

# LEOS

Lifelong Educational Opportunity Students

## FALL 2018 RVCC NEWSLETTER FOR ADULT STUDENTS

### WHAT'S NEW ... AT RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

#### ...RVCC CELEBRATES ITS GOLDEN JUBILEE!

Fifty years ago, on September 12, 1968, Somerset County College opened its doors and welcomed its first class of 229 students at Green Brook High School. The College found its permanent home in July, 1968 with the purchase of the current 240 acre site in Branchburg and construction of its first building, the current Arts Building, which became the initial home to all of the college's operations in September, 1970. What began as Somerset County College became the state's first bi-county college in July, 1987 and officially changed its name to Raritan Valley Community College. For the past 50 years, thousands of individuals began their educational journey at RVCC and have created a brighter future for themselves, their families and our communities. Beginning in September, 2018, Raritan Valley Community College will embark on a yearlong celebration of the College's 50th Anniversary to showcase its many achievements. To kick-off the celebration, the RVCC Foundation is hosting the Golden Harvest Gala on October 25th at The Palace at Somerset Park. For information about the Gala, visit [www.raritanval.edu50.org](http://www.raritanval.edu50.org)



#### AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY BEAUTY PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Located in the Workforce Training Center, the Automotive Technology A.A.S. degree is now an academic program which allows these students to earn a degree verifying the knowledge they have acquired in the program. The Beauty Professional Programs, which include Cosmetology and Esthetics, leads to state licensure and the Certificate of Professional Competency. In addition, Protégé, the Salon and Spa at RVCC operated by students is open year round for services on Thursday and Friday. Call 908-526-1200 x8619 for an appointment.

The Automotive Technology Degree and the Beauty Professional Programs are now eligible for financial aid. The Workforce Training Center, located in the largest (47,000 square feet) and newest building on campus is home to a wide variety of additional programs designed to enhance you personally and professionally. Visit [www.raritanval.edu/career-training](http://www.raritanval.edu/career-training) to view the many available options.

#### ...THE RVCC RESOURCE CENTER

The RVCC Resource Center has opened its doors! Located on the second floor of the College Center, in the back of the Game Room, the Resource Center ([resourcecenter@raritanval.edu](mailto:resourcecenter@raritanval.edu)) collaborates with campus and community partners to help students in need access a variety of items. Within this "safe space" students can access resources for mentoring, shelter, gas money, etc. There is also a well-stocked Food Pantry ([food.pantry@raritanval.edu](mailto:food.pantry@raritanval.edu)) that is available to all – no questions asked.

#### ...WHERE'S THE COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT?

The Computer Science program has moved to the relevant academic departments throughout the College. Here is a list of who to contact based on course or program.

Program	Faculty	Email
Computer Science A.S. Information Systems & Technology A.S and A.A.S. or Computer Programming A.A.S. and Certificate	Stephen Brower	Stephen.Brower@raritanval.edu
Computer Networking; Computer Support Certificate & Cisco Academy	Mutasem Awwad	Mutasem.Awaad@raritanval.edu
Game Development A.S. & Game Jam	William Crosbie	William.Crosbie@raritanval.edu
Interactive Digital Media A.A.S. and Certificate & Web Developer A.S. and Certificate	Steven Caruso	Steven.Caruso@raritanval.edu
Technological Competency Exam and CISY 102	Steven Schwartz	Steven.Schwartz@raritanval.edu

Additional advising, counseling and transfer events are listed at:

<https://commons.raritanval.edu/studentserv/counseling/Pages/index.aspx#AandCeEvents>

## ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

This column will focus on various strategies designed to help adults avoid some of the potholes along the frequently bumpy road to success.

### TRANSFERRING

Transferring to a new institution in order to complete a Bachelor's degree can present many challenges, especially for adult students, who have a variety of competing demands for their time. When started early, planning where to go and what to study can ensure that your credits transfer as seamlessly as possible. For this reason, we encourage students to meet regularly with an advisor and to utilize the many services RVCC provides. In addition to Advising & Counseling Services, the Transfer & Career Services Office maintains an up-to-date website with articulation agreements, scholarship opportunities and transfer events. [https://commons.raritanval.edu/studenterv/transfer/Pages/transfer\\_about.aspx](https://commons.raritanval.edu/studenterv/transfer/Pages/transfer_about.aspx)

The **Fall Transfer Day on Thursday, October 11, 2018** will have approximately 70 colleges in the Conference Center from 11:30 – 2:00. The **Adult Transfer Night**, scheduled for **Wednesday, March 6, 2019** in the Theater, will provide an array of transfer options for busy adults. Representatives from 15 colleges with adult-friendly programs will be available from 5:00-8:00pm to provide information and answer questions. Concurrent session will also be offered on the following topics: Financial Aid and Scholarships; Careers: Changes and Choices; How to Market Yourself; Budgeting for Today and Tomorrow; Time Management; Prior Learning Assessment; Bringing Success into the Classroom. Both transfer events are open to current RVCC students and also the community.



### FAMOUS LATE BLOOMERS

ADULTS OFTEN WORRY THAT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT FOLLOW A TRADITIONAL PATH TO COLLEGE THEY WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL BUT HERE ARE JUST A FEW FAMOUS "LATE BLOOMERS" WHO DISPEL THAT MYTH.

**Einstein** was four years old before he began to speak and seven before he could read.

When **Thomas Edison** was a boy, his teachers told him he was too stupid to learn anything.

**Winston Churchill** failed the sixth grade.

**Michael Jordan** was cut from his high school basketball team.

**Harlan (Colonel) Sanders** was 65 when he started Kentucky Fried Chicken.

**Walt Disney** was fired by his newspaper editor because he did not have any good ideas.

**Frederick Douglass** was forbidden to have a formal education. However, he was taught to read at the age of 12 and when he published his autobiography in 1845, it was an immediate best seller.

In 1854, after spending 20 years as a representative in the Illinois legislature, **Abraham Lincoln** ran for the US Senate and lost. He ran again two years later and lost again. Undaunted, he ran for President two years after his second unsuccessful bid for the Senate and won.....the rest is history.

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young." – Henry Ford*

### WEB SITES: Not For Adults Only!

Advising, counseling and transfer events are listed at: <https://commons.raritanval.edu/studenterv/counseling/Pages/index.aspx#AandCevents>

The National College Transition Network has created a valuable resource for students of all ages. <http://www.collegeforadults.org/index.html>

Key points from the very helpful *The Adult Student Guide to Survival & Success, 6<sup>th</sup> edition* are available at <http://www.adultstudent.com/>

The office of Occupational, Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) is a division of The US Department of Education that focuses on adult student issues. <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/AdultEd/weblinks/index.html?exp=3>

Paying for college can be a challenge but this site has some very useful links to financial resources. <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/scholarships-for-adult-students/>

PTK, the academic honor society for community college students, also offers college transfer assistance and scholarship information at [www.CollegeFish.org](http://www.CollegeFish.org)

Scholarship America is a charity that accepts donations but also provides some excellent scholarships and information about navigating the confusing world of financial aid. <https://scholarshipamerica.org>

For more information about scholarships, contact Erin Kislan in the Financial Aid Office at [Erin.Kislan@raritanval.edu](mailto:Erin.Kislan@raritanval.edu) or Michael Marion, the Executive Director of the RVCC Foundation at [Michael.Marion@raritanval.edu](mailto:Michael.Marion@raritanval.edu)

## DATES to know

### August 29

Fall semester begins

**September 5** Last day to receive a 100% refund for a full semester course

### September 26

Test Anxiety Workshop BC 103, 1 – 2:15pm

### October 11

Transfer Fair,  
Conference Center  
11am – 2pm

### November 5

Spring registration opens

**November 9** Last day to withdraw or audit (with instructor approval)

### November 22 – 25

Closed for Thanksgiving

### November 27

Test Anxiety Workshop BC 103, 1 – 2:15pm

### December 12 – 28

Final exam week

### January 2 – 18

Wintersession 2019

### January 22

Spring 2019  
semester begins

### March 6

Adult Transfer Night  
Theatre Lobby and Welpel  
5 – 8:00pm

### March 11 – 16

Spring break

### May 18

Graduation

### QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ■

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