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Parent & Family Newsletter

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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.

To get ready for what I am sure will be an exciting year, I am pleased to announce a few new initiatives that we believe will enhance the student experience and we are delighted to fully release them to the campus community this fall. Upon the arrival of students, new and returning, one may notice solar tables located outside of the student center.



These new tables are brought to the campus in partnership with the Student Finance Board to encourage student engagement while remaining connected. Each table is equipped with wireless cellphone charging capabilities, USB plug points, connectivity to the campus wireless network, lights, and 110v plugs all powered by solar energy.

Another partnership between my office and the Student Finance Board is the installation of an Outdoor Basketball Court and Fitness Court. The Basketball Court is located between the apartments, and the Fitness Court is located behind the baseball field. These courts are part of expansion initiatives in our Recreation program.



Basketball Court



Fitness Court

Finally, in partnership with the Student Government, the Division of Student Affairs worked tirelessly to introduce enhancements to the dining experience at The College of New Jersey. Students on the campus meal plan will now have access to Campus Town Dollars as part of our one card (student id card) system. Available at participating merchants including Arrooga's, Red Berry, Mexican Mariachi, Yummy Sushi, IndiGrill, and others. Additionally, the meal plan holders will also be able to participate in a new program called meal equivalency. Meal equivalency allows Meals Per Week plan holders to access retail locations where the first \$8.50 spent on points are not charged to the flex points. Please visit tcnjdining.com for more details. Note, this is not the Campus Town Dollars program.

I remain very excited about the opportunities that lie before us but very mindful of the endemic nature of COVID-19 and the growing concerns about the Monkeypox outbreak. 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 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 22, 2022 for Homecoming where we also celebrate Parent & Family Day!

Sean O. Stallings

Vice President for Student Affairs

Save the Date: Parent & Family Day 2022

Save the date for Parent & Family Day on October 22, 2022, which will be occurring in conjunction with Homecoming! More information will be shared in September.



Health Updates

To stay apprised on any COVID or Monkeypox related updates, please visit health.tcnj.edu. In addition, you can find a recent email from Student Health Services to the campus community regarding Monkeypox [here](#).



Housing Guest Policy

Residents will be allowed to host guests providing they follow guest policies as documented in the [Guide to Residence Living](#). This status is subject to change in accordance with local and campus rates of positivity.

Off to College: Ways to Support your Student

Sending your child off to college can be both an exciting and stressful time for many parents. Check out the article from Mark J. Forest, Ph.D., our Assistant Vice President for Health & Wellness, for effective ways that you can help to support your student as a parent or family member along with links for additional helpful resources.

Click [here](#) to read more.



WHAT'S NEW @ TCNJ

- If the future is female, the future is at TCNJ
- TCNJ awarded IDEAS grant
- Student art becomes the “mane” attraction
- TCNJ Chorale releases album

Click [here](#) for more TCNJ News!

ATHLETICS

TCNJ's Assistant Men's Basketball Coach, Matt Kittner, had his dream experience as Coach at Maccabiah Games. Read more about it [here](#)!



Fire Safety in Residence Halls

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



Counseling & Prevention Services

CAPS is enhancing their clinical services by partnering with the Virtual Care Group who will provide free tele-therapy access to students 365 days a year with 24/7 on-demand crisis counseling. Read more about it [here](#).

Campus Town Dollars

Students now 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.





SIGNIFICANT DATES & DEADLINES

- First Day of Classes: 8/30
- Labor Day (no classes): 9/5
- Last day to withdraw from the College with 100% refund: 9/7
- Last day to withdraw from the College with 75% refund: 9/20

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

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.

