Greetings from Camden County College!

I am pleased to share with you many of the developments that have taken place at the College since my last newsletter.

The most exciting advancement has been the growth of the College’s partnership with Rutgers University. A newly signed agreement enables each admitted CCC student’s acceptance to Rutgers-Camden upon completion of their associate in arts, associate in fine arts or associate in science degree from CCC and the fulfillment of applicable requirements. CCC students will have the option to complete their baccalaureate degree either on a Rutgers campus or on our Blackwood Campus and to do so seamlessly thanks to the “Rutgers University at Camden County College” partnership.

Students who want to “start here and stay here” at CCC while earning their Rutgers degree may work toward a bachelor of arts degree in business administration, psychology or liberal studies from Rutgers-Camden on CCC’s Blackwood Campus. All three of these programs are taught by Rutgers faculty.

To support students who are enrolled in these programs or interested in entering them, a Rutgers–Camden academic advisor maintains an office on the Blackwood Campus. Further cooperation between CCC and Rutgers–Camden has resulted in a housing agreement for international students attending CCC to live in a Rutgers–Camden residence hall.

The Rutgers University at Camden County College partnership also allows CCC students to pursue a bachelor of science degree in nursing with the Rutgers College of Nursing, Newark and New Brunswick, on the Blackwood Campus. And beginning in Spring 2015, the Rutgers School of Business, Camden, will offer its master of business administration program at the College’s William G. Rohrer Center in Cherry Hill.

Furthermore, any freshman applicant who is denied admission to Rutgers-Camden will receive an admission letter conditionally accepting them into Rutgers-Camden once they enroll at Camden County College. This conditional acceptance doesn’t just apply to students from Camden County. It also covers all seven of the other South Jersey counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean and Salem. Upon earning an associate degree from CCC, these students will be able to enter Rutgers-Camden.

Rutgers–Camden Partnership allows students to earn a BA on the Blackwood Campus.
In addition to these Rutgers opportunities, a pair of six-ton mobile training laboratories have found a home at the College. Assisting those served by the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Labor and Workforce Development, each of these labs-on-wheels is equipped with a mobile generator, nearly 400 square feet of classroom space and computers and other equipment to train students interested in the manufacturing field. These specialized units are available to deliver training programs throughout the state and provide New Jersey residents with instruction in the skills needed to find employment in the highly technical computerized machinery industry.

In other workforce news, CCC continues to offer free basic skills training to businesses and employees throughout New Jersey. These courses are available thanks to funding from the state and the New Jersey Business and Industry Association Basic Skills Workforce Training Program. Subjects range from computer skills such as understanding the Microsoft Office platforms to workplace Spanish to increasing an employee’s level of customer service. These sessions offer flexible schedules and are held either on-site at a business or on a CCC campus.

Further bolstering of the job market is under way with the College’s “Career-Ready in 12 Months or Less” campaign, which features all of our job-preparation programs that may be completed in just four months to one year. With more than 25 short-term career programs to choose from, CCC is ready to assist those looking to finish their schooling fast and get into a job.

According to the state’s Department of Labor, in June 2014 New Jersey private-sector jobs grew by 9,600, with manufacturing, hospitality and health services posting some of the most sizable gains. The “Career-Ready in 12 Months or Less” menu offers options in each of these fields as well as in other areas, such as automotive technology, computer and information technology, construction technology (including carpentry, electrical and HVAC), cosmetology, healthcare and wastewater treatment.

Helping us assist a particular sector of students as they prepare to enter or re-enter the workforce is our recent designation as a 2015 Military Friendly® School. Veterans looking to attend CCC should visit our Veterans Services Office on the Blackwood Campus to meet with an advisor, register for classes and receive assistance with their military educational benefit applications and certifications.

Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to mention that the College also has been delighted to recognize the impressive achievements of its alumni in recent months. The 2014 Outstanding Alumnus Award was presented to Walt MacDonald, president and chief executive officer of Educational Testing Service, which created and administers the SAT, GRE and other exams worldwide. The 2014 Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award was given to Eileen Radetich, an English Department professor who graduated from CCC as an adult student and went on to earn degrees from Rutgers University–Camden and the University of Pennsylvania and become a stellar CCC instructor.

Those are just a few of the high points from the last year, and I look forward to sharing more things in future editions of my Presidential Report. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments about this newsletter or any other aspect of Camden County College. I can be reached via email at ryannuzzi@camdencc.edu.