

Camden County College



**Social Justice
and
Community Development
Define Our
Mission**

“This is one dimension of the challenge facing community colleges-how to provide citizens with equal access to higher education and to the opportunities that completing a college education creates. “

“More critically, we are rooted deeply in local communities who badly need the civic leadership and practical democratic capacity of our students for their own political and social health.”

The Democracy Commitment



Community Partnerships

[Christie calls N.J.'s community colleges 'hope factories' for job growth](#)

- Pre –K to 12 Districts
- Privates and Charters
- Remediation
- Dual credit
- College Now
- Transitions / Gateway
- ABS Program
- Premier Partnership with Rutgers-Camden (“Bridging the Gap”)
- Many other “pathways” to Bachelors degrees through local schools
- Rutgers-Rowan Joint Health Sciences Center



Community Partnerships (cont.)

- Industry
- Career Prep / Industry Certifications
- Community
- Chamber of Commerce, Cooper's Ferry, Local Government Agencies



Accessibility:

“Community colleges remain committed to preserving access and ensuring that our students, especially low income students of color, achieve their goals for academic success, personal growth, and economic opportunity.”

Achieving the Dream

Closing the Achievement Gap:

Every student has the right to a quality education.

- Affordability (debt crisis)
- Mentoring
- Intrusive Advising
- Tutoring Services
- Counseling Services



Engaging Faculty and Staff

- Recognition for scholarship and service
 - ❑ Practitioners...Social Workers, Drug Counselors, Nurses, Lawyers, etc.
- Communication of a clear vision and mission
- Shared governance
- Accessibility and visibility of leadership



Enacting Change Through Revitalizing Neighborhoods

- As a public institution, our goal is to provide the training and workforce development necessary to enable our graduates find meaningful work that meets their needs both fiscally and emotionally.
- Our mission is open access, and as a result, we have a large challenge with regards to completing individuals who come underprepared academically, fiscally challenged, and, often times, battling significant emotional issues.
- Another aspect of our mission is program completion.
- We embrace this responsibility!