2016 is promising to be an exciting year for the issue of affordability in higher education. As chairperson of the New Jersey College Affordability Study Commission, this is an issue that is close to my heart, and one which has driven the decisions we make at Rowan College at Gloucester County throughout our history. We know it is an issue at the forefront of your minds, as well.

Reversing the trend of the rising costs of higher education is being discussed on every level, from the New Jersey Senate and Assembly to your very own living rooms. Education has become more necessary, and more expensive, than ever before. The call is out for cutting-edge approaches to higher education that prepare students for the workforce, without saddling them with debt that could follow for decades.

Here at RCGC, we are proud to be an institution with a dual focus on quality education and affordability. We offer more than 70 programs of study at some of the lowest per-credit costs in the state. Our premier partnership with Rowan University, innovative programs like Rowan Choice and seamless transfer options with many other colleges and universities are extending that value to those of our students seeking to transfer and complete a four-year degree.

This year, we are pleased to be introducing new scholarship opportunities and program options that make earning a degree more flexible and affordable than ever. The newest scholarship, the Gloucester County Internship Scholarship Program, will provide 20 incoming high school graduates with up to two free academic years, along with invaluable work experience in their fields of study. RCGC's partnership with Rowan University will continue to expand with the upcoming “3+1” Option. This option will allow students to complete their first three years of study on RCGC's campus and their senior year at Rowan University reducing the cost of a bachelor's degree to approximately $26,500. Going forward, we will also be expanding our high school dual enrollment program.

In this issue, you will read about change and growth. What you will not see changing is RCGC's commitment to provide every student — current high school students, recent high school graduates and non-traditional students alike — with an education that supports their goals, their schedule and their budget.

Frederick Keating, Ed.D.
When it comes to being able to afford a college education these days the news usually is not all that good, but for 20 Gloucester County high school seniors an unbelievable opportunity awaits beginning this September.

Thanks to a new Gloucester County Internship Scholarship Program funded by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, recipients will receive free tuition and fees their freshman year followed by the opportunity of a free second year for students meeting the required criteria. What makes this scholarship award even more unique is that it is linked to field-specific work experience. Students not only have the potential to receive their freshman and sophomore college years at no cost but to also gain valuable experience as interns working for the county.

“The College and the County are working closely together, committed to making a quality education affordable to the residents of Gloucester County,” stated Dr. Frederick Keating, president of Rowan College at Gloucester County. “This new scholarship provides each of the 20 recipients with approximately $10,000 in tuition savings as well as career training, which will certainly be a bonus on their resumes.”

“The Board of Freeholders created this internship scholarship program to help reduce student debt,” said Freeholder Director Robert M. Damminger. “Students taking advantage of this program can get a four-year degree at half of the cost for the same education, plus they will garner hands-on experience.”

To be eligible for the Gloucester County Internship Scholarship Program, high school seniors must:

- Rank in the top 20 percent of their graduating class
- Enroll at RCGC for the upcoming fall semester in a full-time course of study
- Take a minimum of 30 credits each academic year
- Be a permanent resident of Gloucester County (also a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and legal New Jersey resident for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to high school graduation)

Students interested in applying for the scholarship need to submit an essay for consideration into the program. RCGC staff will select recipients based on the essays, interviews, majors of study and the eight available internship fields, which include:

- economic/finance
- engineering
- library
- marketing
- nursing
- parks and recreation
- social services
- technology

During the fall and spring semesters, students will be required to commit five-hours per week to the county internship and 20 hours a week in the summer. Students who maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher and fulfill the required internship hours are eligible for scholarship renewal the second year.

For more information: Email: cap@rcgc.edu or call: 856-464-5229. Students must apply for admission to RCGC by June 1 and meet all eligibility requirements.
## Bachelor Degree Options & Savings

### Cost Comparison for 4 Years

#### 3+1
Unique in New Jersey, this “3+1” program enables students to complete three years of coursework at RCGC and one year at Rowan University to earn a bachelor’s degree.

Selected Majors Only — Nursing, Law and Justice, Psychology, Liberal Studies and Communications (Radio/TV/Film)

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(Tuition & fees, room & board)

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Prices are based on estimated in-county tuition and fee costs for four years at 30 credits per year. Some programs may only be available for selected majors. Programs and costs are subject to change.

RCGC.edu/RowanConnection
As soon as I came to Rowan, I loved how it made me feel at home. I am so thankful that my high school guidance counselor introduced me to Rowan Choice. This program allows me to have an on-campus college experience at an affordable price. I am essentially a dual citizen at Rowan and RCGC.

Another reason why I chose Rowan was that it has two great programs that I want to study: law and justice and business. My career aspiration is to be a lawyer. I believe in protecting those who can't defend themselves and upholding the law. I would love to open my own firm someday.

I decided to double major in law and justice and business after taking electives in high school and researching possible career paths. I don't want to limit myself. I also chose to minor in psychology.

I was inspired by my psychology professor who took the time to explain how people think, behave in certain situations and why it may occur. I believe that my double major and minor will make me a more dynamic person.

I am very focused on following my dreams and making them a reality. I think it's important to always believe in yourself. You should never give up if you face obstacles along the way. It is your job to overcome them and succeed.

Through applying to Rowan University, I stumbled upon the brand new Rowan Choice program. When my family and I learned about the program's tuition savings, it became a no brainer that I would do it. There is so much to do at Rowan. Everyone is so nice and welcoming. No one knows we're any different because we really aren't. We just pay less.

I have a lot of friends who are traditional Rowan students. Being a part of the program doesn't make my experience any different from that of my friends. I am still able to be involved in the same clubs and organizations. I am the manager of the men's basketball team. Of the three sports I played in high school — football, basketball and baseball — basketball was my favorite. I want to be a gym teacher at my alma mater Woodstown High School one day. I would also like to coach any sport I used to play, but if the opportunity to coach basketball came that would be awesome.
An all-new option for earning a four-year college degree for less than $30,000 will be available to incoming Rowan College at Gloucester County (RCGC) freshman students beginning in September.

RCGC and premier partner Rowan University have once again joined forces to create another cost-saving alternative to help students reduce college debt. Unique in New Jersey, the “3+1” program enables students to complete three years of coursework at RCGC and one year at Rowan University to earn a bachelor’s degree. Students pay tuition and fees for three years at the community college price, take their senior year at the university rate and graduate with a bachelor’s degree from Rowan University.

The “3+1” program follows Rowan’s course curriculum, with 300-level (junior year) classes taught by RCGC advanced-degree faculty. Future internships and co-op opportunities are also being developed to enhance work experience and career potential. Eligible programs include Law and Justice, Liberal Studies, Nursing, Psychology and Communications (Radio/Television/Film).

Transferability of 300-level courses is pending approval of the N.J. Secretary of Higher Education, the N.J. President’s Council and Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

For more information: RCGC.edu/3plus1
856-415-5230

Lights, Camera, Action
New for 2016: Radio, Television & Film

Students interested in a career in broadcast media and film will have a reason to smile this September when RCGC launches its new Radio, Television and Film (RTF) option. This program provides the foundation necessary for students planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree, offering elective credits that focus on the technical aspects of RTF as a specific field of study.

Curriculum electives include: The Television Industry, Film History and Appreciation, TV History and Appreciation and Applied Media Aesthetics.

A highly creative course of study, the RTF option explores communicating ideas through the use of electronic media. After successfully completing an associate degree, students will be able to follow a direct pathway to Rowan University’s RTF program, as well as to other four-year institutions. Careers in the RTF field include positions as recording producers, directors, camera operators, scriptwriters, recording engineers, as well as specialists in media production and planning in radio, television and cable companies.

For more information: RCGC.edu/LiberalArts
856-415-2137

Save-the-Date: RCGC Spring 2016 Open House
Tuesday, March 22
High school juniors and seniors, who are college bound but not yet college ready (based on standardized test scores) can boost their academic performance and save money this summer. RCGC’s “Summer Bridge” is a grant-funded program designed to improve reading, math and college readiness skills at no cost to eligible students selected to participate. Students will develop the knowledge necessary to enroll in college coursework. Summer Bridge starts Monday, June 27 and runs Monday through Thursday mornings for five weeks. Students must submit an RCGC High School Participation form to their high school guidance counselor then take the College’s Accuplacer placement test.

For more information: RCGC.edu/DesignYourFuture
856-468-5000, ext. 6475

Cultural & Heritage Commission

Upcoming Cultural and Arts Events

RCGC Dr. Ross Beitzel Art Gallery
Show runs March 11–April 22
Digital Drawings by Gay Garcia

Students Share Your Thoughts on Future Program Ideas
Thursday, April 14, 6–7:30 p.m. | Rowan College at Gloucester County
Refreshments served. Reservations required.

Making Theatre from the Dust in the Room
Saturday, April 16 | Interactive Workshop with New York playwright, Joe Salvatore
Original plays and performances created by members of your community exploring topics that are relevant and timely. All ages and levels of experience are welcome.
This is a free workshop but reservations are required.

Sketch Club Players: 2016 Productions
RCGC Fine Arts Center
sketchclubplayers.org for show listings

The Cultural & Heritage Commission at RCGC administers the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Local Arts Program on behalf of Gloucester County to emerging nonprofit arts organizations through a competitive application process. For more cultural events: RCGC.edu/cultural • 856-464-5214

GCC/RCGC Hall of Fame Seeking Nominations

Know of someone who is a GCC/RCGC alumnus that should be recognized in the College’s Hall of Fame? Visit RCGC.edu/foundation for qualification requirements and nomination form. Nominations need to be submitted by June 1 to nominate@rcgc.edu.
Summer and Fall Registration Dates

February:
29 Registration Summer 2016 for currently-enrolled students

March:
7 Open Registration Summer 2016
21 Registration Fall 2016 for currently-enrolled students (No PIN)
22 Spring Open House
NJ STARS Information session
Online Business Info. Session
28 Registration Fall 2016 for currently-enrolled students (With PIN)

May:
2 Open Registration Fall 2016
4 Summer Payment Deadline
23 First Day Summer Classes/ Late Registration Begins

June:
27 First Day June-Start Classes

July:
18 First Day July-Start Classes

August:
1 First Day August-Start Classes
3 Fall Payment Due Date

September:
6 All College Day
7 First Day Fall Classes/ Late Registration Begins

All In-Person Registration takes place in the lobby of the Student Services building
Photo ID Required

When registering for classes after the applicable payment date, payment is due at time of registration.
For payment due dates, please visit RCGC.edu/BusinessOffice

Get Started in Five Easy Steps:

1. Apply online or in person
   Visit RCGC.edu/future and click “Apply Now”

2. Schedule a placement test or qualify for test exemption
   Go to RCGC.edu/testing

3. View course listings and prerequisites
   RCGC.edu/courses (click course name to view prerequisites)

4. In-person registration during open registration in the lobby of the Student Services building
   (Photo ID Required) or by mail-in/fax registration

5. Pay your bill by the payment due date
   Visit RCGC.edu, log in to the Portal, click the “Academics” tab and go to “Account Summary by Term”

Register for Summer and Fall Classes

For the most up-to-date course offerings, visit RCGC.edu/courses