Did You Know?

Aquaculture, the farming of fish and seafood in captivity, dates back centuries, but states such as New Jersey are investing today to encourage high-tech, large-scale commercial versions. Rutgers’ Multispecies Aquaculture Demonstration Facility, which is nearing completion in Cape May, will be used to perform research and training related to the development of aquaculture as a large-scale New Jersey industry. The complex, managed by Rutgers’ Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory, will consist of a series of indoor tanks and outdoor ponds for raising finfish and shellfish, an indoor hatchery facility, and a pumping station to supply saltwater needs. Rutgers’ Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory has a more than 100-year tradition of disseminating research results and working cooperatively with state and federal agencies and the fisheries and aquaculture communities in southern New Jersey. The laboratory generates and disseminates research information directly applicable to all aspects of fisheries and aquaculture science, concentrating on species of commercial importance to New Jersey.

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District 2
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Assemblyman Francis J. Blee  (R)
Assemblyman James Whelan  (D)

Rutgers People in District 2

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 2

* Continuing and Professional Education Courses: Keeping the state’s workforce current (Absecon, Atlantic City, Egg Harbor Township, Galloway, Hamilton Township, Pleasantville)
* Cultivating Youth and Communities for Positive Futures: Workforce readiness for at-risk youth through farm stand, nutrition, gardening, and other projects (Atlantic City, Pleasantville)
* Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Science-based information and outreach focused on 4-H youth development, food and nutrition, gardening, and more (Atlantic City)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 2

* Center for Effective School Practices: Research-based classroom innovations to improve pre-K through 12th grade learning (Pleasantville)
* Seeds to Success: Prepares at-risk youth for the workforce through classroom and on-the-job training by operating summer farm stands in their communities (Atlantic City, Pleasantville)
* Teens Teaching Middle School Youth Workforce Preparation: Teambuilding, communication, goal-setting, job exploration, and character education activities for more than 700 middle school youth (Atlantic City)
* Roots of Knowledge: Increases science literacy, healthy lifestyle practices, and workforce readiness in high-risk youth through gardening (Atlantic City, Pleasantville)
* High School Financial Planning Program: Free or low-cost workshops from Rutgers Cooperative Extension to help teachers implement a curriculum focusing on personal financial management (Atlantic City, Linwood)

Did You Know?
Rutgers works with Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) to bring degree programs to Atlantic and Cape May counties, a region traditionally underserved by state higher education. Hotel and casino workers are able to earn a Rutgers bachelor’s degree in hospitality management through a program offered by Rutgers–Camden and ACCC that allows students to receive Rutgers credit while attending classes in Atlantic City. This spring the program offered five courses with enrollment of more than 100. The program focuses on hotel, food and beverage, and gaming operations and management and helps workers advance professionally. Hotels and resorts gain access to a workforce educated through the Rutgers program’s practical, industry-oriented courses. Past students are now employed at every level of casino management, including a vice president of sales and a director of training for two of the boardwalk’s most recognizable hotels. In addition, Rutgers offers three other programs at ACCC’s Atlantic County campuses: bachelor’s programs in liberal studies, master of business administration, and graduate courses in education.

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The Food Innovation Center, an initiative of the NJ Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers, helps farmers develop and market new niche products to maintain economic viability and preserve farmland in New Jersey. In the spring of 2007, construction will begin on a new 23,000-square-foot center that will offer farmers and food businesses access to state-of-the-art food processing equipment, technical support, and business advice. The new facility is scheduled to open in early 2008. Since its establishment in 2001, the center has aided more than 700 clients in the agricultural and food sectors. It is projected that over $200 million in cumulative new revenue will be created by the center’s highest performing clients over the next five years, which will also result in over 1,000 new jobs. The center has been recognized by the USDA as one of only 10 national exemplary “Agricultural Innovation Center Demonstration Programs,” has received international attention, and is a model for university-led business incubation centers being developed in Africa.
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District 4
Senator Fred H. Madden Jr. (D)
Assemblyman David R. Mayer (D)
Assemblyman Paul D. Moriarty (D)

Rutgers People in District 4

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 4

- **Rutgers Cooperative Extension**: Science-based information and outreach in such areas as food and nutrition, family and community health sciences, and 4-H youth development (Clementon)
- **NJ Small Business Development Centers Branch Office**: Low-cost and no-cost consulting, training, and networking services for small business (Clementon)
- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Gloucester, Monroe, Washington)
- **Keys to Achieving Resilient Transitions (KART)**: Provides training, funding, and support to group homes, residential treatment facilities, and community-based service providers for children on the brink of aging out of foster care (Glassboro)
- **Seeds to Success**: Prepares at-risk youth for the workforce through classroom and on-the-job training, operating farm stands in their communities (Glassboro)
- **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program**: Helping limited-resource families make healthy nutrition choices (Clementon, Franklin, Glassboro, Gloucester, Lindenwold)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 4

- **BizEd**: Introduction to college-level business education for outstanding high school students (Gloucester, Lindenwold)
- **D’Arts Distance Learning in the Arts**: Live, interactive art and theater classes through videoconferencing (Pitman)

Did You Know?

Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) offers an extensive statewide program in integrated pest management (IPM) for greenhouses/floriculture, nurseries, and field, fruit, and vegetable crops; a new program covers schools. IPM provides pesticide applicator training, guidance on alternative pest management approaches, an information-packed website, and newsletters, among other services and resources. The Camden County RCE office in District 4’s Clementon is home to the state’s Greenhouse/Floriculture Integrated Pest Management program for commercial growers of annual and perennial flowers, herbs, and vegetable transplants. The office offers pesticide application training and publishes Northeast Greenhouse IPM Notes, a full-color newsletter for greenhouse growers prepared jointly by RCE and Cornell University. The newsletter, which is archived and available online, contains the latest information on pest sightings and trends in the Northeast.

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Assemblywoman Nilsa Cruz-Perez (D)
Assemblyman Joseph J. Roberts Jr. (D)

Rutgers People in District 5

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 5
The following is a small sampling of Rutgers activities in District 5, which is home to Rutgers’ Camden Campus.

- The Rutgers–Camden Campus continues to grow as Rutgers renovates a three-block area of Victorian properties on Camden’s Cooper Street and expands the law school. The university also secured grant and external funding to restore historic Johnson Park to its Victorian-era splendor, creating a public space for the entire community to enjoy.
- The Fairview Neighborhood Partnership: Revitalizing historic Camden through collaboration of the Rutgers–Camden law school, business school, and Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs
- Camden Special Services District: A successful partnership with corporate neighbors to maintain a friendly and clean urban downtown
- Children’s Justice Clinic: Legal representation by Rutgers–Camden law school students for Camden youth facing delinquency charges

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 5
(In the Camden School District)

- LEAP Academy: Holistic approach to student achievement, including K–12 charter schools and family services. This year, LEAP breaks ground on an early childhood facility on Cooper Street with classrooms for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers as well as a research center and space for professional development.
- BizEd: Introduction to college-level business education for outstanding high school students
- Rutgers–Camden Center for the Arts: Arts After School places professional teaching artists in after-school programs
- MPA Aspiring Principals Program: Preparing Camden teachers and staff for principal positions

Did You Know?
The Rutgers–Camden Technology Campus, a business incubator funded through a partnership between the Rutgers School of Business–Camden, the Delaware River Port Authority, the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology, and the U.S. Department of Commerce, stimulates economic development in Camden by providing entrepreneurs with low-cost services, high-tech support, and in-depth strategic counseling to launch and grow their businesses. The incubator recently moved into the newly constructed, state-of-the-art Waterfront Technology Center and currently houses approximately 29 on-site and 10 virtual tenant businesses that generate more than 155 jobs and $6 million in payroll in Camden. Six businesses launched at the incubator have graduated and are thriving independently, paying taxes, purchasing goods and services, and contributing to the economy. Staff members expect at least three additional businesses to grow out of the incubator by the end of this year.

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Did You Know?
Like so many NJ communities, Camden and surrounding municipalities are grappling with the need to serve economic development while staying focused on housing, natural resources, recreation, and physical health and mental wellness issues for all residents. The Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders requested that the Walter Rand Institute at Rutgers–Camden study the need for a working collaboration among the city of Camden and its first-generation, inner-ring suburbs to address regional revitalization issues. That five-year study, Toward a Metropolitan Complex: The Camden Hub Smart Growth Report, is the basis for the recently issued Camden Hub Plan. This regional plan is designed to be used by municipal, county, regional, and state government agencies, as well as the private and nonprofit sectors, as a multidimensional revitalization strategy to guide future resource investments throughout the Hub. District 6 communities in the Hub area include Audubon Park, Cherry Hill, Collingswood, Haddon, Haddonfield, and Oaklyn.

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 6
- **NJ Small Business Development Centers**: Low-cost and no-cost consulting, training, and networking services for small business (Cherry Hill, Voorhees)
- **MBA Team Consulting Program**: MBA students develop affordable business, marketing, and benchmarking plans to overcome challenges and problems identified by client companies (Cherry Hill)
- **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program**: Helping limited-resource families make healthy nutrition choices when buying, cooking, and storing food (Cherry Hill, Collingswood)
- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Camden, Cherry Hill, Voorhees)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 6
- **BizEd**: Introduction to college-level business education for outstanding high school students (Cherry Hill, Collingswood, Haddon, Haddonfield, Winslow)
- **Rohrer Center for Management and Entrepreneurship**: Helps business start-ups, family-owned concerns, large corporations, public agencies, and nonprofits train better managers and supervisors (Winslow)
- **High School Financial Planning Program**: Free or low-cost workshops from Rutgers Cooperative Extension to help teachers implement a curriculum focusing on personal financial management (Collingswood, Oaklyn)
- **Videoconferencing in Education**: Enables students to go beyond the walls of their classrooms to explore the wealth of information in our global community (Cherry Hill)
- **Center for Mathematics, Science, and Computer Education**: Professional teacher development contributing to excellence in mathematics, science, and the integration of technology across the curriculum (Collingswood, Haddonfield, Voorhees)
Did You Know?

As employment opportunities become increasingly linked to technology and communications and less tied to manual, skill-based jobs, employers need access to a highly literate workforce. With the goal of strengthening Burlington County’s business landscape, the Burlington County Workforce Investment Board has contracted with the Rutgers–Camden Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs to conduct a literacy needs assessment among workers in six targeted industries: transportation; manufacturing; health science; education and training; hospitality and tourism; and the service sector. The institute has developed and distributed a survey to human resource managers and is conducting interviews with HR personnel working for the county’s largest businesses. And, finally, Rand staff will conduct interviews with county adult literacy service providers. The goals of the assessment are to provide an indication of the prevalence of illiteracy in industry, identify gaps in programs available to businesses, provide strategies to overcome those obstacles, and determine how best to meet the literacy expectations of Burlington County businesses.

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District 7
Senator Diane B. Allen (R)
Assemblyman Herb Conaway Jr. (D)
Assemblyman Jack Conners (D)

Rutgers People in District 7

| 5,255 | Alumni |
| 1,270 | Undergraduate and Graduate Students |
| 330  | Continuing Ed Students Enrolled Locally |
| 195  | Faculty/Staff |
| 7,050 | Total |

Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 7

- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Beverly City, Cinnaminson, Delran)
- **Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program**: Behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents (Mount Holly, Westampton)
- **Rohrer Center for Management and Entrepreneurship**: Helps business start-ups, family-owned concerns, large corporations, public agencies, and nonprofits train better managers and supervisors (Delanco, Pennsauken)
- **NJ Small Business Development Centers Branch Office**: Low-cost and no-cost services for small business (Mount Holly, Westampton)
- **Rutgers Cooperative Extension**: Science-based information and outreach in such areas as food and nutrition, family and community health sciences, and 4-H youth development (Mount Holly)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 7

- **BizEd**: Introduction to college-level business education for outstanding high school students (Cinnaminson, Delran)
- **D’Arts Distance Learning in the Arts**: Live interactive art and theater classes through videoconferencing (Riverside, Riverton)
- **Douglass Autism Outreach**: Training in applied behavior analysis for educators of children with autism spectrum disorders (Burlington)
- **NJ Civic Education Consortium**: Rutgers’ Eagleton Institute of Politics program to increase voter turnout and engagement in civic life (Peninsauken)

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Did You Know?

Few activities are as vital to the Pinelands as cranberry and blueberry farming. New Jersey ranks second nationally in blueberry production and third in cranberry production. And virtually all of it is centered in the Pinelands region. The Philip E. Marucci Blueberry and Cranberry Research and Extension Center of Rutgers in Chatsworth is at the forefront of research directly applicable to the production of high-quality blueberries and cranberries. The center has recently received a two-year, $96,200 EPA grant to develop the pest management technology necessary to reduce pesticide use in the cultivation of these two wetland crops. The center has also taken the lead in research related to growing consumer and industrial interest in both berries’ potentially enormous health benefits. Using a $650,000 USDA award, the center will investigate the possibility that these two superfoods may prevent diabetes, tooth decay, and keep harmful bacteria away from the urinary tract and stomach.

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The Barnegat Bay Shellfish Restoration Program, an initiative of Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), educates the community about the natural cycle and ecology of the Barnegat Bay, promotes environmental stewardship of this vital resource, and uses clams and oysters as teaching tools to achieve these goals. For the past two years, scientists from the Rutgers Haskin Shellfish Research Lab, RCE, and the NJDEP have trained more than 35 volunteers from the community. RCE also conducted a six-week training program for youth, ages 5 to 14, called “Clam Camp,” which included classroom and hands-on activities on shellfish, water quality, and aquaculture. Together, the program’s many partners and volunteers have raised and planted over 1.2 million hard clam seed. This process not only repopulates the bay with the pollution-filtering shellfish but also improves understanding of how human activities can degrade our waters and our shellfish populations. Ultimately, the program’s goal is to strengthen the bay’s ecology and economy.

Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 9

- Rutgers Marine Field Station: Field laboratory for the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences conducting graduate- and postdoctoral-level research with recent work on the ecology of fishes and the habitation effects of dominant species in the environment (Tuckerton)
- Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve: Assorted habitat regions used for physical, chemical, and biological research for long-term data on environmental conditions, ecological progression, and coastal resource management (Tuckerton)
- Continuing and Professional Education Courses: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Lakehurst, Manchester)
- Rutgers NJ Weather and Climate Network Stations: Four of 40 stations operated by the state climatologist at Rutgers, supplying real-time weather information (Bass River, Berkeley, Eagleswood, Harvey Cedars)
- Rohrer Center for Management and Entrepreneurship: Helps business start-ups, family-owned concerns, large corporations, public agencies, and nonprofits train better managers and supervisors (New Gretna)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 9

- Jacques Cousteau Coastal Education Center: Education and outreach hub for programs of the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve (Based in Tuckerton, serving schools throughout New Jersey)
- NJ Civic Education Consortium: Sponsored by Rutgers’ Eagleton Institute of Politics, the program aims to increase voter turnout and engagement in civic life (Lacey Township)
- Douglass Autism Outreach: Training in applied behavior analysis for educators of children with autism spectrum disorders (Lacey Township)

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The NJ Hydrogen Learning Center is an initiative of Rutgers’ Center for Energy, Economic, and Environmental Policy. It is funded by the Office of Clean Energy at the NJ Board of Public Utilities, and its mission is to facilitate collaboration and networking among its stakeholder network, which is made up of businesses, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions across New Jersey already involved in the burgeoning hydrogen economy. Center partners include Ocean County College, which installed a 250-kilowatt direct fuel cell power plant on its Toms River campus; the power plant supplies approximately 80 percent of the electricity needed in a 54,000-square-foot instructional building and preheated water to boilers that feed an additional five buildings. The center has also developed hydrogen curriculum modules to train students in the fields of engineering, science, and environmental protection at five state institutions: The College of New Jersey, Ocean County College, Ramapo College, Richard Stockton College, and Rutgers University.

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In the fourth year of a five-year, National Science Foundation-funded study to determine the behavior of the effluent, nutrients, and contaminants in New Jersey’s coastal waters, researchers at Rutgers’ Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences have continued to expand their knowledge of the Hudson River plume that travels through New York Harbor to the New Jersey shore. In May 2006, researchers released a nontoxic red dye near Sea Bright and tracked it as it traveled along the coastlines of such District 11 towns as Asbury Park, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Deal, Long Branch, Ocean Grove, and Spring Lake. Using radar, satellite tracking, and remotely controlled underwater gliders, scientists gathered data along the plume’s path. The information researchers collect will inform New York’s future sewage disposal plans and New Jersey’s chances for a cleaner coastline.

The project, which will enter its final year in March 2007, has an extensive website (marine.rutgers.edu/cool/latte/latte2006.htm) with information for the scientific community and the general public.

Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 11
- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (West Long Branch)
- **Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program**: Behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents (Asbury Park, Neptune)
- **NJ Coastal Communiversity**: Union among eight colleges and universities offering selected higher education degrees and graduate certificates in Monmouth County (Wall)
- **Center for Exercise and Aging**: Fitness testing, senior walking programs, and fitness-oriented social events (Eatontown)
- **Rutgers NJ Weather and Climate Network Station**: One of 40 networked weather stations operated by the Office of the NJ State Climatologist at Rutgers, supplying real-time weather information to enhance safety and security (Sea Girt)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 11
- **Douglass Autism Outreach**: Training in applied behavior analysis for educators of children with autism spectrum disorders (Brielle)
- **High School Financial Planning Program**: Workshops from Rutgers Cooperative Extension to help teachers implement a curriculum on personal finances (Avon, Oakhurst)
- **ESTEEMS (Establishing Excellence in Education for Mathematics and Science)**: Professional development, content knowledge assessment, on-site classroom visitations, and coaching to teachers in algebra and earth science (Asbury Park, Long Branch)
- **D’Arts (Distance Learning in the Arts)**: Live, interactive art and theater classes through videoconferencing (Neptune)

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Since 1998, residents of the greater Monmouth County area have been able to obtain Rutgers degrees while staying close to home. In the last year, about 650 Rutgers students have enrolled in Rutgers courses held at the Western Monmouth Campus of Brookdale Community College located in Freehold. As part of the Rutgers-Brookdale Partnership in Higher Education, Rutgers offers baccalaureate programs in criminal justice, labor studies and employment relations, liberal studies, and nursing as well as a range of graduate and continuing professional education courses in education, nursing, social work, and more. Typically, students complete an associate’s degree at Brookdale or another New Jersey community college and then continue at Rutgers for the bachelor’s degree.

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Matawan is home to one of New Jersey’s 18 state-designated Transit Villages. Transit Villages are communities that have embraced a smart growth vision with opportunities for growth and economic revitalization, a commitment to compact, mixed-use development, a strong residential component, including affordable housing, jobs, restaurants, arts and entertainment, and preservation of a rich architectural character, all within walking distance of a passenger transportation facility. Rutgers’ Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC), a national leader in transportation policy, is evaluating the progress of the Transit Villages in partnership with the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT), other state agencies, and the communities where the villages are located. VTC services to Transit Villages include fiscal impact studies that have consistently demonstrated that Transit Villages are beneficial to the communities in which they are located. In 2006, as part of the NJDOT contract, VTC launched Transit-Friendly Development, a newsletter designed to keep municipal officials, planners, and advocates up-to-date.

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Like so many New Jersey communities, the Mercer County town of West Windsor is faced with the sometimes-conflicting goals of smart development in the face of rapid growth, preservation of open space, and protection of natural resources. Sustainability is a particular concern, as it is for communities throughout the Northeast. The NJ Sustainable State Institute, working with graduate planning students as part of a hands-on studio class given at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, and using the sustainability planning framework developed by West Windsor’s Environmental Commission as a starting point, expanded on that framework’s breadth and detail in the specific areas of land use, circulation, society, and natural resources. They developed objectives and proposed indicators for tracking progress as well as offering recommendations, including mixed-use zones, transit-oriented development, and a community shuttle program, for possible action. Community leaders will draw on the proposals in their efforts to guide smart development.

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 14
• Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program: Helping limited-resource families make healthy nutrition choices (Hamilton)
• Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program: Behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents (West Windsor)
• Continuing and Professional Education Courses: Keeping the New Jersey workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Cranbury, Hamilton, Monroe)
• Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Youth development through local 4-H clubs and school outreach, ranging from Exploring Marine Science workshops to the Mercer County 4-H Fair (Hamilton, West Windsor)
• Center for Exercise and Aging: Fitness testing, senior walking programs, and fitness-oriented social events (Monroe)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 14
• K–12 Fellows: Learning community of the university and K–12 schools in science and mathematics (South Brunswick)
• School Psychology Practicum: Supervised training experiences for doctoral-level school psychology students (South Brunswick)
• Rutgers Science Explorer Bus: Interactive science lessons and demonstrations for middle school and junior high students in a 40-foot, state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile laboratory staffed by Rutgers scientists (Plainsboro)
• Waksman Student Scholars Program: Yearlong program in molecular biology, genetics, and bioinformatics (South Brunswick High School, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School)
Did You Know?

Through the summer 4-H Youth Farmstand Program, at-risk youth from Trenton learn important workforce preparation skills and are motivated to stay in school. The program is a collaboration of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Mercer County 4-H Youth Development, Rutgers’ School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, and the Mercer County One-Stop Career Center. The program stresses job attainment and survival, workplace skills, leadership and self-development, and personal skills. In 2006, teams of youths operated two “Jersey Fresh” farm stands in Trenton every Tuesday through Thursday, with each team responsible for inventory, ordering, delivery, marketing, customer relations, and cash transactions. Positive impact on the community extended even past the program’s participants: 16 percent of farm stand sales were to senior citizens and young families via the Farm Market Nutrition Program produce voucher program, and local farmers provided 93 percent of the produce sold at the farm stands. The program ended with a closing ceremony in which the youths received recognition and profit sharing checks.

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Rutgers’ Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program consistently attracts top postdoctoral talent from around the nation to New Jersey’s leading pharmaceutical corporations. The program—the largest of its kind in the United States, with about 70 percent of the market share for industry-based postgraduate training for pharmacists—gives New Jersey companies a distinct competitive recruiting advantage. Fifty fellows complete the program each year, with about half accepting positions with their host companies. District 16 host companies include Raritan-based Ortho-McNeil and Bridgewater-based Ortho Biotech, Sanofi-Aventis, and Tibotec. The program is based at Rutgers’ Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, New Jersey’s only pharmacy school.

Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 16

- **NJ Small Business Development Centers Regional Office**: Low-cost and no-cost consulting services for small business (North Branch)
- **Keys to Achieving Resilient Transitions KART**: Provides training, funding, and support to group homes, residential treatment facilities, and community based service providers for children on the brink of aging out of foster care (Bridgewater, Hillsborough)
- **Center for Exercise and Aging**: Fitness testing, senior walking programs, and fitness-oriented social events (Bridgewater)
- **Rutgers Cooperative Extension**: A “classroom without walls” bringing university research to people in their communities, from 4-H youth programs to teaching good nutrition (Bridgewater)
- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Bernards, Branchburg, Hillsborough, Somerville)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 16

- **School Nurse Fellowship Program**: Weeklong alcohol and drug studies intensives designed to increase school nurses’ and administrators’ knowledge and awareness of adolescent health issues (Bernards, Bridgewater, Bound Brook, Manville, Montgomery, Somerville)
- **Rutgers Science Explorer Bus**: Interactive science lessons and demonstrations for middle school and junior high students in a 40-foot, state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile laboratory staffed by Rutgers scientists (Manville)
- **Waksman Student Scholars Program**: Yearlong program in molecular biology, genetics, and bioinformatics (Bridgewater, Hillsborough, Somerville)
Did You Know?
Rutgers Center for Green Building and the New Jersey Sustainable State Institute, both programs of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, have an ongoing role in Highland Park’s mission to become an environmentally responsible and sustainable community. Faculty and staff are working with the town’s mayor and borough council, municipal employees, volunteers, and other stakeholders to create a comprehensive green plan for sustainable development using indicators and targets to track progress. They conducted environmental design studios for the community and collaborated to identify ways in which sustainable features could be incorporated into municipal facilities and practices. Some of the center’s recommendations included the use of hybrid cars, environmentally preferable purchasing, geothermal heating and cooling, solar panels, and rain gardens to clean water runoff. Borough taxpayers now save $14,000 per year in reduced energy costs. Other initiatives include sustainable streetscape design, pesticide-free native planting and grounds maintenance, urban gardening and walking programs.

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Metuchen is home to one of New Jersey’s 18 state-designated Transit Villages. Transit Villages are communities that have embraced a smart growth vision that includes opportunities for growth and economic revitalization, a commitment to compact, mixed-use development, a strong residential component, including affordable housing, jobs, restaurants, arts and entertainment, and preservation of a rich architectural character, all within walking distance of a passenger transportation facility.

Rutgers’ Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center, a national leader in transportation policy, is evaluating the progress of the Transit Villages in partnership with the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT), other state agencies, and the communities where the villages are located. In 2006, as part of its NJDOT contract, the Voorhees center launched Transit-Friendly Development, a newsletter designed to keep municipal officials, planners, and advocates up-to-date on the potential for development and redevelopment around transit stations.

Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 18

* Rutgers' Livingston Campus: The "College Town" vision will create a lively commercial and residential district on the Livingston Campus (Edison)
* Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program: Helping limited-resource families make healthy nutrition choices (East Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen)
* Cook College Student Organic Farm: Local residents invest in a student-run farm in exchange for weekly shares of organically grown food (East Brunswick)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 18

* K–12 Fellows: Learning community of the university and K–12 schools in science and mathematics (Edison, Metuchen)
* Waksman Student Scholars Program: Yearlong program in molecular biology, genetics, and bioinformatics (East Brunswick, Edison)
* ESTEEMS (Establishing Excellence in Education for Mathematics and Science): Professional development, content knowledge assessment, on-site classroom visitations, and coaching for teachers in algebra and earth science (Edison, Metuchen)
* Rutgers Science Explorer Bus: Interactive science lessons and demonstrations for middle school and junior high school students in a 40-foot, state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile laboratory staffed by Rutgers scientists (East Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen)
* Videoconferencing in Education: Enables students to go beyond the walls of their classrooms to explore the wealth of information in our global community (Edison)
* Center for Mathematics, Science, and Computer Education: Professional teacher development contributing to excellence in mathematics, science, and the integration of technology across the curriculum (East Brunswick, Edison, Metuchen, South Plainfield, South River, Spotswood)

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As part of a 7-year grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, students in the Woodbridge Township School District are participating in SUC2ES2, a cross-curricular program in which they learn about the relationship between human health and exposure to chemical and physical agents. The program's curriculum includes units on health, language arts, math, and science. The project, which is a collaboration between the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the state Department of Education, Rutgers’ Robert B. Davis Institute for Learning, the Rutgers Graduate School of Education, and the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, is designed to enhance students' comprehension of and interest in environmental health sciences. The program aims to improve student academic performance and life skills through the use of integrative curriculum units for children in grades 2, 5, and 7. The program's goals are to develop a collaborative model using environmental health themes and to better prepare students to become responsible and successful members of society.

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The Elizabeth-Port Authority and Port Newark operate as one fully integrated marine terminal, forming the largest and most comprehensive collection of maritime cargo handling facilities on the east coast of North America. Consequently, port safety, security, and efficiency are of vital concern to port-area districts. That’s why researchers from the Rutgers School of Business–Camden, Rutgers’ School of Engineering, and Rutgers’ Center for Advanced Infrastructure and Transportation will spend the next three years studying ways to improve port productivity and competitiveness.

The project, Partnership to Maximize Port Industry Performance, connects Rutgers researchers with representatives from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the shipping industry, terminal operators, state and local highway agencies, and freight and technology companies. Funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the research team will work toward developing a collaborative forum that will allow for tracking and analyzing information across complex systems with the goal of improving cooperation between the various agencies.

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Rutgers People in District 20

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| 809   | Undergraduate and Graduate Students |
| 47    | Continuing Ed Students Enrolled Locally |
| 149   | Faculty/Staff |
| 4,128 | Total |

Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 20

- **NJ Small Business Development Centers Regional Office**: Low-cost and no-cost consulting, training, and networking services for small business (Union)
- **Latina Healthy Heart Program for Senior Citizens**: “Healthy heart” classes for seniors at two sites, including recipes and food demonstrations (Elizabeth)
- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Elizabeth)
- **Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program**: Behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents (Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Roselle, Union)
- **Senior Nutrition Program**: Serving nutritious meals to senior clients at community sites (Elizabeth, Kenilworth, Roselle, Union)
- **Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County**: Rutgers Cooperative Extension supplies guidance on landscaping revitalization (Elizabeth)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 20

- **Union County 4-H Summer Science Program**: For seven weeks each summer, 4-H enriches the summer vacations of approximately 500 low-income children, ages 6 to 12, by providing science teachers to summer day camps (Elizabeth)
- **Center for Effective School Practices**: Research-based classroom innovations to improve pre-K through 12th grade learning (Elizabeth)
- **NJ Math Science Partnership**: Improving student achievement in math and science (Roselle, Union)
Did You Know?

Through Rutgers’ Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, New Jerseyans over the age of 50 can register for continuing education courses taught by active and retired instructors from area colleges and high schools. There are no grades or tests, and a college degree is not required to enroll in any of the low-cost, noncredit courses and seminars. Topics range from history, sociology, languages, and African-American studies to science, literature, opera, art, film studies, and jazz. In 2007, through a grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation, Rutgers will expand this popular program, already available at two other locations in the state, and begin offering classes in Westfield. Rutgers’ Division of Continuous Education and Outreach supports the institute, which offers 63 courses at three locations to help state residents attain their lifelong education goals.

Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 21

- Highlands Regional Information System (HiRIS): Comprehensive website containing data on conservation, population growth, land-cover changes, buildout scenarios, and more (Harding)
- Transit Village Initiative: Collaborative state, community, and Rutgers effort to revitalize New Jersey’s downtowns (Cranford)
- Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program: Behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents (Cranford, Roselle Park, Springfield)
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension: A “classroom without walls” bringing university research to people in their communities, from 4-H youth programs to teaching good nutrition (Westfield)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 21

- NJ Civic Education Consortium: Sponsored by Rutgers’ Eagleton Institute of Politics, the program aims to increase voter turnout and engagement in civic life (Cranford, Millburn, Springfield, Watchung, Westfield)
- Rutgers Science Explorer Bus: Interactive science lessons and demonstrations for middle school and junior high students in a 40-foot, state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile laboratory staffed by Rutgers scientists (Cranford)
- Waksman Student Scholars Program: Yearlong program in molecular biology, genetics, and bioinformatics (Watchung)
- NJ Center for Character Education: Support for educators who teach core ethical values to develop children’s social, emotional, and moral functioning (Cranford)
Did You Know?
The National Center for Neighborhood and Brownfields Redevelopment, part of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, is an active partner in Plainfield's West End revitalization program. The center brought residents, faith-based organizations, and the city of Plainfield together to focus on the neighborhood revitalization needs of a 44-block area. The center organized and conducted community visioning sessions that defined and prioritized needs, helped residents to combine data and vision priorities into a written action plan, and sponsored meetings to educate the community and its evolving leadership on organizational and funding issues associated with implementing those plans.

Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 22
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program: Helping limited-resource families make healthy nutrition choices when buying, cooking, and storing food (Middlesex)
- Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program: Behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents (Clark, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway, Scotch Plains)
- Watershed Management: Rutgers Cooperative Extension assists with a wetlands park installation (Rahway)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 22
- NJ Statewide Systemic Initiative Implementation Grant: Standards-based curriculum, instructional practice, and assessments, including team learning, hands-on explorations, discussions, scientific experiments, and problem solving (Dunellen)
- Douglass Autism Outreach: Training in applied behavior analysis for educators of children with autism spectrum disorders (Green Brook, Linden)
- Rutgers Science Explorer Bus: Interactive science lessons and demonstrations for middle school and junior high students in a 40-foot, state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile laboratory staffed by Rutgers scientists (Plainfield)
- ESTEEMS – Establishing Excellence in Education for Mathematics and Science: Professional development for teachers, content knowledge assessment, on-site classroom visitations, and coaching in algebra and earth science (Plainfield)
- Videoconferencing in Education: Enables students to go beyond the walls of their classrooms to explore the wealth of information in our global community (Linden, Plainfield)

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Did You Know?
The MBA Team Consulting Program at Rutgers Business School—Newark and New Brunswick brings the knowledge and experience of MBA students to bear on challenges identified by clients. The win-win program enables students to integrate and apply their classroom learning while clients receive insightful analysis and valuable recommendations. The rural Warren County community of Belvidere was in need of just that kind of service when the town’s economic development committee began seeking ways to attract new businesses to the downtown. The MBA team helped Belvidere to identify what kinds of businesses would prosper and made recommendations on incentives for prospective businesses.

Rutgers People in District 23

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 23

- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current (Hackettstown, Oxford, Readington, Washington Township)
- **NJ Small Business Development Centers Regional Office**: Low-cost and no-cost services for small business (Washington Township)
- **Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program**: Behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents (Annandale, Belvidere, Blairstown, Flemington, Glen Gardner, Hackettstown, Phillipsburg, Port Murray, Washington Township, Whitehouse Station)
- **Rutgers Cooperative Extension**: Science-based information and outreach in such areas as 4-H youth development, food and nutrition, and more (Belvidere)
- **Rutgers NJ Weather and Climate Network Stations**: Office of the NJ State Climatologist at Rutgers supplies real-time weather information (Franklin Township, Greenwich Township, Hackettstown, Hope, Kingwood, Oxford)
- **Snyder Research and Extension Farm Great Tomato Tasting**: Public samples nearly 85 varieties of New Jersey’s best plum, paste, cherry, and large slicing tomatoes (Pittstown)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 23

- **Douglass Autism Outreach**: Training in applied behavior analysis for educators of children with autism spectrum disorders (Greenwich)
- **Center for Effective School Practices**: Research-based classroom innovations to improve pre-K through 12th grade learning (Phillipsburg)
- **NJ Math Science Partnership**: Helps districts plan strategically for improving their mathematics and science education from pre-K through 12th grade (Phillipsburg)

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For more than 55 years, Rutgers Cooperative Extension has run the Lindley G. Cook 4-H Youth Center in Branchville. The center offers year-round programming to NJ youngsters and adults, including a summer residential camp, team building training, and more. Each summer, the camp enrolls more than 600 NJ children, many of whom are also 4-H club members. Its facilities are available for use by external groups ranging from 4-H teen councils and clubs to scouting troops, environmental education groups, and even family reunions. Situated on 108 acres in the heart of Stokes State Forest, the center has a lake, trails, fully equipped summer camp facilities, and a winter headquarters. The facility is fully winterized and heated for winter use.

Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 24
- Continuing and Professional Education Courses: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Andover, Branchville, Newton, Vernon)
- Rutgers Cooperative Extension: Science-based information and outreach in such areas as food and nutrition, family and consumer finances and sciences, gardening, and 4-H youth development (Newton)
- Rutgers NJ Weather and Climate Network Stations: Networked weather stations operated by the Office of the NJ State Climatologist at Rutgers, supplying real-time weather information to residents and officials to enhance safety and security (Montague, Netcong, Walpack, Wantage)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 24
- Douglass Autism Outreach: Training in applied behavior analysis for educators of children with autism spectrum disorders (Byram, Hopatcong)
- Center for Mathematics, Science, and Computer Education: Professional teacher development contributing to excellence in mathematics, science, and the integration of technology across the curriculum (Califon, Chester, Hamburg, Hopatcong, Lafayette, Mount Olive, Newton, Sparta, Stanhope, Sussex, Tewksbury, Wantage)
Did You Know?
Rutgers’ Grant F. Walton Center for Remote Sensing and Spatial Analysis has developed the Highlands Regional Information System (HiRIS), an interactive website of geographic information to help citizens and governments make the best land-use decisions for their communities in the Highlands region. The system features such information as conservation values, population growth, 1972–2000 land-cover changes, and buildout scenarios from the USDA Forest Service. No specialized geographic information system software or training is required to access the data. District 25 communities in the database include Boonton, Denville, Dover, Jefferson, Mendham, Mine Hill, Morris, Morristown, Mount Arlington, Mountain Lakes, Randolph, Rockaway Borough, Rockaway Township, Roxbury, Victory Gardens, and Wharton.

Morris County has the largest Highlands land area of the 12 counties identified in the New York–New Jersey Highlands Regional Assessment Update, with 32 of the county’s 39 municipalities falling within the study boundary, comprising 20 percent of its 1.4 million acres.

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Did You Know?
The Pequannock watershed provides critical water supplies to more than 500,000 NJ residents and serves as a refuge for sensitive wildlife, including otters, eagles, bears, and bobcats. But it is also at the forefront of suburban sprawl. The Pequannock River Coalition works to preserve the river as a natural, recreational, aesthetic, and water supply resource. The Rutgers Environmental Law Clinic, which has been the sole public interest law firm for New Jersey’s environmental community since 1985, provides the coalition with ongoing advice and counsel, through trial and appellate litigation, administrative advocacy, and policy development. Recently, for example, on behalf of the coalition, the clinic appealed a stream encroachment permit issued by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for a parking lot attached to a proposed park and ride facility that would have discharged hot, polluted stormwater into the river. In a negotiated settlement, NJDOT agreed to redesign the stormwater drainage basin and plant trees to reduce pollution and the temperature of the discharge.

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 26

- **Pharmaceutical Industry Fellowship Program**: Attracts top post-doctoral talent from around the nation to New Jersey’s leading pharmaceutical corporations (East Hanover, Montville, Morris Plains)
- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current (Chatham, East Hanover)
- **Rutgers Cooperative Extension**: Youth development through such clubs as the 4-H Nature Lover’s Club, focusing on animals and photography (West Milford)
- **Rutgers NJ Weather and Climate Network Stations**: Weather station network operated by the Office of the NJ State Climatologist at Rutgers, supplying real-time weather information (Chatham, Parsippany, West Milford)
- **Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 26**
  - **Douglass Autism Outreach**: Training in applied behavioral analysis for educators of children with autism spectrum disorders (Butler)
  - **D’Arts Distance Learning in the Arts**: Live, interactive art and theater classes through videoconferencing (Pompton Lakes)
  - **Rutgers Science Explorer Bus**: Interactive science lessons and demonstrations for middle school and junior high students in a 40-foot, state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile laboratory staffed by Rutgers scientists (Parsippany, Whippany)
  - **Center for Mathematics, Science, and Computer Education**: Professional teacher development contributing to excellence in mathematics, science, and the integration of technology across the curriculum (Butler, East Hanover, Florham Park, Kinnelon, Lincoln Park, Morris Plains, Parsippany, Pequannock, Riverdale, West Milford)

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Did You Know?
The Greater Newark region—Newark, East Orange, Irvington, and Orange—is rich in health facilities and services, capable of providing care and treatment equal to the best in the world. However, current data show that residents of these four municipalities suffer from poor health status compared to residents in other areas of the county and state. The Greater Newark Health Systems Survey, a project of the Rutgers–Newark Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, explores the causes for that inconsistency. In Phase I, the research team conducted surveys and focus groups with health care consumers from the four municipalities, inventoried existing health care facilities, and developed a literature review. In Phase II, the research will focus on the perspectives of health care providers, hospitals including administrators, directors of federally qualified health centers, and health departments. A diverse advisory panel of community and business leaders, elected and appointed officials, health experts, medical practitioners, and consumers guides the project.

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The Rutgers–Newark Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies is currently conducting a process and implementation evaluation for the federally sponsored St. Matthews Neighborhood Improvement Development Association (NIDA). The program aims to improve the economic self-sufficiency of residents by teaching the basics of entrepreneurship, information technology, and work readiness by involving participants in a Handyman Matters franchise. The franchise, which provides customers with handyman services, has a low-cost buy in. The goal of the program is to create employment and business ownership opportunities for low-income people. The initiative serves Essex and parts of Union County and is funded by the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, a federal program.

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 28

- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Bloomfield, Newark)
- **Keys to Achieving Resilient Transitions (KART)**: Provides training, funding, and support to group homes, residential treatment facilities, and community-based service providers for children on the brink of aging out of foster care (Irvington)
- **Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program**: Behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents (Newark)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 28

- **Abbott Leadership Institute**: Parents, community leaders, and educators partner to build stronger schools (Newark)
- **Center for Mathematics, Science, and Computer Education**: Professional teacher development contributing to excellence in mathematics, science, and the integration of technology across the curriculum (Belleville, Bloomfield, Irvington)
- **School Nurse Experience**: Junior-year nursing students spend pediatric rotation time with school nurses (Newark)
- **Rutgers Science Explorer Bus**: Interactive science lessons and demonstrations for middle school and junior high students in a 40-foot, state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile laboratory staffed by Rutgers scientists (Newark)
- **Honors College Tutoring Program**: Rutgers–Newark Honors College students tutor Thirteenth Avenue Elementary School students, helping to raise test scores and increase motivation (Newark)
- **Videoconferencing in Education**: Enables students to go beyond the walls of their classrooms to explore the wealth of information in our global community (Irvington, Newark)

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Rutgers In Your District

District 29

Senator Sharpe James  (D)
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Assemblyman William D. Payne  (D)

Rutgers People in District 29

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 29

The following is a small sampling of Rutgers activities in District 29, which is home to Rutgers’ Newark Campus.

• The Rutgers–Newark Campus marked its 60th anniversary with the September 2006 openings of the $51-million, 13-story University Square, a residence hall for 600 students, and the $18-million, six-story Life Sciences Center.

• Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies: Tackles issues such as the impact of low-density, affordable housing and the need for better health care.

• Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program: Offers behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents in Hillside and Newark.

• NJ Small Business Development Centers: Headquarters for the state network of Rutgers-administered agencies offering affordable services for small business.

• Rutgers’ School of Law–Newark Legal Clinics: Eight centers offering no-cost or low-cost legal services in child advocacy, urban law, and more.

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 29

(In the Newark School District)

• Abbott Leadership Institute: Parents, community leaders, and educators partner to build stronger schools.

• Future Business Computer Institute: A two-week summer program provides hands-on curriculum to help students develop new and advanced technological computer skills.

• Student Ambassadors Outreach Program: High-achieving students serve as role models in Newark schools.

• MetroMath: Helping urban students succeed in math.

• Center for Information Management, Integration and Connectivity: Innovative science and technology summer camp for middle and high school students.

Did You Know?

Every spring, members of all four of the accounting clubs of Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick (the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting, the National Asian-American Society of Accountants, the National Association of Black Accountants, and the Rutgers Accounting Society) participate in the Internal Revenue Service’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Volunteers, who receive training from the IRS to help prepare basic tax returns, staff tax preparation clinics held in senior centers, libraries, schools, and shopping malls. The program helps low-income and elderly residents all over the city of Newark and surrounding communities to prepare their tax returns.

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Established as a partnership with the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Rutgers EcoComplex field station focuses on solid waste management, renewable energy, and water quality under the Rutgers NJ Agricultural Experiment Station’s Economic Development Program. The complex features a 56,000-square-foot state-of-the-art greenhouse facility used to showcase energy and water conservation technologies, grow production-style vegetable crops year-round, and serve as an incubator for horticultural-related businesses. The EcoComplex also serves the surrounding community, hosting meetings and training seminars for local governments, and science fairs for area elementary schools. Approximately 200 local school children tour the facility each year to learn about recycling, renewable energy, and water resources. Additionally, the center works closely with the Juvenile Justice Commission to host an annual flower show and international festival for at-risk youth.

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Did You Know?
The Master of Human Resource Management (MHRM) at Rutgers is internationally renowned for its research and teaching in the areas of strategic human resource management, global employment strategies, new approaches to worker involvement, and the transformation of work. Human resource leaders can advance their education and skills while continuing their careers. Rutgers’ School of Management and Labor Relations, which has worked with corporations all over the state to give workers in the human resource management field access to the MHRM program, now offers MHRM degree classes taught in Jersey City. Students can pursue a degree or certificate while continuing to work, either full or part time. Additionally, students have access to opportunities for internships and employment with the many Fortune 100 and 500 companies in the immediate area.

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Did You Know?
The central business district of Kearny, a small town sometimes dwarfed by the shadows of nearby Newark and New York, needed ways to compete with nearby malls, big box stores, and strip shopping centers. The Rutgers University Technical Assistance Program (RUTAP) identified Kearny as a community within an existing Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) that was not capitalizing on the advantages that program offers. RUTAP, which helps nonprofit groups, community-based organizations, and government agencies develop plans to achieve their economic goals, surveyed customers and owners of Kearny businesses, interviewed stakeholders, and, based on survey and interview results, helped Kearny businesses take full advantage of the state’s Urban Enterprise program. Kearny’s UEZ is unique because it encompasses both retail and industrial sales sectors. The success of the zone resulted in the inclusion of additional acres into Kearny’s Urban Enterprise Zone to further stimulate commercial development. The expanded zone offers business-to-business product suppliers a primary hub for relocation and for locating sales operations.

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Rutgers Programs, Initiatives, and Facilities in District 33

- **NJ Small Business Development Centers Regional Office**: Low-cost and no-cost consulting, training, and networking services for small business (Jersey City)

- **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program**: Helping limited-resource families make healthy nutrition choices when buying, cooking, and storing food (Guttenberg, Hoboken, Jersey City, Union City, Weehawken, West New York)

- **Continuing and Professional Education Courses**: Keeping the state’s workforce current and offering citizens opportunity for professional advancement (Hoboken, Jersey City, Union City)

- **Rutgers Cooperative Extension**: A “classroom without walls” bringing university research to people in their communities, from 4-H youth programs to teaching good nutrition, and more (Jersey City)

Rutgers-K–12 Partnerships in District 33

- **Rutgers’ School of Engineering Junior Science Symposium**: High school students present original research in the sciences and compete for scholarship awards (Jersey City, Union City)

- **NJ Math Science Partnership**: Helps districts plan strategically for improving their mathematics and science education from prekindergarten through 12th grade (Union City)

- **Rutgers Science Explorer Bus**: Interactive science lessons and demonstrations for middle school and junior high school students in a 40-foot, state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile laboratory staffed by Rutgers scientists (Union City)

- **Center for Mathematics, Science, and Computer Education**: Professional teacher development contributing to excellence in mathematics, science, and the integration of technology across the curriculum (Hoboken, Union City, Weehawken, West New York)

Did You Know?

Rutgers’ Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center (VTC) has completed a development impact study of the 3-year-old Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Transit System for NJ Transit. Use of the line has grown by almost 50 percent since its inception and the VTC study highlights the additional, positive impact the system has had on the region. The study found that large quantities of underutilized land along the rail line, including the Essex Street–Jersey Avenue Station corridor and the 9th Street Station in Hoboken, are being reclaimed for productive use. Nearly 4,500 units of housing within walking distance to these stations have been built or are under construction, with many more units approved. The study also found that property values and ratables have grown significantly. And, as the landscape becomes more attractive, more businesses and institutions locate in the communities, creating more job opportunities and offering more services to residents. Riders now have a viable mass transit option to reduce commuting time and use of automobiles, while access to shopping, recreation, and entertainment venues have greatly expanded.

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For children aging out of the foster care and welfare systems, prospects can seem very limited. **Keys to Achieving Resilient Transitions (KART),** a program of Rutgers’ **Center for Children and Families** and the New Jersey Department of Human Services, helps ease the transition. In District 34, children participate in the program at the **Isaiah House in East Orange.** KART provides training, program facilitation, funding, and support to Division of Children and Families (DCF) funded group homes, residential treatment facilities, independent living programs, and community-based service providers. Each year, for a period of eight to 16 weeks, 100 youth attend weekly group sessions that focus on topics such as conflict resolution, self-image, goal setting, and substance abuse prevention.

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Did You Know?
Paterson, with its rich history as the nation’s first planned industrial city, was once home to a multitude of industries, including textile, firearms, silk, and railroad locomotive manufacturing, all powered by the 77-foot-high Great Falls of the Passaic. Although these industries contributed to the city’s prosperity during the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries, they left a legacy of industrial pollution that remains even now. The city has filed an application to become a brownfield development area with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Students in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences’ landscape architecture program addressed possible adaptive reuses of Paterson’s brownfield sites within the wider context of urban renewal. Six student teams each created a master plan that addressed aspects of residential and commercial use, recreation, and historic preservation, as well as sustainability and smart growth. The student work, including models and drawings, will be exhibited at the Paterson Museum this spring.

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Did You Know?
Rutgers’ Center for Information Management, Integration and Connectivity is currently developing a mobile environmental guide for the Meadowlands region that will allow visitors to the area to take an environmental tour using the internet and handheld devices. As visitors move around with cell phones or PDAs, historical and current information appropriate to their specific location will be delivered to them. It will be possible to customize programming according to user preferences. A bird-watcher, for instance, may only be interested in bird types and their habitats, while a planner would be more interested in historical land-use data. The information may include audio, images, maps, textual narratives, and multimedia elements. Researchers and engineers in the field will have access to background information for any location in the area. Bird-watchers and tourists may roam around freely with wildlife information and maps readily available to them. Even users not physically present will have computer access to the area by simply entering coordinates or clicking on a location.

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The Teaneck Creek wetlands, located at the junction of the NJ Turnpike and interstate Route 80, are part of the Bergen County Overpeck Park system, which also includes portions of Leonia, Palisades Park, and Ridgefield Park. A unique partnership to restore disturbed urban wetlands within the site has been formed among the nonprofit Teaneck Creek Conservancy, Rutgers’ Environmental Research Clinic, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Bergen County Parks Department, and TRC Omni Environmental Corporation. Rutgers’scientific data will be used as a basis for the restoration design. Rutgers scientists will monitor before, during, and after restoration activities, which will result in the creation of additional freshwater wetlands. The goal is to study the site for an extended period of time and to collect information that will be helpful in understanding how to restore urban wetland ecosystems successfully.

The Rutgers team includes atmospheric, hydrologic, and soil scientists. Volunteers working at the Teaneck Creek Conservancy include Rutgers-trained Master Gardeners.

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Rutgers’ Environmental Research Clinic (RERC) is engaged in four interdisciplinary studies in the Hackensack Meadowlands District. The first is a characterization of contaminants (historic and current) that are affecting the freshwater Kearny Marsh system, which has been designated by the NJ Audubon Society as one of the best freshwater bird habitats in the state. The second study is to determine the benefits and drawbacks of establishing a regional utility to manage stormwater in an effort to alleviate flooding in the Hackensack Meadowlands. In the third study, RERC is engineering a treatment plan to recover usable “gray water” from landfill leachate generated by the Meadowlands landfills. This water will become the irrigation source for public golf courses planned for closed landfill sites. Rutgers plant biotechnology faculty are developing turfgrass species that can use this recovered water as an irrigation source. A fourth study to begin this spring will determine whether oyster larvae are currently present in the Hackensack River and if adult oysters can survive for up to a year in various locations of the river.

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The Bergen County Master Gardeners are dedicated volunteers, trained by Rutgers Cooperative Extension, who work throughout the county’s parks and municipalities. They operate a garden helpline April through October, giving valuable advice to homeowners on how to solve garden and landscape problems and how to apply integrated pest management tactics to minimize the use of pesticides. Bergen County Master Gardeners also deliver horticultural therapy programs to hospitals, nursing homes, mental health facilities, and schools. Regular volunteer sites for Bergen’s Master Gardeners include Bergen County Health Center, Flat Rock Brook Environmental Center, Hackensack River Greenway, The Hermitage, McFaul Environmental Center, New Bridge Landing, Van Dyke Manor, and Wortendyke Barn. The Master Gardeners Class of 2006 planted 250 silky dogwoods to stabilize the stream bed at Saddle River County Park last Earth Day.

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In 2004, the state passed the **Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act.** To support the bill’s mission, the Highlands Environmental Research Institute (HEnRI), a collaboration between the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and Rutgers–Newark, was established to **serve as a clearinghouse for environmental research.** The institute disseminates knowledge and promotes its application in **conserve the natural resources of the Highlands region** and provides informational and technical assistance to private landowners, citizens groups, and government agencies. As part of a 3-year project supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the New York–New Jersey Trail Conference and Rutgers will train “citizen scientists” to identify common invasive plant species in Ramapo State Park, a part of the Highlands preservation area, and track occurrences using GPS units. The aim is **to better understand the spread of invasive plants in forested parklands** that have high conservation value and high levels of public use.

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**Rutgers In Your District**

**District 40**

Senator Henry P. McNamara (R)
Assemblyman Kevin J. O’Toole (R)
Assemblyman David C. Russo (R)

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- **NJ Small Business Development Centers Regional Office:** Low-cost and no-cost consulting, training, and networking services for small business (Wayne)
- **MBA Team Consulting Program:** MBA students develop affordable business, marketing, and benchmarking plans to overcome challenges and problems identified by client companies (Franklin Lakes)
- **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program:** Helping limited-resource families make healthy nutrition choices when buying, cooking, and storing food (Little Falls, Mahwah, Ringwood, Wayne)
- **Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program:** Behaviorally focused nutrition classes for food stamp-eligible residents (Ringwood, Wayne)
- **Rutgers Cooperative Extension:** 4-H youth clubs including Curious Critters (Wyckoff), I See for You Seeing Eye Dog Club (Wayne), Mahwah Community Club, Preakness Aggies Community Service (Wayne), and others
- **Rutgers NJ Weather and Climate Network Station:** One of 40 weather stations operated by the Office of the NJ State Climatologist at Rutgers, supplying real-time weather information to residents and officials to enhance safety and security (Wayne)

**Rutgers-K-12 Partnerships in District 40**

- **NJ Civic Education Consortium:** Sponsored by Rutgers’ Eagleton Institute of Politics, the program aims to increase voter turnout and engagement in civic life (Wayne)
- **Center for Mathematics, Science, and Computer Education:** Professional teacher development contributing to excellence in mathematics, science, and the integration of technology across the curriculum (Franklin Lakes, Little Falls, Mahwah, Midland Park, Ringwood, Wanaque, Wayne)

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