

THE BANNER SAYS IT ALL!

Union County College passed its 10-year comprehensive reaccreditation self-study with flying colors from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. UCC met or exceeded all 14 standards of excellence in higher education.

Holding up the banner which is displayed on the Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield campuses are the Co-Chairs of the Middle States self-study, (l. to r.) Dr. Wallace Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Professor of Engineering Bohdan Lukaschewsky, Chair of the Faculty.

FINALLY - A GROUNDBREAKING IN ELIZABETH!

A ceremony and reception to herald construction of what will become the beautiful Elizabeth I. Kellogg building on UCC's Elizabeth campus was held on October 2, 2007. These hard-hat shovelers are (l. to r.) Dean Mary Beth Kelley of Trinitas School of Nursing, UCC President Dr. Thomas H. Brown, UCC Board of Trustees Chairman Victor M. Richel, Union County Chair of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Bette Jane Kowalski, and J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth. A rendering of the six-floor building is behind the dignitaries.



Upcoming at UCC

UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

All alumni are welcome!

Faculty/Staff Dining Room

Cranford Campus Center, Tuesdays, 7 PM

Mar. 11 Program on Feng Shui
 Apr. 15 May 13
 June 10 Installation of Officers

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

FULLY COMMITTED by Becky Mode

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"... sparkling tour de force...very funny
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Roy W. Smith Theater, Cranford Campus

\$20, \$12 TH, Students \$10

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TOMASULO ART GALLERY

Kenneth C. MacKay Library

Robin Schwartz, Photography

March 14 - April 17

Architecture Class Show

Professor Dori Vicente

April 24 - May 7

UCC FOUNDATION

Scholarship Reception – April 8

16th Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament

April 28

15th Annual Evening at the Races,

June 26

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Using *Feng Shui* to Create Harmony at Home



**Feng Shui
 Expert Will
 Speak March 11 at Alumni
 Association Meeting**

If you are new to Feng Shui (pronounced "fung shway"), or have some familiarity with the concept but are unclear as to why it has become so popular, then you will enjoy this presentation. Suzy Minken, a certified Feng Shui consultant and the founder of *Every Day is Feng Shui*, will discuss how its key principles can be used to create harmony in the home. Come learn about Feng Shui and see how it can make a difference in your life. All are welcome.

High Rollers at UCC Foundation Gala

A Showboat River Cruise was the theme, Public Service Electric and Gas Company was the honoree, and once again playing casino games of chance was the favored activity in the Richel Commons on November 3, 2007. Intent at the blackjack table are (l. to r.) Adam Buchsbaum, Mary Fernandez, Jadwiga Lobrow, and



Foundation Trustee and UCC Governor Chester Lobrow, a 1983 UCC Institute for Intensive English alumnus. The 15th annual Gala raised almost \$140,000 to benefit UCC students. Save the date – October 25, 2008 – for the 75th Anniversary of UCC Diamond Gala!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE RAISED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

On December 2nd the Richel Commons was lively with 80 craft and retail vendors and holiday shoppers during this third annual event organized by the UCC Alumni Association. The hard-working Boutique Committee was chaired by Karen (Schmidt) Lledo '97.



At the Boutique are (l. to r.) Alumni Association Board member Mary Lou Gray '48, who sold her lovely knit items, and Board of Trustees Chairman Victor M. Richel and Andrea Richel.

UCC RECEIVES LARGEST GRANT EVER—

To Help Hispanic and Other Low-Income Students Succeed In College

The US Department of Education has awarded the College a five-year Title V grant of \$2,788,460 to implement researched-based strategies designed to increase the academic success and retention rate of low-income students. As part of the Hispanic Serving Institutions grant program, this grant is the largest single grant in the College's history; fewer than 30 Title V grants were awarded nationally. The new programs will be part of a college-wide initiative within the *Center for Student Success* under the direction of Dr. Jose Adames, Assistant Vice President and Provost of the Plainfield Campus.

The planning of these new initiatives involved input from faculty and staff gathered over an eight-month period, as well as research of best practices in the field of higher education. This multi-year project will use a holistic approach to address the academic needs of students during and after their first year.


A central component is the establishment of *Learning Communities/ Paired Courses* whereby designated sections of UCC 101 (the first semester seminar) will be paired with developmental math, developmental English and English 111 courses. Other activities are: (1) increased Student Development Services that include supplemental instruction in high risk courses, professional and peer tutors, administration of the Community College Survey of Student Engagement and on-line counseling; (2) Professional Development Programs for faculty and staff that will enhance teaching skills and knowledge of effective student learning strategies; (3) development of a *Retention Strategies Handbook*; and (4) dissemination of project outcomes through publication of a monograph of research findings.



According to Dr. Adames, "All of these activities are designed to improve student learning strategies in ways that will positively impact student academic success and retention."

Endowment Challenge: A unique aspect of this Title V grant is the inclusion of a \$125,000 challenge grant to create an endowment to advance the academic achievement of low-income students.

Every dollar raised for the endowment will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Department of Education, up to a total of \$125,000. James R. Perry, a long-time College Trustee and member of the Association of Community College Board of Trustees, has made the first contribution toward this endowment challenge.

To learn more about how you can participate in helping to meet this challenge, please contact Linda S. Moore, Esq., Executive Director of Development at (908) 709-7113. 



Athletic Hall of Fame

The ninth group of stellar UCC athletes was inducted in the fall. Posing with Dr. Brown (l. to r.) are Joey Morse '96, Pittsburgh, PA (Basketball), Debbie Westrol-Shrubsall '82, Linden, NJ, (Basketball), and Eileen M. Jackson '96, Centerport, NY (Basketball 1976-78). The awards were presented by former coaches Kevin Duggan, Donna Herra '85 and Fred Perry '69.



CLICK TO GIVE!

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

www.uccfoundation.org.

Make a gift to the Shaping Our Future annual fund by credit card, securely and quickly.

Annual donors of \$1,000+ (President's Council, Benefactors and Founders) are invited to dine with the College President. Make your gift by June 30th to be included this year in this special group.

Gift Planning

at the Union County College Foundation

Charitable Gift Annuities...

It's Good to RECEIVE ... as Well as to GIVE

When you contribute to the Union County College Foundation in exchange for a charitable gift annuity, you do even more than provide important support for UCC students. You also are assured that you will receive regular payments of a fixed amount for the rest of your life. In some cases, your immediate cash flow can actually increase when you establish a gift annuity.

And because your gift benefits the UCC Foundation, you end up giving away less in taxes, due to a combination of factors:

- Part of your contribution qualifies as a tax-deductible donation;
- For a number of years, a portion of the payments you receive will be tax-free;
- It is possible to reduce capital gains taxes, by funding your annuity with appreciated securities.
- The UCC Foundation follows rates of the American Council on Gift Annuities.

Some sample current rates for individuals and couples are shown below:

One Beneficiary Age	Rate	Two Beneficiaries Ages	Rate
65	6.0%	65/65	5.6%
70	6.5%	70/70-71	5.9%
75	7.1%	75/75	6.3%
80	8.0%	80/80	6.9%
85	9.5%	85/85	7.9%

For more information and to request a personalized illustration, please call Ann Poskocil at the UCC Foundation - (908) 709-7028.



Alum is Featured Speaker at 'Lunch & Learn' Estate Planning Seminar

Attorney John R. Blasi '67 includes Trusts and Estates and Taxation in his practice as the President of the firm of Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook, PA. Posing after the UCC Foundation seminar in November are (l. to r.) Professor Emerita Judith Mayer, John Blasi, Prof. Maureen Greenbaum, Professor Emerita Vivienne Gilroy, and Lawrence J. Rudolph, Senior Vice President-Wealth Management with Smith Barney in Short Hills.

“

... if you observe, people live for ever when there is an annuity to be paid them...”

Jane Austen, *Sense and Sensibility*

If you have any questions regarding gift planning, please contact Director of Development Ann M. Poskocil, who will be pleased to confidentially discuss options at any time. She can be reached at (908) 709-7028 or poskocil@ucc.edu.

“Where There’s a Will, There’s a Way”

Financial Planning Seminar
on Cranford Campus

Wednesday,
April 2, 2008

9:30 – 11:30 AM

To learn more about the whys and wherefores of wills, plan to attend this personal financial planning seminar offered by the Union County College Foundation. James J. Costello, Esq., of Vizzoni & Costello, L.L.C. is the presenter.

Reserve your place and plan to join us for an enlightening and useful program. Call (908) 709-7028 or email uccfound@ucc.edu.

Sample wording for bequests to the UCC Foundation ...

I hereby give, devise and bequeath _____ (a dollar amount, or all, or a percentage of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) to the Union County College Foundation, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016, for its general purposes. (Or for a specific purpose, such as a scholarship.)

The full, legally incorporated name to use is:

Union County College Foundation.

IRS TAX ID - 22-2218627

This is a Test

TRUE FALSE

_____ I would rather let the State decide how to distribute my estate than to make those decisions myself.

_____ I would rather have an outdated estate plan that inadequately expresses my desires than take steps to bring the documents up to date.

_____ I would rather pay estate taxes, if required, than make a deductible bequest to the Union County College Foundation.

How did you do? If you answered 'true' to any of these questions, please do not proceed. If you answered otherwise, consider contacting an attorney to draft a will, or to update your estate plans. And please consider including the Union County College Foundation in your plans to "help make dreams come true" for future generations of UCC students.

I JUST CAN'T MAKE A MAJOR GIFT RIGHT NOW... I MIGHT NEED THAT MONEY SOMEDAY.



The Bequest: It's a Beautiful Thing.



The Heritage Society

Be remembered beyond your lifetime by making a planned gift to the Union County College Foundation. Far into the future, your gift will create miracles for future generations of UCC students.

All planned gift donors become members of the Union County College Foundation *Heritage Society*.

Heritage Society membership benefits:

- Certificate of Membership
- Keepsake gift
- Invitation to annual appreciation luncheon
- Invitation to President's Holiday Party
- Invitation to annual "Thank You" reception
- Invitations to College events
- Perpetual recognition in the *UCC Foundation Annual Report*

Contact Director of Development Ann M. Poskocil about gift planning - (908) 709-7028.

Give the precious gift of higher education and be remembered for leaving a lasting legacy.

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

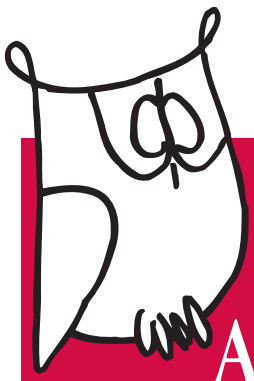
- Anonymous (2)
- Dona Bass
- Lawrence D. Bashe
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- Martha Bracher
- Betty Bradley
- Nadine Brechner
- Thomas H. Brown
- John H. Carmichael
- Carol Ann Cieslak
- William E. Collins
- Charles Compton
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- Sandra Lawrence
- Evelyn MacRitchie
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- Leona Van Gordon
- Anthony Vertelis
- Maria Gonzalez Ward
- Bruce Weidenburner
- Nancy Weinberger
- Winifred Weislogel
- Roger Wilson
- Ruth Wilson
- Louise Yohalem
- Bruno E. Ziolkowski
- Maria Ziolkowski

IN MEMORIAM

We remember, honor and thank these generous members of the *Heritage Society*, now departed, whose planned gifts are benefiting today's UCC students:

- Edward Aborn
- Joan C. Aborn
- Albert W. Baird
- Hermann J. Bielefeld
- Abe N. Cohen
- Charles T. Davis
- Ruth Prazak Detering
- Dorothy Gasorek
- Arthur Geilfuss
- Elizabeth I. Kellogg
- Dorothea Wiersma MacKay
- Kenneth C. MacKay
- James M. McGowan
- William H. McLean
- Harvey K. Mechanik
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- Anita M. Pearson
- Dolores Raudelunas
- Caroline M. Small
- Roy W. Smith
- Donald Van Gordon
- James N. Wise



Read Owl About It

HISTORIC TRANSFER LEGISLATION

In September Gov. Jon Corzine signed legislation that will benefit all community college students in New Jersey. It promotes the seamless transfer of students into degree programs at all public four-year colleges and universities in New Jersey.

A NATIONAL FIRST FOR TRINITAS NURSING FACULTY

In 2007 the Trinitas School of Nursing faculty became the first in the US to have all eligible members earn the CNE (Competencies of Nurse Educators ©). Congratulations!

UCC SGA PRESIDENT ON NJ COMMISSION

Leibnitz Martinez-Goldsmith was appointed by Gov. Corzine to a one-year term as one of two student members, the first time that a UCC student has served.

IT'S NOT YOUR FATHER'S LIBRARY!

The UCC libraries now offer access to 46 subscription databases for research. For instance, one recently added is JSTOR Arts & Sciences I & II, which is a full-text archive of 269 journal titles in multiple disciplines.

AN HONOR FOR ASL PROGRAM

UCC's American Sign Language-English Interpreting Program received an award by the NYC chapter of National Alliance of Black Interpreters. Faculty members Eileen Forestal, David Rivera and Cynthia Williams attended the award luncheon in September.

About Campus

Dr. Jose Adames, Asst. VP and Plainfield Provost, and **Martha McNulty**, Coordinator of Professional Development/Supplemental Instruction, presented *Using Research to Improve Student Success: Latino Students and the Center for Student Success* at the 6th Annual Atlantic Regional Conference on Teaching, Learning and Student Support in October at Sussex County Community College. **Dr. Ralph Ford**, Vice President, Student Services, presented a session on *A Holistic Approach to Student Retention*.

Heather Craven, Assistant Director of Libraries, was named to the *New Jersey State Library Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future*.

Prof. William Dunscombe, Biology Dept., was given a *Milestone Award* by the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIX for having coached golf in Region XIX for 29 years. He also received a *Garden State Athletic Conference Milestone* award for 433 recorded wins during his coaching career.



FOUNDERS DAY 2007 A new tradition was begun on October 16th when members of the College community gathered near the Historic Tree Grove by the Sperry Observatory on the Cranford campus. College President Dr. Thomas H. Brown and Senior Professor of Biology Dr. Thomas Ombrello placed a wreath at the FDR White Oak. Then folk singer Kevin Kane led the group in singing *Mairzy Doats*, *K-K-K-K Katy*, *Happy Days Are Here Again* and other songs from the FDR era when the College was founded. Dr. Larry Hogan and the Economics/Government/History Department sponsored this fun event.

Recently the paintings of **Valeri Larko**, Curator of the Tomasulo Gallery, were exhibited at Metaphor Contemporary Art in Brooklyn, NY, at the Domo Gallery in Summit, NJ, and at Art Now in the Claremont Hotel, Miami, FL for *Art Now Miami*, and, in a solo exhibit, at the College of New Rochelle. Her art will be shown at the Jersey City Museum during a group exhibition, *Sprawl*, March 20 - August 24, 2008. The June issue of *Harper's Magazine* featured her painting, *Discarded Appliances*.

Prof. Jennifer McCarthy, Director of the Paramedic Program, was named *EMS Educator of the Year* at the statewide EMS Symposium in Atlantic City, NJ in November, where she presented *Right Patient - Right Hospital*. She also conducted a simulation using one of UCC's SimMen mannequins during the opening ceremonies.

Prof. Madeline Santoro, Senior Professor of English, was invited to serve on a NJ Commission on Higher Education committee.

Dr. Mark Singer, Criminal Justice, a licensed psychologist, is an expert witness for the Superior Court of New Jersey. He took part in a discussion group hosted by the Committee on Children and the Courts concerning how to better serve the mental health needs of juveniles involved with the courts.

Prof. Robert Yoskowitz, English/Fine Arts/Modern Languages, is a curator for the exhibition, *Vernacular to the Masters*, at the Lehigh U. Galleries in Bethlehem, PA.

FACULTY RETIREMENT


Jerry A. Nathanson, Professor of Physics/Engineering

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Dominick De Lorenzo
Prof. of History, 1969 - 1992.
Basking Ridge, NJ.
November 2007




President's Shaping Our Future Reception

Donors in the President's Council, Benefactors and Founders Clubs enjoyed camaraderie and learning about transitioning to a university from UCC from 2007 alumna Tanya Tenturier, who serves this year on the Board of Governors. Here are Penny Bolden, Tanya, and UCC Foundation Trustee Jeff Katz. 



A HOLIDAY TREAT AT UCC

Once again The Theater Project, Union County College's Professional Theater Company, brought *It's A Wonderful Life*, The Radio Play and the Lux Radio Theater circa 1947 to life at UCC. For six years The Theater Project has offered this production to the community to say "thank you" and "happy holidays".

Here in the Roy Smith Theater on December 3, 2007 are Barbara Guidi '84 and Rick Delaney with the children in the cast. 

Millennial Students Join Four Age Cohorts at UCC

by Professor Toby Marx

I am an authentic Baby Boomer who grew up knowing that society was "talking 'bout my generation," as the song goes. Today I teach the group that will surpass the Boomers in numbers, those born from 1982 to 2000, the "Millennials" (also known as Generation Y, Echo Boomers and the Internet Generation).

Today UCC students span five age cohorts. The "**G.I. Generation**" (1900-1924) appear most often in L.I.F.E. (Learning Is ForEver) classes for seniors, but intrepid students from the "Greatest Generation" do take classes with college-age students. Shaped by the Great Depression and World War II, they tend to be hardworking and loyal, and are the first generation to experience the benefits of a prolonged lifespan. The "**Silent Generation**" (1925-1945) is a much smaller group who also attend L.I.F.E. Center and other classes. They are often looking for a second career during retirement.

Many "**Baby Boomers**" (1946-1964) are students because of switching careers or life events such as divorce or an empty nest. Boomers grew up in optimistic and economically good times. In the largest cohort ever born, they have seen society reshape itself repeatedly to meet their needs. Older Boomers include idealists who spoke out against the Vietnam War, racism, sexism, and other injustices. Although the Boomers are preparing to live even longer and healthier lives than their parents, not having lived through the Depression has made them less careful with money, so many will have to postpone retirement.

"**Generation X**" (1965-1981) students have experienced much more diversity, and most are more accepting of non-conformists. They are more cynical and pessimistic, having reached maturity in a time of societal and political scandals, and 9/11. They come to UCC wanting practical skills that will help them professionally. The Gen-Xers expect not

to stay in one company throughout their careers and to have many jobs and perhaps several careers. They worry that Social Security will not be around for them, so they are more aware than their parents had been of the need to save for the future.

Today's typical college-age undergraduates are the youngest UCC students, born in 1982 or later - the "**Millennials**". Most incoming freshmen, born in 1988 or 1989, do not remember the Soviet Union and have only known two Presidents. They have always had cell phones, computers and the Internet. Despite 9/11, Virginia Tech and other school shootings, and the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, they are more optimistic than Gen-Xers, feel a duty to help (for example, in the recovery from Hurricane Katrina), and are confident they will succeed.

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They are the first generation to be "digital natives," feeling totally comfortable with all forms of technology. They expect to use technology in learning, and may ask to make their presentations via PowerPoint (computer slide shows).

They are well ahead of their Baby Boomer professors in using emerging technologies, and this sometimes creates discomfort in the classroom. We all know the stereotype of the teen typing a school paper while Instant Messaging many friends on the computer and also using a cell phone to text message or talk to other friends, all the while listening to music on an iPod with headphones! Imagine these multi-taskers in a classroom with only one thing happening - the professor lecturing.

Their boredom can translate into lack of attention or even sneakily text messaging. Public schools have learned to harness all this energy in active learning projects. Colleges are discovering that they need to do likewise.

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Although Millennial students function well in active learning classrooms and have good technology skills, professors and parents worry about some elements of their lifestyles, such as their tendency to look for instant gratification. Many do not read books or newspapers, preferring to get news online in brief bites. Some spend a lot of time playing video games or on websites like MySpace.

The world of email and instant messaging depends on shortcuts and does not require accurate spelling or grammar. We are beginning to see this creep into papers (R U ? = Are you?). While students have easier access to more information for research, cheating has become easier. (On the other hand, catching cheating has become easier too!)

Professors and researchers are considering to what extent they need to help students to change and grow, and to what extent they must change their teaching methods to match the Millennial learning style. Do students need to be forced to read books, to develop a thorough approach to research, to work on a longer attention span? Or do teachers need to incorporate online videos, interactive classrooms and outside activities? One important need is to teach students how to do research online and judge the worth of what they find. The value of the

Internet is that people all over the world can share ideas and knowledge. The disadvantage is that no one is evaluating the accuracy of online information.

At UCC we have many young students who do not fit the Millennial student mold, who cannot afford to buy their own computers. Many are immigrants, or the children of immigrants, who have other issues, such as the need to improve their English



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proficiency, the lack of support from family members who did not go to college, and cultural expectations (especially for women) about whether they should be here at all.

A community college is a learning community expected to be all things to all people. The differing needs of five cohorts of students, especially the “college age” group, make our task at UCC an ongoing challenge. Although we may not always meet everyone’s needs, we always strive to serve our diverse student population. In the process, we learn and grow ourselves. 📖

Professor Toby Marx directs UCC’s Gerontology Program. She is Associate Professor, Psychology/Sociology and has taught at UCC since 1980. Marx@ucc.edu



UCC CELEBRATES SOCCER CHAMPIONS!

The Men’s Soccer Team ended the season with a fantastic record of 22 wins and 1 loss. In addition to finishing third place in the nation, they are Garden State Athletic Conference Champions, Region XIX Champions, and District 4 Champions. The

team set several UCC records, including 128 goals for the season and a .956 winning percentage. Alex Louis is Head Coach and Peter Falloon is Assistant Coach of these soccer champs, posing here with Dr. Brown before leaving for a tournament.



INFINEUM SUPPORTS UCC SCIENCE LABS

Elizabeth Garcia, Manager of Public Affairs at Infineum USA LP in Linden, visited a chemistry lab this fall and observed students conducting experiments. Infineum grant funds provided sophisticated equipment, such as the Melting Point Apparatus, which students use to determine the melting point of the chemical products they synthesize in the lab and to calibrate thermometers. A scientist herself, Mrs. Garcia is the new Chair of the UCC Board of Governors.

- **Winifred S. Weislogel '46** lives in Arlington, VA. An enthusiastic traveler and birder, she also enjoys her volunteer work at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History in the Museum Support Center in Suitland, MD.
- The Bruckner family is a UCC family! The late **Judith Bruckner '71** taught English for many years and her late husband, John H. Bruckner, also worked at UCC. Their children are alumni: **Jacqueline Bruckner-Chazin**, who last attended in **1983**, and **John J. Bruckner '86**. Prof. Bruckner established the *Bruckner Family Scholarship* to help male engineering students.
- **Joyce LaBruzza '78** is retired after 20 years as a Physical Therapy Assistant. In 2006 she and her husband, Paul, moved to Little Egg Harbor, NJ.
- **James E. Rotolo, MD, FACS '78** is named as one of "New Jersey's Top Doctors" in the November 2007 issue of *New Jersey Monthly*. A graduate of Georgetown U. School of Medicine, he is a urologist with Rotolo, Howard and Leitner Urology in Manasquan and lives with his family in Sea Girt, NJ.
- **Rev. David S. LeDuc '80** is the new pastor at Vincent United Methodist Church in Nutley, NJ after serving 12 years at Franklin Lakes United Methodist Church. Davidsleduc78@msn.com.
- **Lillian (Wilkins) Mitchell '82** is a certified occupational health nurse who lives in Piscataway, NJ. Slwilkins2@msn.com
- The deputy administrator for the Union County Board of Elections since 1985 is **Dennis Scott Kobitz**, of Hillside, NJ, who last attended in **1984**.
- **Tech. Sgt. James F. Brennan '88** left in January with the Pennsylvania Air National Guard for his third deployment in the Middle East. He was in the US Navy from 1988-1994, and with the US Naval Reserve from 1994-1997, when he joined the Air National Guard. In peacetime he is a traveling supervisor with the US Postal Service, based out of Bernardsville, NJ. Linden is his hometown. Brennanj11@yahoo.com.
- **Kimberly Cooper Ramalho '92** is Director of External Communications and Corporate Responsibility for American Water. She lives with her husband Michael in Jobstown, NJ and serves on the Board of Trustees of the United Way of Camden County.
- **Ingrid Johnson-Hayward '98**, followed up on her LPN and RN degrees by graduating from Seton Hall U. Her MSN in Nursing was awarded in Dec. 2007. She lives in Newark. ihayward@optonline.net.
- **Walter P. Bala '99**, of Union, NJ, reached his 25th anniversary at UCC this fall. He's with Public Safety on the Plainfield campus. wbala@ucc.edu.
- **Beatriz Rodriguez '99**, who works at UCC, and her husband **Eraldo Ramos '97** welcomed their second daughter in May, Samantha. The family lives in Elizabeth.
- **Jonathan H. Miller '04**, of Westfield, NJ, graduated in May 2007 from New Jersey City U. with a BA in Media Arts and Psychology. He is a freelance videographer for the *New York Post*.

IN MEMORIAM

Ryan W. Allison '98
Linden, NJ. August 2007


Sidney C. Turner '64
Cape May, NJ. October 2007



A 21 CLUB RAFFLE WINNER!

A winner's check for \$200 arrived at the home of Elsie Harley '41 in Decatur, AL on her 88th birthday. Elsie boasts of being the lone female on the four-man UCC rifle team!

Did you know?

- ~ that UCC is the largest educator of undergraduate allied healthcare professionals in New Jersey? Students can study nursing and licensed practical nursing; occupational and physical therapy; gerontology; radiography; nuclear medicine technology; electrology and medical assistance.
- ~ that for 23 years senior citizens in Union County have been able to take free college-level academic classes off-campus at locations and times convenient to them through UCC's LIFE Center (Learning Is ForEver)? Founded by the late Prof. Oscar Fishtein, the LIFE program is unique in New Jersey and was the first of its kind in the United States. 

Leaves & Apples Honor *Shaping Our Future* Donors on the Tree of Education in the Richel Student Commons.

CUMULATIVE GIVING LEVELS are:

- \$500 - Copper Leaf
- \$2,500 - Brass Leaf
- \$5,000 - Brass Apple
- \$10,000 - Wood and Brass Stone

For a gift of \$500, donors may engrave a Memorial Leaf as a tribute to loved ones.

Help Plan Year-Long Celebration FOR UCC'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY !



The 75th anniversary celebration will span the next academic year, beginning in October 2008 with a Convocation featuring a noted guest speaker and culminating with the 2009 Commencement.

We will reflect on this College's unique history since 1933, while looking ahead to a challenging future. While Union County Junior College (Ucey Jucey) has grown from a struggling institution focused on the study of Liberal Arts to the distinguished comprehensive community college that is Union County College today, it has remained true to its values of access, opportunity, excellence and innovation.

Alumni and friends are invited to join the College community in planning this year-long celebration, which is chaired by Victor M. Richel, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and a Trustee for 25 years.

The sub-committees are: *Decades & Celebratory Events, Founders Day & Academic Conference, History & Archives, and Recognition.* To volunteer to help UCC "salute the past and welcome the future" by joining a committee, please call Kathy Giannecchini at (908) 709-7506 or email uccfound@ucc.edu.


The Recognition Committee solicits nominations of individuals from any point in our history to be honored through-

out the year as *75th Anniversary Honorees.*

There will also be *Memorial Honorees.*

Nominees are sought from five categories: **Alumni, Boards, Faculty, Friends** and **Staff.** The ideal honoree, depending upon the category, will have demonstrated:

- Recognized value to UCC and its mission,
- Achievements that have brought credit to the College,
- A record of distinction and accomplishment in his/her field, or
- Leadership and service to his/her community or to society.

Please send nominations by **May 15, 2008**, including complete contact information for the nominator and the proposed honoree(s), with a statement about why the individual deserves recognition, to the UCC Foundation via US Mail or email uccfound@ucc.edu. 



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Name: *(Please include maiden name)* _____

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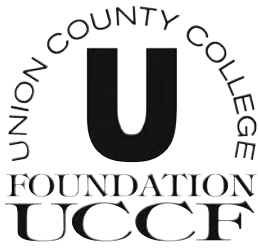
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