

9/18/2020

Dear Union County College Community,

I hope everyone's fall semester is starting off well! Students, please remember that the faculty and staff are here to help you. Communicate with your instructors if you are having any issues or difficulty in your classes. They are here for you. **New information is noted in RED.**

Governor's FY2021 Budget

We need your help. The Governor's revised FY2021 budget includes significant cuts to community colleges. We are asking you to use your voices to send messages to our state legislators to restore \$25 million in operating aid to community colleges. Please support Union County College by sending a message to our legislators through the [NJCCC Legislative Action Center](#).

IT Assistance

If you need IT assistance, please find helpful resources and information by visiting <https://www.ucc.edu/techsupport>.

Register to Vote by Oct. 13 & Vote-by-Mail

Have you recently turned 18 or have you never registered to vote? You may now register to vote online by visiting: <https://voter.svrs.nj.gov/register>. You need your current driver's license or social security number to do so. **The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is October 13.**

Per Governor Murphy's Executive Order, the November General Election is primarily Vote-by-Mail. Ballots, including a self-sealing return envelope with pre-paid postage, will be mailed to all registered voters starting this week. Once you fill out your ballot, you can mail it back, return it to a polling location on Election Day, or drop it in one of the secure ballot drop box locations (these boxes are under 24hr camera surveillance and ballots are picked up daily):

- **Berkeley Heights** – Snyder Avenue Park, 240 Snyder Avenue
- **Clark** – Clark Recreation Center, 430 Westfield Avenue
- **Cranford** – Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Avenue
- **Elizabeth** – Union County Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza
- **Plainfield** – Plainfield Municipal Building Parking Lot, 515 Watchung Avenue
- **Rahway** – Rahway Recreation Center, 275 East Milton Avenue
- **Roselle Park** – Union County Emergency Services Building, 535 Laurel Avenue
- **Union** – Union Township Municipal Building Rear Entrance, 1976 Morris Avenue
- **Westfield** – Fraser Building, 300 North Avenue East
- More locations coming soon.

Ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 3. For more information, please visit <http://www.unioncountyyvotes.com/>.

Census 2020 – Deadline Sept. 30

The deadline to respond to the 2020 Census is Sept. 30. An accurate count is critical to important federal funding and resources. Please ensure that you are counted! It is quick, easy, and confidential. Visit <https://my2020census.gov/> to fill out the Census.

Stay Informed!

We know things tend to change, so please stay informed.

- Check your owl email daily
- Follow the College on social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)
- Visit the College's coronavirus page: www.ucc.edu/coronavirus

Laptops

If you are a full-time student, remember to order your laptop through the Bookstore at ucc.edu/techfee. If you are a part-time student and you need a laptop for your remote live or online classes, reserve your loaner laptop at www.ucc.edu/laptoploaner.

Updated Hours

All College campuses are open for select in-person services. Remember, remote services are still available.

- Student Services Centers (remote services continue to be available)
 - For assistance with applying, registering for classes, financial aid, advising, disability services, veteran's services, placement testing, and tuition payment.
 - Locations: Cranford – Student Development Bldg.; Elizabeth – Lessner Bldg., 1st floor; Plainfield – Logos Bldg.
 - Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-7:30pm & Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
- Tutoring through the ALC (remote and online tutoring continues to be available 24/7)
 - Locations: Cranford – MacKay Bldg.; Elizabeth – Kellogg Bldg.; Plainfield – Annex Bldg.
 - Hours (Cranford): Monday-Thursday 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-5pm; Saturday 10am-2pm
 - Hours (Elizabeth & Plainfield): Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm; Friday 8am-5pm; Saturday 10am-2pm
- Study Hall (safe, socially distanced, air conditioned locations with WiFi to study/do work)
 - Locations: Cranford – MacKay Bldg.; Elizabeth – Kellogg Bldg.; Plainfield – Annex Bldg.
 - Hours (Cranford): Monday-Thursday 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-5pm; Saturday 10am-2pm
 - Hours (Elizabeth & Plainfield): Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm; Friday 8am-5pm; Saturday 10am-2pm
 - ****Union students only; College ID required****
- Fitness Center (Cranford campus; by appointment only for employees and students): <https://calendly.com/uccfitnesscenter>

Student Needs

As a reminder, fall students are eligible to complete a CARES Act application [here](#) and receive financial assistance to cover expenses such as rent, utilities, and food if you have needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you need assistance completing the application or have additional questions, please contact our social worker LeeAnn Trott at leeann.trott@ucc.edu or 908-709-7139.

Employees

We are here to help. If you or your family is having difficulty, please contact Karlene Rambaran in HR at 908-709-7144.

Be well and take care of yourselves.

Sincerely,
Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin
President