Honors Living–Learning Community (HLLC) Parents/Guardians Information Session
AGENDA FOR SESSION

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Overview of Today’s Event – Student’s Activities
3. Overview of the HLLC and Admissions Process
   a. What is a Learning Community?
   b. Learn more by visiting our website: http://hllc.newark.rutgers.edu/
4. Importance of Applying for Financial Aid
   a. How to Apply and Eligibility
   b. Learn more by visiting website: https://financialaid.rutgers.edu/
5. HLLC Residential Scholarship
6. Important Dates to Remember
7. Exploring Campus Life
8. Question & Answers
OVERVIEW OF TODAY’S EVENT

Today, our scholars will...

1. Participate in group activities
2. Be given the opportunity to meet and socialize with the other students who have applied to be a part of the HLLC
3. Meet some of the RU staff and faculty
4. Have a Q&A Forum — to ensure that all questions and/or concerns are addressed
5. Learn about next steps – HLLC Essay and the Personal Interview
Collaborative **LEARNING COMMUNITIES** provide students with a *small, focused*, and *highly supportive college environment*. The overall goal is to support the student’s academic achievement, personal interests, and career goals.

The **REWARDS and BENEFITS** of a Learning Community:

1. A cohort of students will academically and socially explore their common academic interests together
2. Collaboratively led by a select group of faculty and professional staff
3. Share common academic courses and co-curricular experiences
4. Students will develop a close community of peers to enrich their college experience
5. Opportunities for leadership on and off campus
6. Students will receive personalized academic mentoring and advisement
Rutgers University–Newark
The Honors Living-Learning Community

• The Honors Living-Learning Community (HLLC) is a signature initiative growing out of the RU-N strategic plan that starts by considering a new notion of talent and excellence.

• Rutgers University–Newark is committed to exploring bold innovations that will set new expectations for students from Newark and, by extension, across urban America, to thrive in college.

• Starting with the admissions process, this dynamic living-learning community will create a pathway and environment that will be inclusive of students who might be missed by traditional admissions processes.
The HLLC cohorts will include students who enroll in postsecondary education immediately following high school graduation and transfer students from any of the 19 NJ county colleges, who have obtained an associate's degree.

Examples of HLLC students include:
- High school graduates
- First-generation college students
- Transfer students
- Veterans
- General Education Development (GED) recipients
- Financially independent students

**CHARACTERISTICS of an HLLC STUDENT...**
- The HLLC student is resilient, hardworking, determined and ready to succeed
- The HLLC student is interested in community and civic engagement
- HLLC students are open to explore new ideas and experiences
- An HLLC student is excited about putting their academic lessons into action through meaningful work and partnerships in the City of Newark and beyond.
HLLC PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS
Applying for the HLLC. Easy as 1-2-3
1. Complete the online University Admissions Application
2. Sign up for a Large Group Interview (email notifications are sent to all applicants that select an RU-N school)
3. Students selected for the second round of personal interviews will also complete the HLLC essay

INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS
• Group interview
• Personal interview with two faculty/staff members

ORIENTATION REQUIREMENT
• Required to attend the HLLC Orientation/Retreat usually held at the end of August/early September

FACULTY AND STAFF MENTOR REQUIREMENTS
• Students are required to meet with mentors and HLLC Deans
• Mentor cohort dinners/lunches during the academic school year

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
• Maintain full-time enrollment (at least 12 credits per fall/spring semester)
• Reside in HLLC residential spaces
• Maintain satisfactory scholastic standing (GPA of at least a 2.5)
• Adhere to HLLC curriculum requirements - Scholars will pursue a Second Concentration through the Honors Living-Learning Community. At minimum, Scholars must enroll in at least one HLLC course per term until completion of the Second Concentration
FEATURES of the HLLC

2019-2020 Cohort Model — 50 students

– Reimagining what honors means
  • It’s not just the test or the score, it’s about evaluating the student as a whole.
  • Exploring our Anchor Mission
  • What it means to be a global citizen of the City of Newark. Academic/community outreach and enrichment that explores community and civic responsibilities.

– Open to first year and transfer students
  • Wisdom is seeing and understanding life as a whole. The people we encounter will introduce us to life’s lessons and invite us to grow wiser as we mature.

– Residential Experience
  • Approximately 85% of U.S. college students opt to stay on campus.

Wrap around student services and co-curricular opportunities
  • Leadership training
  • Service learning projects
  • International and domestic service learning opportunities

Block scheduling – living and learning together:
  • HLLC offers an innovative curriculum that is interdisciplinary, engaging all sectors of the University. The HLLC curriculum will intentionally intersect with Scholars’ curriculum in their major, fostering a greater breadth of knowledge acquisition and engagement, which in turn facilitates college persistence, retention, and success.
  • Scholars must enroll in at least one HLLC course per term until completion of the Second Concentration
HLLC Minor

• 18 Credits
• Satisfies **Second Concentration Requirement**
• Shared interdisciplinary curriculum
• Theme: “**Local Citizenship in a Global World**”
  • Promotes *critical intellectual inquiry*
  • Increases *cultural competence*
  • Explores what it means to be a *responsible citizen, both locally and globally*
• Brings together students, faculty, and community partners to address some of our nation’s most complex social issues
HLLC Course Offerings

**Hair: Culture, Politics, and Technology**
Faculty: Patricia O’Brien-Richarson
Community Partner: Curls on the Move

**Description:**
- Global analysis of the ways in which societies, governments, and cultural traditions have used hair to exert or empower communities and agendas.
- Topics such as the influence of slave hair on 18th-century European culture, the history of Asian hairstyles during times of war, the government’s use of hair during the Chinese Cultural Revolution, the hijab and the cultural and political pressures Muslim women face in their resistance to stereotyping, and school culture and micro-aggressions towards hairstyles among girls.

**Urban Innovation: Solving Socioeconomic Disparities**
Faculty: Arturo E. Osorio Fernandez
Visiting Faculty: Rutgers Law School, School of Social Work, School of Public Affairs and Administration

**Description:**
- Disrupt the status quo that allows urban socioeconomic disparities to exist.
- Address the negative impact of those disparities. Focuses on urban socioeconomic disparities that negatively impact the social determinants of health of urban dwellers.
- Global examples of the urban outcomes that are adversely affected by these disparities include Food Security, Housing, Health, Financial Access, and Education.

**Black Music and American Cultural History**
Faculty: Wayne Winborne
Community Partner: Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers University-Newark

**Description:**
- Exploration of the historic/social significance of black music in the United States.
- Interdisciplinary course, it draws from music, film, academic scholarship, and literature.
- Scholars reflect upon the ways in which black artists have used music as a form of social critique asking critical questions: what is black art? In what ways does black music.

**Environmental Justice in the Ironbound**
Faculty: Julie Winokur
Community Partner: Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC)

**Description:**
- Immersive learning experience investigates the Ironbound’s history of environmental justice with the Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC).
- Course/grassroots organization partnership emphasizes co-creation and knowledge production inside and outside of the classroom. Through this course, students will learn best practices for working with and learning from community members.
The Honors College

Traditional honors college
• Curious, Motivated students
• GPA or SAT/ACT or Class Rank and application
• 18 credit minor within SASN
• 330 students
  • Diverse, First Generation
  • Residential and commuters

Application process
• New students are invited in February
• Must complete a short application; 3 short essay questions about goals & priorities
• Invitation will come from honorsn@rutgers.edu
• Two weeks after application is submitted
• There is no separate fall application

Benefits
• Conduct original faculty-mentored undergraduate research
• Prepares students for graduate studies at top universities, nationally competitive fellowships and scholarships
• Prepare students for leadership roles in the public and private sectors
• Competitive financial packages

Nuhu Osman Attah (2018)
• University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D. in History and Philosophy in Neuroscience

Mussab Ali
• Truman Scholarship (2017)
• Schwartzman Scholar (2018)

B. Khan and A. Torres
• Atlantis Project Fellowship to study global healthcare
• Gilman Scholarship to study abroad in Milan, Italy in Summer 2018

Contact information
honorsn@newark.rutgers.edu
Other Scholar Programs at RU-N

• **BA/MD**
  – [https://tinyurl.com/RUNBAMDINFO](https://tinyurl.com/RUNBAMDINFO)
  – 7 year program
  – November 1 application deadline
  – Interviews will have begun by mid-December

• **Pre-Health**
  – [https://tinyurl.com/RUNPREHEALTH](https://tinyurl.com/RUNPREHEALTH)
  – Check list at website

• **Pre-Law**
  – [https://tinyurl.com/RUNPRELAW](https://tinyurl.com/RUNPRELAW)
  – Information is on the website
  – Suggested class; summer opportunities
  – Information on Legal Studies minor

Contact information:
[Preprof@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:Preprof@newark.rutgers.edu)
THE IMPORTANCE OF APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

All students at Rutgers University–Newark are strongly encouraged to apply for financial aid assistance to help finance their educational goals.

TO APPLY:

• Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually for federal, state, and institutional aid assistance
• Completing and processing the FAFSA is FREE
• If filing FAFSA on the Web, make sure you go directly to: www.fafsa.ed.gov
• All candidates who file the FAFSA are automatically considered for all federal, state, and institutional funds for which they may be eligible

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Schedule an appointment to meet with a Financial Aid Counselor
249 University Avenue
Blumenthal Hall, Room 302
Newark, New Jersey 07102-1896

phone: 973-353-5151
fax: 973-353-5057
e-mail: newark_aid@ofa.rutgers.edu
Basic **ELIGIBILITY** Requirements

Federal Student Financial Aid

1. U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens with a valid Social Security Number (SSN)
2. Working towards a degree or certificate in an eligible program
3. Show you are qualified to obtain a postsecondary education (high school diploma, GED, passed an approved ability-to-benefit test)
4. Register with Selective Service (male students between the ages of 18 - 25)
NJ State Aid for Dreamers

The New Jersey Alternative Financial Aid Application allows undocumented students enrolled in eligible New Jersey colleges and universities to apply for state financial aid at:

https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx

Who should complete this application?

1. Complete this application if you are **not** a United States citizen or eligible noncitizen and meet all of the following criteria;

2. Attended a New Jersey high school for at least three (3) years

3. Graduated from a New Jersey high school **or** received the equivalent of a high school diploma in New Jersey

4. Registered for Selective Service (male students only)

5. Are able to file an affidavit stating that you will file an application to legalize your immigration status **or** will file an application as soon you are eligible to do so
HLLC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

All HLLC students are required to apply for financial aid assistance to help finance their educational goals. Regardless of financial need, all students selected for HLLC receive a Residential Scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS
• Renewal for 4 academic school years – 8 semesters (First Year Students)
• Renewal for 2 academic school years – 4 semesters (Transfer Students)
• Students **must** apply for financial aid by all stated deadlines
• Adhere to all financial aid requirements/policies to maintain financial aid eligibility
• Student must be in good academic standing
• Scholarship will be awarded in the financial aid package. The scholarship is awarded after all federal, state, and institutional/external scholarships and grants are offered
• If funding permits, all students are offered a $500 book voucher ($250 per fall/spring semester)

SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE
• Scholarship covers the cost of Rutgers University–Newark residential housing and meal plan only.
• Scholarship is not transferable to any other Rutgers University campus (e.g. New Brunswick, RBHS, or Camden)
RU-N SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MERIT Scholarships – These scholarships are only offered during the Fall Admissions cycle
• Chancellor’s Scholarship (First Year and Transfer)
• Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Scholarship (Transfer only)
• Rutgers - James Dickson Carr Scholarship (First Year only)
• BA/MD Presidential Scholarship (First Year only)

NEED Based Scholarships
• The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) II
  – A continuation of NJ STARS and provides eligible NJ STARS students attending NJ community colleges with funding (up to $1,250 per semester) to transfer to a NJ four-year university to earn a bachelor’s degree.
• RUN to the TOP
  – Newark Resident and/or NJCC Associate Degree holders with income at 60k or less
  – Open to both First Year and Transfer students
• National Dream.US (Temporary Protected Status or DACA and DACA eligible only)
  – Scholarship application available as of November 2018

SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT TRANSFERABLE
• HLLC Scholarship covers the cost of Rutgers University–Newark residential housing and meal plan only.
• RU-N specific scholarships are not transferable to any other Rutgers University campus (e.g New Brunswick, RBHS, or Camden)
RU-N to the TOP SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT DOES IT COVER?

– Covers undergraduate *mandatory* in-state tuition and fees
– The award is applied after federal, state, internal, and external scholarships have been offered

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

– All Newark residents who gain admission and whose household adjusted gross income (AGI) is $60,000 or less.
– Admitted students who are transferring to RU-N after earning an associate’s degree from a New Jersey county college, with a household AGI of $60,000 or less
– Must be eligible for in-state tuition charges
– No additional application required except for a FAFSA. Scholarship determination is made at the time of admittance

https://admissions.newark.rutgers.edu/paying-for-college/ru-n-top
# Financial Aid Timeline

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| October-December    | **October 1:** 2019-2020 FASFA goes live  
**December 1:** Priority filing date to be considered for maximum funding |
| January-February    | **Notification:** Financial Aid Award letters are sent out (via email)                          |
| March-April         | **March:** review award letter and plan for educational finances  
**April 6:** Admitted Student Day                                               |
| May                 | **May 1:** National College Decision Day                                                        |
| June                | **RU-N check-in:** follow-up with the Office of Financial Aid to ensure that all required documentation has been submitted and that you are ready for September |
| July                | **Term bill:** statements are available for Fall semester                                         |
| August              | **Term bill due:** due dates are indicated on term bill                                           |
| September           | **Courses begin the day after Labor Day**                                                       |
| October             | **October 1:** 2020-2021 FASFA Priority Deadline to reapply                                     |
# FIRST-YEAR HLLC DATES TO REMEMBER

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| **January 2019** | • January 10, 11, 12: round (2) of Large Group Interviews (first-year students only)  
                        • **Week of January 14**: Email notification to students who will proceed onto the Personal Interviews in January  
                        • **January 22, 23, 24 & 29**: Personal Interviews |
| **February 2019**| • **Week of 18**: HLLC notifications sent out |
| **April 2019**   | • April 6: RU-N Admitted Student Day  
                        • April 17: HLLC Scholars Day |
| **May 2019**     | • May 1: Admitted student acceptance day |
| **August 2019**  | • August 27: HLLC Move-In  
                        • August 28 & 29: HLLC Retreat |
| **September 2019**| • September 3: Start of the academic school year  
                        • September 4: Convocation 2019 |
Housing and Residence Life

Focal Points

• Over 2,100 Residents
• Resident Assistants on every floor
• 24-Hour security at all entrances
• ShopRite Home Delivery
• Proximity to academic buildings
• Proximity to major transportation systems
• 24-Hour quiet community
Corner of Washington Street and Linden Street
(across the street from Center from Law & Justice and Annabelle)
48 New Street

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(across the street from the Center for Law & Justice)
48 New Street

Parking Deck on Linden Street
IN NEWARK, OF NEWARK

Building Highlights:
- Double bedrooms (shared)
- Community Bathrooms
- HLLC Staff Offices
- Residence Life Staff
- Academic and Social Spaces
- Laundry Room
- Global Piazza
- Retail Space

Floor Plan
Meal Plan

- First-Year Scholars will receive the HLLC15 Meal* Plan which includes:
  - Weekly meal swipes at *all you can eat* Stonsby Commons
  - $175 Raider Dollars to be used at on-campus eateries and surrounding local businesses (Halal Guys, Qdoba, Whole Foods, Subway, etc.)
Housing and Residence Life

Important Information

Priority Deadlines for Housing Application May 15, 2019
QUESTIONS? WE’RE HAPPY TO HELP!

Honors Living Learning Community:  
101 Bleeker  
Talbott Hall, Room 114  
New Jersey 07102-1896  
Phone: 973-353-1116  
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Admissions:  
Office of Undergraduate & Graduate Admissions  
190 University Avenue  
Engelhard Hall, Room 101  
New Jersey 07102  
Phone: 973-353-5205  
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Email: newark@admissions.rutgers.edu

Financial Aid:  
Office of Financial Aid  
249 University Avenue  
Blumenthal Hall, Room 302  
Newark, New Jersey 07102  
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