


UNION COUNTY COLLEGE FOUNDATION 75th DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY Gala



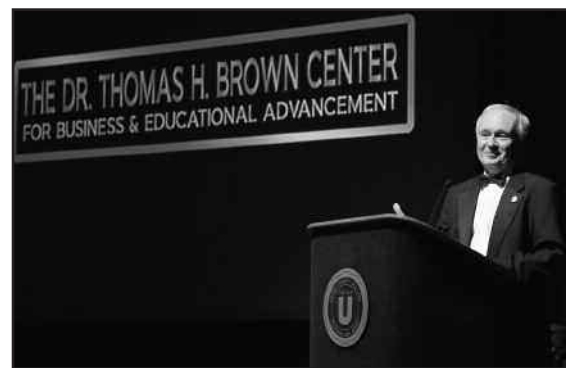
Celebrating the College's 75th Anniversary

The UCC Foundation's 16th Annual Gala, that was held on October 25, 2008, celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of Union County College. Stormy weather failed to dampen the spirits of the more than 300 guests at this celebratory affair. The Victor M. Richel Student Commons was transformed into an elegant, art-deco styled ballroom, where guests enjoyed gourmet dining, music by Carrie Jackson and her Swinging Jazz Quartet, casino games and a "Diamond Hunt." The event raised \$165,000 for scholarships and innovative programs.

The Gala video highlighted UCC's history and saluted TD Bank (formerly Commerce Bank) and Merck & Co., Inc., as *Diamond Anniversary Sponsors*. Then the Chair of the College's Board of Trustees, Victor M. Richel, in a surprise announcement, declared that the fifth floor of the building under construction on the Elizabeth campus, the Elizabeth I. Kellogg Building, will be named the *Dr. Thomas H. Brown Center for Business & Educational Advancement*. 



UCC Alumni Association. Board members enjoying the Gala were (l. to r., front) Mary Lou Gray '48, Suzanne Covine '58, Nancy J. Benz '73, and (rear) Linda Kurdilla '89, Jeffrey H. Chait '94, Marion Menzer '47, and Rob Benz. A good time was had by all!



Honor for Dr. Thomas H. Brown

Surprised but never at a loss for words, Dr. Brown addressed the Gala audience with his characteristic humor. The *Dr. Thomas H. Brown Center for Business & Educational Advancement* is a fitting tribute to Dr. Brown's vision and inspiration, providing state-of-the-art education, training and conference services for businesses and government in Union County.

Upcoming at UCC

UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

All alumni are welcome!

Faculty/Staff Dining Room

Cranford Campus Center, Tuesdays, 7 PM

March 10 Guest Speaker -

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Lt. Jon Young, Coordinator of Office of
Emergency Management, Roselle, NJ

April 14 **May 12**

June 9 - End of Year Celebration



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

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Staged readings of new plays.

3 PM - Victor M. Richel Student Commons

Feb. 21, March 14, April 18

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

TU - TH 6 - 9 PM

March 13 - April 18: Julie Pepito -

Mixed media and sculpture using found
objects in fascinating ways.

**April 24 - May 6: Architecture Class
Show,** Prof. Dori Vicente



UCC 75th ANNIVERSARY ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

*The Changing Dynamics of the
Two-Year College*

April 3 - 4

This collegial forum will reflect scholarship on subjects such as the history of higher education in New Jersey since the New Deal, pedagogy, and technology in the classroom. Co-chairs are Dr. Philip Papas, Papas@ucc.edu and Dr. Susannah Chewning, chewning@ucc.edu.



UCC FOUNDATION

Scholarship Reception - **March 31**

*17th Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament
at Echo Lake Country Club -* **April 27**

16th Annual Evening at the Races - **June 25**



75th Anniversary Honoree

Distinguished alumnus Dr. J. Stuart Hunter '42, Professor Emeritus of Princeton University, is flanked by College President Dr. Brown and UCC Alumni Association President Jeffrey H. Chait.


Trinitas School of Nursing Receives National Recognition



With enrollment nearing 2,000 students, Trinitas School of Nursing is among the largest nursing school in the country. In September it was designated as an NLN (National League for Nursing) Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for 2008 - 2011, one of six schools of nursing in the country to be so honored, and one of 13 schools to currently hold this honor.

Trinitas is the first school in New Jersey and the first Cooperative Nursing Program in the nation to receive this award, which was presented to Dean Mary Elizabeth Kelley and members of the faculty at the NLN's

Education Summit on September 20, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. Trinitas was cited as a school with a demonstrated commitment to excellence, one that has invested resources to distinguish itself in nursing education.

In 2007 Trinitas was the first in the US to have 100% of its eligible faculty certified with the NLN Certification in Nursing Education (CNE) credential. Established in 1891 as the Elizabeth General Hospital School of Nursing, for 36 years, since 1972, it has maintained a formal Cooperative Nursing Program with Union County College. Students receive a Diploma in Nursing from Trinitas and an Associate in Science degree from the College. The Trinitas School of Nursing will occupy an entire floor of the soon to be completed Elizabeth I. Kellogg Building in Elizabeth. 

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James J. Masterson is the new Executive Director of Development for the Union County College Foundation. A resident of Cranford, his past employment was with Union Hospital/Saint Barnabas Health Care System in the areas of fund raising, human resources and community relations. Jim asked to share a few words with About Union readers.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to all of UCC's alumni and friends. Since joining the Foundation in September 2008, I continue to be awed and impressed by the generosity of time, talent and financial resources given by UCC boards, staff, faculty, alumni and friends. I am honored to have become an "adopted" member of this great family.

My own family is also a proud part of the UCC family. Both my wife and oldest daughter are graduates, and my youngest daughter just completed her first semester here!

I wish to thank so many of you for the warm welcome provided to me during my first few weeks here on campus. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Union County College, and I will continue to work on spreading the mission of UCC with the goal of raising needed funds for scholarships, programs and other important services.

To those of you I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, please feel free to reach out to me - masterson@ucc.edu or 908/709-7113. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming years!



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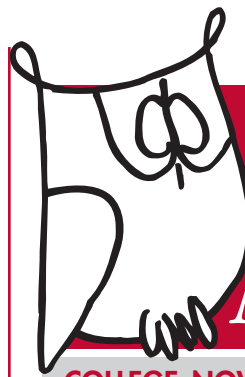
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- Invitations to College events

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COLLEGE NOVELS PROGRAM. This year's novels are both by Jhumpa Lahiri - *Interpreter of Maladies* and *The Namesake*. The College Novel Committee hosted eminent Bengali playwright, director and actor **Sudipta Bhawmik**, to lead a discussion seminar in November and to talk about his own plays dealing with the immigrant experience.

GERONTOLOGY CONFERENCE AT UCC. Prof. Toby Marx welcomed 150 caregivers of people with Alzheimer's to UCC for a conference on November 8th for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. Prof. Marx's gerontology students volunteered at this event, which was co-sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the Union County and Essex County Divisions on Aging.

DONNA HERRAN HONORED. The Garden State Athletic Conference in New Jersey is naming an annual award for **Donna M. Herran**, who wears several hats at UCC - Board of Trustees member, First Vice President of the UCC Alumni Association, former UCC Women's Basketball Coach, and inductee of UCC's Athletic Hall of Fame. The award will be called the *Donna Herran GSAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year Award*.

UCC WRITERS WERE ON DISPLAY. Dr. Lawrence Hogan, History, produced a display in the Richel Commons as part of UCC's 75th Anniversary celebration - *Doing the Write Stuff - The Writers of Union County College*. Featured were faculty, administrators - including three College Presidents - and students.

CHAMPION LADY OWLS. The Women's Volleyball Team won the Garden State Athletic Conference Championship, the first since the program began in 2005.

AWARD. The Patriots' Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, presented the *2008 Lifetime Achievement Award* to **Victor M. Richel, Chair of the UCC Board of Trustees**, at Echo Lake Country Club on December 9, 2008.



Happy 75th Birthday, UCC!

October 15, 2008 marked 75 years of excellence in higher education for Union County College. This college was the first of six Emergency Relief

Administration projects founded in New Jersey by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to provide jobs for unemployed teachers during the Great Depression.

The celebration began with presentations by History Department faculty Dr. Alison Brown, Dr. Lawrence Hogan, and Dr. Philip Papas, then featured a rousing folk concert, birthday cake, and a procession to place a wreath at the FDR oak in the campus History Grove. As a special touch, the cafeteria menu featured hot dogs and other foods served to the King and Queen of England by President and Mrs. Roosevelt in 1939.



In the audience at Founders Day were (l. to r.) UCC Governor Edward J. Hobbie, Esq., Joan Avery, and 75th Honoree James S. Avery, Sr. of Monroe Township, NJ.



Dr. Brown cuts a UCC 75th birthday cake following a rousing the 75th Birthday Concert featuring folk singer Kevin Kane and the music of the FDR Era.



Enjoying the festivities are former Staff Honorees (l. to r.) Barbara Nardiello, Alberta "Bert" Matyas, and Audrey Spenard.



Anniversary Faculty Emeriti. Honorees recognized at the Faculty Plenary Meeting on September 17, 2008 posed with Dr. Brown afterwards: (l. to r.) are Prof. Susan Stock (English), Dr. Helen Aron (ESL – English), Dr. Thomas J. Kehoe (History), Barbara Polk Riley (Libraries), Dr. Brown, Prof.

Vivienne Gilroy (Psychology), and Prof. Jerry Nathanson (Engineering). Honorees unable to attend were Prof. Marianne Kerwin (Mathematics) and Prof. Elmer Wolf (Engineering).

We salute these alumni, board members, faculty and staff who were chosen to be recognized for their dedication and contribution to Union County College and for achievements that brought credit to UCC.

75th Anniversary Honorees

Alumni

- James Gibson 1968
- Carol Ann Hertling 1980
- Dr. J. Stuart Hunter 1942
- Barbara Ann Kloss 1958
- Margaret A. Neafsey 1979
- Jamie Novak 1999
- Frederick J. Perry 1969
- Winifred S. Weislogel 1947
- Annie West 1980

Former UCC & UCC Foundation Board

- Herbert J. Blevins
- Joseph M. Fox
- Jerome Krueger
- Thomas W. Long
- Naomi C. Mirlocca
- Harry W. Wilde

Faculty Emeriti

- Dr. Helen Aron
- Professor Vivienne S. Gilroy
- Dr. Thomas J. Kehoe
- Professor Maryanne Kerwin
- Professor Jerry Nathanson
- Barbara Polk Reilly
- Professor Susan Stock
- Professor Elmer Wolf

Friends of the College

- James S. Avery, Sr.
- Freda Brown
- Reid Edles
- Christine S. Nelson
- Bruce Weidenburner
- Nancy A. Weinberger

Former UCC Staff

- Bonnie J. Bendlin
- Dolores A. Bruschetti
- Camille Cormier
- James R. Kane
- Barbara C. Nardiello
- Audrey Spenard



Reunion at Union.

Posing with College President Dr. Thomas H. Brown are (l. to r.) James C. Garry '69, Allentown, NJ; Gordon and Cathy (Deitt) Van Dijk, '72, Brookshire, TX; Barbara Ringk '90, Fanwood, NJ; Nancy J. Benz, '73, Cranford, NJ; James G. Baccaro '69, Mt. Arlington, NJ, and Walter V. O'Grady, Jr. '70, Voorhees, NJ.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING & REUNION AT UNION

On Saturday, November 22nd, alumni of all ages came back to honor Union County College's 75th Anniversary. The all-day Homecoming celebration, sponsored by the Alumni Association and funded with a UCC Foundation grant, started with the UCC Owls' Men's Basketball team win against the Camden County Cougars. Alumni, students and fans came to cheer their team on to victory. At the same time in the theater, the Student Government Association sponsored two airings of the film *Mamma Mia!*



Once a LADY OWL always a LADY OWL! These Lady Owls and UCC Hall of Fame Members enjoyed the reunion. First row, l to r: Jenn Martel '97, Shirlynn Shirley '92, Donna M. Herran '85 (Former Head Coach 1976-1999 and UCC Board of Governors Member), Tracy Gaskin-Napoleon '89 (Current Lady Owls Assistant Coach), Cheryl Bell-Forte '90 (Current Lady Owls Head Coach). Second row, l to r: Raqia Johnson '96, Sharon Kukal '97, Rose Ann Sousa-Thompson '97.

Homecoming continued with a volleyball exhibition game, pitting UCC's championship volleyball team against high school coaches from around the county. To honor the volleyball team's achievement, alumni members of UCC's Hall of Fame came out to help raise their championship banner. Homecoming sports concluded with an exciting victory by the UCC Lady Owls basketball team over the Manor College Blue Jays.

The festivities continued in the evening with a *Reunion at Union*. Tables celebrating the last 75 years of the College were displayed in the Victor M. Richel Student Commons. Alumni from as far west as Texas and as far south as North Carolina, danced, laughed and reminisced about their time at UCC.

The College also recognized nine 75th Anniversary Alumni Honorees at the reunion, with College President Thomas H. Brown and UCC Alumni Association President Jeffrey H. Chait '94 doing the honors. Each received a framed certificate, a \$1,000 named scholarship and a UCC Foundation silk scarf or tie. Their names will be included on a special plaque to be erected in the Richel Commons.

Honorees present were **Carol Ann Hertling '80**, New York, NY, **Dr. J. Stuart Hunter '42**, Hightstown, NJ, **Barbara Ann Kloss '58**, Elizabeth, NJ, **Jamie Novak '99**, Scotch Plains, NJ, **Winifred S. Weislogel '47**, Arlington, VA, and **Annie West '80**, Clinton, NC. **Donna M. Herran '85** accepted the award for **Frederick J. Perry '69**, former Athletic Director at UCC, now in Norman, OK. Awardees not able to attend were **James Gibson '68**, of Basking Ridge, NJ and **Margaret 'Meg' Neafsey '79**, of Toms River, NJ. 🦉



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About Alumni

- **James G. Baccaro '69**, of Mt. Arlington, NJ, retired after 30 years with Xerox Corp. and now is Assoc. Prof. of Business at the County College of Morris. jamesbaccaro@optonline.net.
- **Karin Roman '76**, Kenilworth, NJ, has joined the Westfield office of Burgdorff ERA as a real estate associate. SA licensed realtor since 1995, she has been recognized as a top producer.
- **Donna Herran '85**, Roselle, NJ, will be honored in February by receiving the *2009 New Jersey National Girls and Women in Sport Day Award* at a ceremony at Seton Hall University. Donna won many tournaments for UCC as coach of women's basketball teams. Mercedes31@verizon.net.
- The Roselle Chamber of Commerce honored **John S. Bush '86**, Cranford, NJ, with the *President's Award* in September 2008. A founding member of the Chamber, his On Time Transport, Inc. company has headquarters in Roselle, as does his Napa Auto Parts store.
- **Elizabeth Bataille '90**, Scotch Plains, NJ, is a Caldwell College graduate and a realtor with Burgdorff Realtors in Westfield. Elizabeth.bataille@burgdorff.com.
- **Genea Miller '98** lives in Reynoldsburg, OH. She received a BA in Accounting Information Systems from DeVry University in Columbus, OH. Genea7777@hotmail.com.
- **Barry D. Jones '02**, Commander of the Flournoy Gethers VFW Post 7470, was honored with the Marine Corps League *L/Cpl. Stanley J. Kopcinski Memorial Award* on May 26 in Bayonne, NJ. Barry and his wife, **Linda McQuilla-Jones '93** recently celebrated their 30th anniversary and live in Roselle, NJ. Linda.mcquilla-jones@spcorp.com.
- Air National Guard Airman First Class **Ronald A. Rodriguez '05**, of Middlesex, NJ, graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas in September 2008.
- **Anthony Davis, Sr. '06**, Plainfield, NJ, is director of the new Queen City Baseball League. acyrussr@yahoo.com.
- **Karin Negele Kopitskie '06**, Old Bridge, NJ, graduated summa cum laude in May from Rutgers University with a GPA of 4.0. She was an Honors Research Scholar. While in school she worked as a supplemental instructor in cognition/cognitive therapy and also

at a pharmaceutical company. swemerica@optonline.net.

- **Vinnie Darpino '08**, of Colonia, NJ, was honored with the *Robert Zifchak Region XIX Scholar Athlete Award for 2007-2008*. He scored more than 850 points for a career average of 14 points per game and handed out more than 300 assists during his two year career at UCC. He is continuing his academic and athletic career at Kean University.
- **2008 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME.** Three honorees were inducted into UCC's Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony on September 25, 2008. These athletic VIPs are **Joann Hudak Chase '79**, Hazlet, NJ, for women's basketball, and two for soccer - **Leighton G. Lowers '04**, Yonkers, NY, and **Dewayne W. Thompson '04**, of Gainesville, FL. Congratulations to all!



UCC 75th Anniversary Friends Honoree. Mrs. Christine S. Nelson '80, of Bridgewater, NJ, accepts her award from College President Dr. Thomas H. Brown. She was honored for her contributions at the Tea Tree Party in November. Chris is a Heritage Society member due to her charitable gift annuity with the UCC Foundation.

About Campus

- **Evelynne Blatt**, the new **Director of Financial Aid**, serves as the President-Elect of the NJ Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.
- **Associate Librarian Elsa Bruguier's** research was published in the international peer-reviewed journal *Complementary Health Practice Review*, October 2008.
- Two members of the Practical Nursing Program received their Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees from Rush University, Chicago, IL in December 2008. Congratulations to **Dr. Patricia A. Castaldi '80** and **Dr. Carol Healey!**
- **Assistant Professor of Sociology Nicole Stokes DuPass** is the new faculty advisor to the Iota Xi Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She follows **Professor Helene Roholt-Moen**, who retired last summer after 30 years of service to UCC and Phi Theta Kappa.
- **Dr. Phillip Papas, Assistant Professor of History**, was awarded a research fellowship by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. He will do research at five archives in New York City for his project, *Odd Man Out: General Charles Lee and the Struggle for American Independence*.
- **English/ Fine Arts/ Modern Languages Prof. Robert Yoskowitz** published *Essential W. Carl Burger* for the CAS Art Gallery at Kean U in conjunction with an exhibit of Prof. Emeritus Burger's landscapes.

Alumni Profile

Before enrolling in UCC, this Summit resident had a background as a successful businesswoman and entrepreneur as well as being a 1st Lieutenant with the Civil Air Patrol. She claims she likes to do something different every few years, to "stretch the envelope".




Anita Rose '06

At UCC she found a good mentor in Dr. John Carmichael of the Business Dept. She served as President of the Business Management Assoc. and was active in Phi Theta Kappa. Her AS degree was in Liberal Studies/Exploring Sciences.

Two years later, with a new BS in Organizational Management (with Highest Honors) from Nyack College in New York, she was accepted for the Executive MBA program at Rutgers Newark. A highlight of her studies will be a trip to Japan this spring.

This alumna has excellent business experience in New Jersey - from being President and CEO of National Investors Mortgage Corp. in Piscataway, the Owner and Director of the Heritage Antiques Center in Scotch Plains, and Branch Manager of Island Mortgage Network in Fairfield. She and her husband transformed a rooming house in Summit into the DeBary Inn LLC, a luxury inn now closed for renovations.

Anita's current community activities include chairing the Public Relations Committee for the Summit Housing Authority and serving on the Summit Chamber of Commerce's Marketing Committee. In the future she would like to teach and to start a business giving workshops about how to make sulfite-free wine. If the past is predictive of the future, this go-getter will continue to succeed at the new challenges she sets for herself. anitaroses@gmail.com. 

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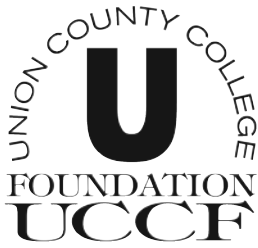
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