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326 PENN ST. THIRD FLOOR, CAMPUS CENTER—CAMDEN, NJ 08102 856-225-6050 Encouraging your Student to Make the Most of their Summer

The spring semester is finally coming to a close, and many students are looking forward to a few months of rest and relaxation after what may have been an exhausting term. While a break might be well-deserved, it's also important to get your student thinking about ways to further their potential, both academically and professionally. Here are some suggestions you can make to them for finding the perfect balance between work and play this summer.

Get an Internship/Do Research.

Landing that perfect internship could be the next big step in the right direction for students who are looking to learn more about their field of interest as well as the potential career paths that are available to them. Internships serve as great resume builders that provide students with preparation for the workforce. Similarly, undergraduate research can also prove to be just as enriching, as it allows students to hone in on their interests and build valuable skills needed for graduate school. Some projects may even offer fellowships or grants. Students can inquire with the Career Center on campus or faculty members in their department for more information.

Work a Summer Job.

Summer employment can be beneficial for students who are looking to save or need some extra spending money without having to worry as much about balancing life and school. This provides them with an opportunity to continue building their professional skills and allows them to focus on obtaining an internship during the school year.

Enroll in a Summer Course.

If it's in the budget or financial aid is avaialable, summer classes can be helpful for students who are looking to catch up on credits, re-take a course, or graduate early. There are online and in-class options available for students to choose from, and can be viewed at

<u>sis.rutgers.edu/soc/</u>. Information on summer financial aid can be found on page 2.

Ask for Letters of Recommendation.

Having a repertoire of recommendation letters can certainly come in handy as your student progresses through their educational career and begins applying for internships, scholarships, employment or graduate school. The downtime during the summer months serves as a great opportunity to ask professors whose classes they've excelled in or previous employers to put their accomplishments, character, and work ethic into words.

Visit the Career Center.

The career centr offers several services to current Rutgers-Camden students and alumni including career counseling, resume/cover letter critiquing, assistance in the job and internship search, graduate school advising, and access to print and online career resources. Students seeking summer or fall internships are encouraged to make an appointment for assistance with their internship search. Summer hours are posted online: <u>cc.camden.rutgers.edu</u>. For appointments, call 856-225-6046.



Final Exam Period

Final exams for spring 2017 begin on Thursday, May 4th and end on Wednesday, May 10th. **Did you know:** If a student has 3 or more exams scheduled within a 24-hour period, they may be eligible to reschedule, with advanced notice. Exam times can be checked online by logging in with NetID and password at: **FINALEXAMS.RUTGERS.EDU.**



Campus Happenings

The semester may be ending but the Camden campus is still lively with activities throughout the summer. Important announcements, events, and more can be found within the REACT newsletter, available online at: **REACT.CAMDEN.RUTGERS.EDU**!



2017-2018 On-Campus Housing Applications



Housing applications for summer and the 2017-2018 academic year are now available online at:

https://housing.camden.rutgers.edu/. Students can take a virtual tour of the available floorplans and get more details on room selection. Housing rates for the 2017/2018 year will be posted in July. Off-campus housing information can also be found for students who are interested.

Summer Aid Application

NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.FINANCIALAID.RUTGERS.EDU/2017

Undergraduate students who are interested in enrolling in summer session courses and would like to receive financial aid should confirm that they have:

- Completed a 2016-2017 FAFSA
- Met all standards of the academic progress policy
- Enrolled in the minimum number of credits to receive aid (6 credits)

Award letters can be viewed at: https://finservices.rutgers.edu/faaward.

Summer term bills can be reviewed at: <u>https://finservices.rutgers.edu/otb</u>. Payments can be made online or in-person at the Student Accounting Office, located on the first floor of Armitage Hall.

GET A HEAD START ON FALL FINANCIAL AID DOCUMENTS!

<u>TAG recipients</u>: Please be sure to complete the additional state questionnaire, found by logging in through the HESAA website.

<u>Outstanding documents</u>: The Office of Financial Aid may require additional documents from you and/or your student (tax transcripts, household verification forms, etc.) before they can process your student's award. It is important to continuously check the status of these documents until an award has been processed completely.

Questions regarding eligible aid for summer or fall can be directed to 856-225-6039, or your student can visit their financial aid counselor in-person in the lower level of Armitage Hall.



←Tune into <u>Financial Aid TV</u> for answers to some of the most frequently asked questions: <u>https://rutgers.financialaidtv.com/</u> <u>browse/audience/parents</u>



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:

 $\textbf{Commencement}: May 17^{th} and May 18^{th}$

Summer session: May 30th – August 16th

Fall semesters begins: Tuesday, September 5th

FOR A FULL ACADEMIC CALENDAR, VISIT: **REGISTRAR.CAMDEN.RUTGERS.EDU**