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The Graduate Column

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A Message from The Office of Graduate Studies

In this issue, we are pleased to: highlight Educational Leadership alumni; share one student's magical internship experience; offer an update on Campus Town and a new restaurant in the Student Center; feature graduate programs in i-STEM and Nursing (as well as the opportunity for professional/continuing education); provide important dates for the upcoming registration period; and highlight Graduate Student Appreciation events!

On behalf of the Office of Graduate Studies,
best wishes for an enjoyable semester.

We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Susan Hydro

Director, Graduate & Intersession Programs



Nursing Program Highlights

School Nurse

There are three options in pursuing School Nursing programs at TCNJ. There are two certificates in School Nursing; the Non-Instructional Certificate and the Instructional Certificate. Both certificates prepare students to perform nursing services for grades preschool—12. Those who pursue the Instructional Certificate will be able to teach in areas related to health while those who pursue The Non-Instructional Certificate cannot teach in those areas. The third option is the MSN School Nurse, which is for school nurses who wish to add to their credentials. For more information on School Nursing at TCNJ, please visit <https://nursing.tcnj.edu/programs/msn-programs/school-nurse-certificate-program/frequently-asked-questions/>.

Clinical Nurse Leader

The MSN Clinical Nurse leader is a program designed for RN's who have a BSN and are interested in pursuing a leadership role. A Clinical Nurse Leader works to ensure improved clinical and client outcomes on a unit. If a candidate is interested in becoming a Clinical Nurse Leader but has a non-nursing bachelors degree, a Bridge program to the MSN is available. The degree typically takes two years with two summers, full-time, to complete and three years with two summers, part-time, to complete. For more information on the MSN Clinical Nurse Leader, please visit <https://nursing.tcnj.edu/programs/msn-programs/clinical-nurse-leader-2/frequently-asked-questions/>.



Off-site Masters at Capital Health

The off-site masters at Capital Health provides students with a masters in nursing but focuses on clinical leadership as well. It allows graduates to become clinical experts who can look at the process of care and help to improve the experience for patients, nurses, and the unit as a whole. It is a degree that is earned primarily at Capital Health in Hopewell, New Jersey. For more information on the off-site masters program at Capital Health, please visit <https://nursing.tcnj.edu/>.

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 4–8



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Attention
graduate
students



TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Aromatherapy & Yoga Intro with the Humanitarian Yoga Club
4–5 p.m.
Brower Student Center, 210



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Cupcakes and Conversation with Faculty, plus raffle prizes!
4–5 p.m.
Education Building, Room 205



THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Resume Reviews
1:30–3:30 p.m.
Career Center, Roscoe West Hall

For more information or to RSVP, see www.tcnj.edu/tcnjgrad



Campus Town Updates



Credit: <http://campustown.pages.tcnj.edu/>

Now Open:

Barnes and Noble, Fitness Center, Spencer Bank, Red Berry Yogurt,
Piccolo Pronto, Mexican Mariachi, Panera Bread

Opening this Spring:

Yummi Sushi, California Tans, Nail Salon

Opening this Summer:

Brick Wall Restaurant (craft/international beer pub and restaurant)



Masters of Education in Integrative STEM

The new M.Ed. in Integrative STEM gives educators the tools that they will need to apply design-centric problem based methods and skills to their teaching: articulate how i-STEM content/methods impact and are impacted by, global, economic, environmental and societal contexts; and articulate key connections between i-STEM methods and educational standards and policies such as Common Core, Next Generation Science Standards, and 21st Century Skills. School teachers certified at any level, STEM or non-STEM based, should consider this program. The i-STEM program emphasizes three core areas: integrative methods, design, and a practical approach. For more information on the M.Ed. i-STEM, please visit <https://engineering.tcnj.edu/files/2016/02/New-iSTEM-Masters-Course-Paths.pdf> or <https://engineering.tcnj.edu/about-the-school/degree-programs/integrative-stem-master-of-education/>



Continuing Education Opportunities

The educational resources of The College of New Jersey are available for organizations and individuals through offering professional development, continuing education, and non credit offerings. The college works with TCNJ faculty and deans to develop programs. Past programs have included *Wilson Reading System Workshops for New Jersey Teachers*, *Informatics Bootcamp for Nurses*, *Quality Safety Education for Nurse Educators*, and *Business Education for Non-Business Majors*.

If you are interested in learning about our programs or have a suggestion, please contact

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Traditions

a new restaurant in the Brower Student Center



Photo of Chef Carl Ruiz; Photo Credit: Matt Furman

On February 29th, Traditions, created by Chef Carl Ruiz, officially opened on the TCNJ campus.

“...located on the first floor of Brower Student Center, Traditions will pick up where The Rat left off, mingling menu favorites from days gone by—like the classic Rathskellar Buffalo chicken wrap—with new items that are sure to become cravings. Chicken and waffles, anyone?

On the menu, you’ll also find things like Irish nachos, an onion-ring stack (Muha’s favorite), Green Goddess salad, roasted chicken dinner, housemade chips, and a deconstructed S’more trendily served in a mason jar...”

Traditions’ hours of operation are:

Monday—Friday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To read the full article written on *Traditions* and Chef Carl Ruiz, visit <http://news.tcnj.edu/2016/02/25/carl-ruiz/>.

Caroline Nucatola

Internship with The Disney College Program



Caroline Nucatola is a graduate student in TCNJ's five year Special Education program with a concentration in severe disabilities and minor in environmental sustainability. From August of 2015 until January of 2016, she was an intern at The Disney College Program at Disney World in Florida. She worked specifically in Magic Kingdom at Fantasy Land as a merchandiser in the shops. She chose this area for her internship because she wanted an opportunity to interact with people, specifically with families. While in practicum, Caroline enjoyed a great deal of time interacting with children but wanted more hands on experience that involved talking with families as a whole. For her, Disney was the perfect place to gain that experience. While involved in The Disney College Program, Caroline learned many skills that will aide her in her future profession. One of the most important lessons being how to collaborate and communicate effectively with others. She states that this has not only been useful to her continued learning here at TCNJ but also promises to be beneficial in her future endeavors as an educator when it comes to working with co-workers, administration, and families. After graduation, Caroline dreams of one day working for the education team at Disney where she would give presentations on wildlife at either Animal Kingdom or Epcot.

Alumni Highlights

Sonia Nock-Lemons

Meet Sonya Nock-Lemons, an alumna of TCNJ's Educational Leadership program. She graduated in the spring of 2002 and for the past four years has been an elementary school principal, currently at Twin Hills Elementary School in Willingboro, NJ. Previous to her current position, she began her tenure as an administrator at the secondary level in 2004. Sonya credits the TCNJ Ed Leadership program with having given her the skills and competence to effectively work at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. She describes having finished the program with a well-rounded sense of capability and preparedness. Her mindset shifted into that of a leader once enrolled in the program, changing the way she viewed and approached an array of educational challenges. As a school leader, one of the greatest things Sonya feels she gained from her experience at TCNJ and the Ed Leadership program is the relationships that she formed. From fellow classmates, now colleagues, to professors in the program, she has built up a professional network that is still very important to her today.



Alumni Highlights

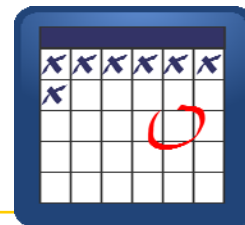
Syeda Woods



Syeda L. Woods graduated from TCNJ's Educational Leadership Program in August of 2006 and now works as an elementary school principal at John Fenwick Academy in Salem, NJ. Some of the most significant things she feels she learned in the program are as follows: how to deal with the personal challenges an administrator may face; knowledge of the differing demographics amongst school districts; supporting marginal teachers in their pedagogical approach to teaching; and budgeting, all of which aides her in the day to day functioning of her current position. Syeda received her undergraduate degree from TCNJ and, because of her great experience, returned for graduate school. She notes that TCNJ provides students with a challenging education that pushes them to be prepared and capable professionals. While in the Ed Leadership program, Syeda enjoyed the close relationships she developed with her professors and cohort. The bond between professors and peers were remarkable. To this day, she still keeps in touch with many of them.



Important Dates



Fall and Winter Registration

Windows*:

April 5 – 15

Last Day of Spring Classes:

May 13

Commencement:

May 19 – May 20

*It's not too late to register for
summer, too!

Summer Session 1:

May 23 – June 10

Memorial Day:

May 30 (no classes)

June 3 (make up day)

Summer Session 2:

June 13 – July 14

Independence Day, July 4 (no classes)

July 8 (make up day)

Summer Session 3:

July 18 – August 18

Note: Dates for travel, blended and online

Graduation Notice

If you are planning to graduate in May or August, but have not yet applied, please do so immediately via PAWS. If you have questions, please contact Records & Registration at 609-771-2141. A \$35 late fee will apply.

Students who, at the end of the spring 2016 semester, will have 7 or fewer credits remaining to complete their program over the summer may participate in the Spring Commencement Ceremony and will graduate in August. Students with more than 7 credits remaining to complete following the end of the spring semester may participate in the May 2017 ceremony.

**Please note: Commencement ceremonies are only held in the month of May.*

