



Cumberland
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N.J. STARS & School Counts! Information Session

N.J. STARS

ACADEMIC INFORMATION



NJ S.T.A.R.S. Academic Requirements

- Students must maintain full time enrollment (12 college level credits)
- Students must complete all pre college courses within one year of high school graduation before they can start using stars scholarship
- These semesters will not count as one of the five semesters of eligibility



NJ S.T.A.R.S. Academic Requirements

- Students must maintain a minimum gpa of 3.0 while at CCC (but don't be happy with just B's).
- GPA is checked after your second semester
- Students that completed college credits while in high school will have those grades factored into their GPA
- Students must graduate with a minimum GPA of 3.25 to be eligible for Phase II



NJ S.T.A.R.S. Academic Requirements

- Students have 5 semesters of eligibility (this includes semesters where a student does not receive a scholarship award due to applying late or having their tuition paid by other aid sources)
- Students enrolled in Nursing or Engineering have a 6th non funded semester to graduate



NJ S.T.A.R.S. Academic Requirements

Please do not withdraw from any classes until you have met with me, or your division Academic Advisor because you may have financial and academic consequences...

Be responsible, adhere to deadlines, and seek us for any questions or concerns



GPA Calculation

- A....4.0
- A-...3.7
- B+...3.4
- B....3.0
- B-....2.7
- C+....2.4
- C.....2.0
- D.....1.0
- F.....0

Registration

- Early registration for Winter/Spring will begin on IRIS for students with 32 or more college credits completed on October 31, 2011
- Full Registration, both IRIS and in person, beginning November 7th, 2011
- Advisement Day is November 8th, 2011



Graduation

- Grad Petitions are available now
- Go to cccnj.edu, Current student, Graduation Information
- Deadline October 18th-Fall graduates
March 5th Spring/Summer 12 graduates



School Counts!

Program Requirements



CCC Student Criteria 2011-2012

- *School Counts!* will cover **tuition** for up to **15 college level credits** each semester (Fall and Spring) for two consecutive years (60 credit limit). **The scholarship does not cover remedial classes, books or fees.** Tuition will be deferred and applied after students apply for FAFSA and their package is complete and all other scholarships (including NJ STARS) are applied and utilized.



CCC Student Criteria 2011-2012

- Students are responsible for paying all college fees and book costs on time. If they are taking remedial classes, they are responsible for paying the tuition for those classes.
- If it is past the payment deadline and you applied for FAFSA late and are waiting to be awarded, you must pay the fees or you may get a Business hold on your account.



CCC Student Criteria 2011-2012

- When students enroll for classes, they must be enrolled as full-time students (12 credits or more) each semester.
- Students must maintain full-time status each semester.
- Students must maintain a grade of C or higher in every class.



CCC Student Criteria 2011-2012

We are here to help!

- If you are in trouble academically or struggling in your classes, please see your academic advisor or Student Development Advisor in your area.
 - Dorothy Abruzzo-Klumpp-STEM
 - Brenda Torres-Arts and Humanities
 - Donna Weems-Business, Education & Social Science
 - Rita Rios-Career Services
 - Jaime Connolly-Retention



CCC Student Criteria 2011-2012

We are here to help!

Center for Academic and Student Success!!!

Free Tutoring!!!!

Talk to your professor!!

Don't wait until the last minute to get help!!!



Get Involved!!!

- Students can refer to <http://www.cccnj.edu/schoolCounts/cccSCStudents> for information on *School Counts!* job postings, career fair and Student Ambassador leadership opportunities.
- I am in need of volunteers for upcoming events! Please take some time to help give back to those who donated toward your scholarship!
- SC! Video Promotion! Students Needed!!!!



Keep up the Good Work!!!

- If you have any questions, please contact Megan St. Dennis, Assistant Director for *School Counts!*/Foundation & Alumni at mstdennis@cccnj.edu or 856-691-8600 x408.
- Please be sure to fill out the student information sheet!



NJ STARS/ SC!

- **Financial Aid Aspect and Payment**



FINANCIAL AID ASPECT

- Every student must file a FAFSA application if you have not already done so
- In order to receive the scholarship, students must list Cumberland County College as their first school choice
- College choices can be changed if CCC is not listed first
- Students must comply with any requests for information or additional steps requested by the college, federal, and state governments



PAYMENT

- All forms of federal and state grants and scholarships will be applied to student's tuition bill and fees bill first
- Any remaining tuition balance, up to 18 credits, will be paid by NJ S.T.A.R.S.
- NJ S.T.A.R.S. does not pay fees, books, supplies, health insurance, or admissions application fee



PAYMENT-examples

	A	B	C
Tuition: and fees	\$1800	\$1800	\$1800
Pell grant	\$1500	\$500	\$0
TAG grant	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$300</u>	<u>\$0</u>
NJ STARS	\$0	\$700	\$1500



SCHOOL COUNTS!

- Students that are eligible for both NJ S.T.A.R.S. and SCHOOL COUNTS! scholarships will have their NJ STARS scholarship used to pay their tuition
- SCHOOL COUNTS! students should make sure they keep their eligibility for future semesters



REMEMBER. . .

- FAFSA applications must be filed *annually* by June 1st
- If you lose your scholarship for any reason it is permanent
- If you have any questions tonight or throughout the semesters, please call ext. 302 or e-mail me at crodriguez@cccnj.edu



“Getting Connected & Making a Difference



PRIDE * SERVICE * EXCELLENCE

Student Life & Athletics



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Student Life & Athletics

- Getting Involved
- Taking Risks
- Leadership



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Campus Involvement



Athletics



CCC DUKES
M/W Soccer

2010-2011



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Campus Involvement - Student Senate

Leadership —

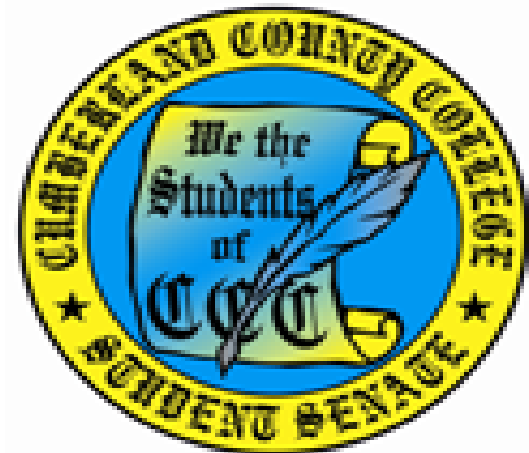
Executive Board, Council Membership, Committee Chair, Student Panel. etc...

Programs/Traditions

Staff vs. Student kickball
Game, Pizza with the
President Forum & “A Day in
The Life of a College Student”

Community Service —

MLK Service Days, Read Across America @ Dr. William
Mennies School, Just Dance-a-thon to Breast Cancer, etc...



“Getting Connected & Making a Difference”

Campus Involvement – Clubs & Organizations

- Diverse selection
- Student centered & directed
- Leadership opportunities
- Collaborative partnerships
- Critical thinking
- Celebrating Success



“Getting Connected & Making A Difference”

Campus Wide Programming

Fall –

Fall Fest

Alcohol Awareness Week

Adopt-a-family

Celebration of Lights

Spring –

MLK Service Days

Black History Month

Health & Wellness Week

Spring Fling



“Getting Connected & Making a Difference”

Campus Involvement – Student Pathways Leadership Institute

Class of 2007

- Graduated 13 Students
- Safety day at Local YMCA Project

Class of 2008

- Graduated 12 Students
- Troop Care Packages Project

Class of 2009

- Graduated 16 Students
- South Vld. Park Clean-Up Project



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Campus Involvement – Student Pathways Leadership Institute



Class of 2010

- Graduated 16 Students
- Battle of the Dukes Unity program

Class of 2011

- Accepted 19
- Membership 10
- Anti-Bullying Campaign – VPS
- Dare 2 Dream Workshop Series – Family Success Center



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Co-Curricular Transcript Program

CCT Categories:

- Honors & Awards
- Civic & Community Service
- Internships/Externships
- Campus & Career Leadership



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➤ **Q & A**

➤ **Thank you for your time!**

➤ *If you wish to contact me, please do so at ext. 289 or kslade@cccnj.edu*





Successful Transfer

Tiffany Gallo

Enrollment Services Representative

School Counts!/NJSTARS Alumni



Background

- First member of my family in college
- Graduated Vineland High - 2005
- Earned both NJSTARS & School Counts!
- President of PTK and member of KDP
- Graduated CCC with AA in
Elementary/Secondary Education - 2007
- Graduated Rowan with BA English & BA
Subject Matter Education - Dec. 2009

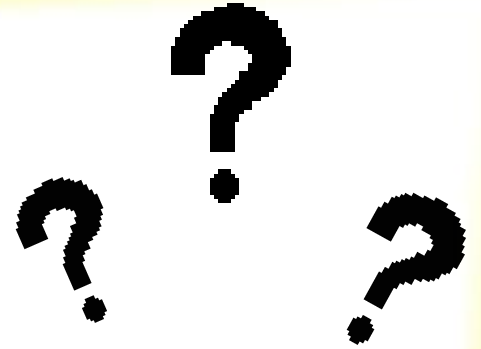


Transferring

- Lambitt Bill – Seamless transfer from county college to 4 year school with AA or AS and relatable majors
- Select a college – Size? Major? Accessibility?
- Select a major – interested in courses? Want to pursue a career in the field?



Benefits



- Time to adjust to college schedule
- Opportunity to adjust career decisions
- Learn to be successful under your own watch
- Additional scholarship opportunities

Learn your curriculum

- Make sure major fits your career goal
- What courses need to be completed?
- What are the pre-requisites?
- *Example: Education (must double major)*
 - Select age group
 - Select subject matter (“Highly Qualified”)
 - BA English & BA Subject Matter Education



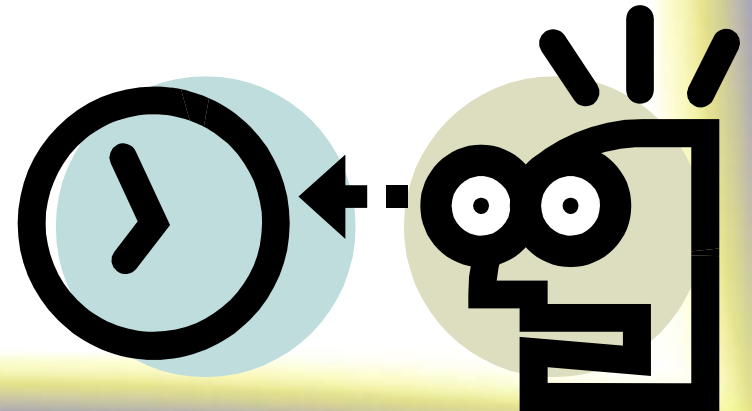
Meet your Advisor

- Go-to-person for questions
- Double checks course requirements/availability



Learn Deadlines

- Applications
 - Fees, medical physical, transcripts, portfolios?
- Assignments
- Petition to Graduate
- Check E-mails



Learn About Your Scholarship

- Do you need to turn anything into anyone?
- What GPA must you maintain?
- Do you have to stay full-time?
- Do you have to file Financial Aid in order to receive your scholarship?

Finding the answers to these questions could determine keeping or losing your scholarship!



Transfer Day

- February 14th
- Look for information on website in January
- Must complete required application materials
- Instant Decision



Transfer Day Colleges



Questions?

- DO NOT hesitate to ask questions
- Any questions after today?
 - Call/email/or stop in
 - We are here to help!

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Closing Remarks

- **Thanks to everyone for attending!**
- **You have all taken a big step in ensuring you will keep your scholarships**

