



**TCNJ**  
THE COLLEGE OF  
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## Parent & Family Newsletter

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September 2023

## Introduction from the Vice President for Student Affairs



Dear Families,

For those of you new to our newsletter, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Sean Stallings. I am the Vice President for Student Affairs at The College of New Jersey. As the Vice President for Student Affairs, I am the chief officer of the college responsible for the students' physical, psycho-emotional, and engagement experience.

The Division of Student Affairs provides students with a wide array of experiences that complement the educational experience beginning with Welcome Week and culminating with Senior Sendoff. In between those bookended experiences are where my team really shines.

Student Affairs, made up of a team of professionals, is responsible for student housing, athletics, dining, physical and mental health, and student involvement (including student organizations, fraternity & sorority life and student government). Interwoven between these professional areas of student development lies career development and workplace readiness initiatives. We also support students throughout the entire process understanding that any of us are susceptible to setbacks and mistakes. To remain at the ready, my division oversees a program called CARES where we have a team of professionals responsible for supporting students through difficult times.



You can be of assistance to our educational efforts by understanding the role of Student Affairs at The College of New Jersey. Please visit our website to learn more about the [Division of Student Affairs](#).

Should your student have any challenges during their experience at the College, I encourage you to allow them the growth opportunities to work with us directly to resolve their issues. As I observed the team this summer, I am confident that every office and every staff member is committed to developing the whole student. We are looking forward to the opportunity.

I remain very excited about the opportunities that lie before us but very mindful of the endemic nature of COVID-19. Our health team is in regular contact with local and state officials to update our campus protocols to meet or exceed the safety precautions recommended. Please visit [health.tcnj.edu](http://health.tcnj.edu) and check our resources to remain up to date on the status of TCNJ protocols and response to health conditions affecting our community.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you on October 21, 2023 for Homecoming where we also celebrate Parent & Family Day!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean O. Stallings". The signature is stylized with a large, circular loop in the middle and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sean O. Stallings

Vice President for Student Affairs

**Save the Date**

**TCNJ** **PARENT & FAMILY DAY**  
October 21, 2023

Come join us for Parent & Family Day! A separate communication will go out when registration is open, and more details will be shared [here](#) as the schedule is finalized.

**Submit Your Family Photo**

Want a photo of your family showcased during Parent & Family Day? Email a photo of your family or student with a one-sentence note to [sa@tcnj.edu](mailto:sa@tcnj.edu). We will be creating a slideshow with these images to play during the day! If interested, please send your photo and note by Sunday, September 24th.

**Save the Date: TCNJ  
Homecoming Game!**

Come support the Lions as they play in the homecoming game. They will be playing against Gettysburg College. Go Lions! Homecoming King and Queen will be also be announced!



## Off to College: Ways to Support your Student

Sending your child off to college can be both an exciting and stressful time for parents/guardians and students. The College of New Jersey has many helpful resources for students in need of assistance regarding mental health. The Counseling and Prevention Services (CAPS) is dedicated to encouraging students to attend to their academic, personal, physical, interpersonal, social, or spiritual needs. CAPS is committed to provide a safe, confidential and supportive environment for each and every student.

For more information on CAPS or other resources, click [here](#).

For parents of college students who may need extra assistance regarding accommodations for classes and/or housing, the [Accessibilities Resource Center \(ARC\)](#) will be able to assist. ARC “collaborates with students, faculty, staff and guests to advance access within the campus community and to further extend both the mission of The College of New Jersey and the mission of the Division of Inclusive Excellence to persons with disabilities.”

ARC is home to the Test Proctoring center in Roscoe West Hall. ARC is a vital resource for students affiliated with ARC to take tests in a quiet and distraction-free environment.

Along with test proctoring, ARC hosts the [Lion Plus Program](#), “a fee-based holistic student support program for students with documented disabilities who have affiliated with ARC. The scope of Lion Plus Program services extends beyond legally mandated (ADA) accommodations, which remain free-of-charge, and are a critical component of equitable educational access.” The Lion Plus Program assists incoming freshman with transitioning from the high school environment to The College of New Jersey.

Along with assistance for incoming freshman, the Lion Plus Program is “centered on retention, continued integration and academic and interpersonal independence” for upper class students (sophomores, juniors and seniors). Contact Dixita Malatesta, Learning Specialist at [malated1@tcnj.edu](mailto:malated1@tcnj.edu) for questions and more information.

## Eating Healthy: TCNJ's Registered Dietitian

If your student has a food allergy, medical condition, or nutritional concern, we can take an interdisciplinary team approach to ensure that the student is receiving support from multiple resources on campus. We encourage you and the student to reach out to Anne Sugrue, Registered Dietitian, at [sdhrd@tcnj.edu](mailto:sdhrd@tcnj.edu) or visit the nutrition website [here](#).



Anne Sugrue,  
MS, RD, CISSN, ACE-CHC

## Fire Safety in Residence Halls

Review our fire alarm activation protocol and educational measures for students [here](#).



## TCNJ Authorized Users

TCNJ students can grant Auxiliary Access in the College's information system (PAWS) in order to permit parents or guardians to view and discuss the student's billing, financial aid, and/or educational records.

For more information on how to allow Auxiliary Access, click [here](#).

## Campus Town Dollars

Students have Campus Town Dollars as a part of their meal plan! Visit [here](#) to learn more about the program, see participating vendors and check out FAQs.





# Mayo Business Plan Competition

Have you heard of the the Mayo Business Plan Competition?

“The Mayo Business Plan Competition is designed to increase student appreciation for the challenge of developing a viable business. Through an iterative process the MBPC recognizes those students best able to articulate a plan that addresses these challenges. In recognition of both the time involved and difficulty of the task, the competition provides a substantial reward for the successful teams. A top prize of \$30,000 will be awarded to the winning team with prizes of \$20,000 and \$10,000 for second and third place teams, respectively. Prize money will be disbursed in equal amounts to each team member. For example, three members in a top prize winning team will each receive \$10,000. After the initial “Intent To Compete” registration, each team must be fully registered with no less than two no more than four current TCNJ students by 12/10/23.” -School of Business

For more information, please [visit](#) the School of Business website.

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**MAYO  
BUSINESS PLAN  
COMPETITION**

**2024**

*This is a business plan competition.  
The focus is on the plan, not the product.*

*Still trying to put together a team?  
Join us for the MBPC team speed  
networking event (date TBD).*

*Need help? Not sure how to  
create a business plan?*

*Visit our  
resources  
page for  
videos,  
information  
and more!*



**TOP PRIZE**  
**\$30,000**

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY**  
**\$60,000**

**September 20, 2023 - Registration Opens**  
**Kick Off Meeting @ 12:00 pm**



## NJAC ATHLETES OF THE WEEK HONORS

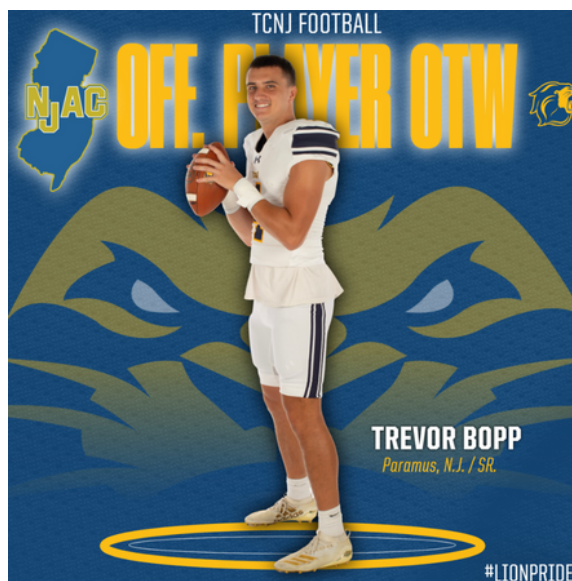
We want to send a huge shout out to these amazing athletes for receiving the NJAC Athletes of the Week Honors.



**BELLA NORMAN**



**CODIE SCIACCA**



**TREVOR BOPP**





## TCNJ LEGACY FAMILY

A Legacy at The College of New Jersey is an alumna/alumnus or current student who is the grandchild, child, or sibling of another TCNJ alumna/alumnus or current student. The Office of Alumni Affairs hosts special events for Legacy families throughout the year. Please let us know if you are a TCNJ Legacy family by clicking [here](#) to fill out our survey.

## SIGNIFICANT DATES & DEADLINES

- Last day to withdraw from the College with 75% refund: 9/20
- Last day to withdraw from College with 50% refund: 10/4
- Exam period begins 12/13/23
- Last day of exams 12/20/23

You can find TCNJ's full academic calendar [here](#).

