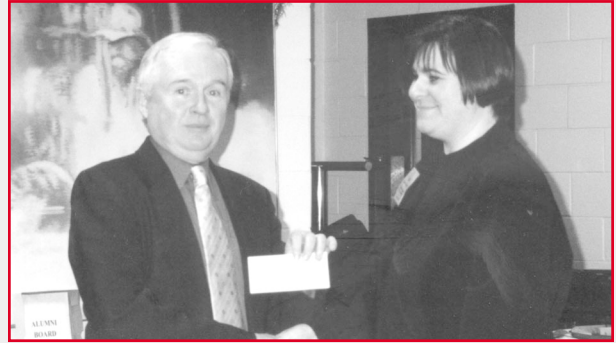
KUDOS TO TWO TRUSTEES. UCC Board of Trustees Chair Victor M. Richel, Vice Chair of Independence Community Bank, was recognized for his humanitarian efforts with a *Special Achievement Award* from the Union County Human Relations Commission in May 2002. Board of Trustees Vice Chair James R. Perry, CFO at the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority, was honored for his exemplary service as chair of the NJ Council of Community Colleges by having the conference room at the NJVCC offices in Trenton named for him.

NEW AT THE UCC LIBRARIES. Computer users on campus can now access the *Encyclopedia of Life Sciences*, which has 3,000 peer reviewed articles and a multimedia section and also the venerable *Oxford English Dictionary* (OED), where one can search by keyword, quotation or definition among half a million words and 2.5 million quotations.

MEN'S SOCCER TEAM A WINNER! UCC's Men's Soccer Team, coached by Alex Louis, concluded their 2002 season with a 15-3-3 record, and reached the top ten rankings in the national poll. Several players received All Conference and All Region Honors – go Owls!

TRAVEL AND TOURISM CERTIFICATE. A certification program in travel and tourism that meets the requirements of Travel Counselors provides the technical and business skills needed for a career in leisure or corporate travel. UCC's Division of Economic Development and Continuing Education offers this eight-course program on the Cranford campus. For information, call (908) 709-7600.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY PARTY



Proceeds from the Oct. 18 Crystal Ball Room were earmarked for the UCC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. At the AA Holiday Party First Vice President and Event Chair Catherine Meyers '98 presented a check for \$2,408 to College President Dr. Thomas H. Brown.



SMILE! Some of the guests at the annual Holiday Party in December gathered for a group photo. Former AA President and longtime active member Naomi Mirlocca, '57 (seated second from the right) was given a farewell plaque and best wishes as she moves to Florida. For a key to the photo, see the Alumni Association page on the web site – www.uccfoundation.org!

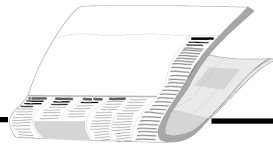


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About Campus



Profs. Paula Belmonte and **Pat Rodihan**, Business Dept., gave two presentations at the Conference for Information Technology sponsored by the League for Innovation in the Community College.

Profs. Anne Bertin and **Susan Stock**, English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages, represented "Reach Out and Read" at the Pediatric Health Fair at the Plainfield Health Fair in August. They read to the children and gave each one a book. New and gently used books are needed and can be placed in containers in the reception area on the Elizabeth campus and Room H-121 on the Cranford campus.

The Internet Education Project of the Assoc. of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), which showcases best practices in electronic instruction, now includes the instruction modules developed by **Susan Bissett**, Head of Library Instruction. **Prof. Elizabeth Hawthorne**, Business Dept., provided technical management. A grant from the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust underwrote the project.

Prof. Jean Bodman, Institute for Intensive English, presented *Handling Cultural Conflict* at the NJ Global Educators Conference at Raritan Valley CC.

President Dr. Thomas H. Brown now serves on the influential Executive Committee of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges

and has been named a Trustee to the NJ Marine Sciences Consortium.

Prof. Eileen Forestal, Director of ASL and Deaf Studies programs, received a certificate of Professional Development in Teaching American Sign Language and Teaching Interpreting. In November she gave a workshop on *Advanced Deaf Interpreter Processing Skills* for the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

The What Exit? Theater company produced *Just Desserts*, the new play by Senior Prof. of English **Dr. Andrea Green** as a dramatic reading in November. Dr. Green's other five plays have been widely produced across the country.

Prof. Jean Lane, Mathematics Dept., was presented a Distinguished Service Award by the Mathematics Assoc. of Two-Year Colleges of New Jersey at their Fall Meeting. She has served as president four times, written an NSF grant and presented at several meetings.

Tomasulo Art Gallery curator and artist **Valeri Larko** appears in the January 2003 *New Jersey Monthly* as one of *40 New Jerseyans We Love* for her large murals which will hang in the new NJ Transit Secaucus Transfer Station.

The American Council on Education sent **Prof. Bohdan Lukaszewsky**, Physics/Engineering/Technology Dept., to

Arizona to review courses offered by the U.S. Army Intelligence Center. The Council has also certified him to evaluate distance education courses.

Acting Director of Libraries **Andrea MacRitchie** was one of 100 library administrators attending the Assoc. of College and Research Libraries Harvard Leadership Institute at Harvard U. in August.

Prof. Susan McLoughlin, Mathematics Dept., is Director of the Student Mathematics League for the American Mathematical Assoc. of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC). She presented the National Awards at the annual conference in Phoenix, AZ in November.

Dr. Brian Pankuch '63, Chemistry, presented *Combining Animations and Testing in General Chemistry* at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education at Western Washington U. in Bellingham, WA in August.

Christine Rzczkowski, Research Associate in the office of Assessment, Planning and Research was awarded Best Master's Thesis for 2002 by the NJ Psychological Assoc. She received her award at the Fall Conference where she presented her Kean U. thesis, *The Impact of Own-Race Bias on Eyewitness Testimony*.

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce honored **Dr. Robert St. Amand**, Chemistry Dept., and his wife Joanne with a *2002 Pride in Cranford* award for 15 years service promoting, organizing and coaching softball in Cranford.

The art of **Prof. Barbara Weskot**, English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages, was exhibited in the Piscataway Municipal Gallery during the 15th Annual Juried Art Expo. She won Honorable Mention for *Fortunity* at the 2002 Union County Art Exhibition at the Elizabethtown Gas Co. last summer. In the fall she lectured at the Art Educators of New Jersey Conference.

The Princeton U. Art Museum has acquired **Prof. Robert Yoskowitz's** gelatin silver print, *Sighting, 2001* for its Peter C. Bunnell Collection of Photography.

Mathematics **Prof. Wenyao "Sam" Zhang** was presented his Senior Professor medal in September.

IN MEMORIAM

The Clark Historical Society named a room at the Robinson Plantation House for Biology **Prof. Richard B. Cohen**, who died in July 2002. The UCC Foundation's 2002 Gala video opened with his photograph, in tribute to his volunteer efforts on the Gala Committee over many years.

Robert Wallerstein, Emeritus Prof. of Mathematics, July 24, 2002. He taught at UCC 25 years and retired in 1999.

FOCUS ON SCIENCE ALUMNI REUNION Induction of 1953 Alumni as "Golden Owls" SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2003

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Join the Union County College Alumni Association. With dues of \$5.00 a year, it's a golden opportunity to keep connected with UCC and to become more involved. A 3-year membership offers a low rate at the Fitness Center. Send a check payable to the 'UCC Alumni Association'.

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