

The background of the slide is a solid red color. Overlaid on this is a large, faint, circular seal of Rutgers University. The seal features a sunburst in the center and the words "RUTGERS UNIVERSITY" around the perimeter. In the top left corner, the word "RUTGERS" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, "UNIVERSITY | CAMDEN" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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**Reimagining the
University-City Connection**

Rutgers University–Camden

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What Sets Us Apart

- **An Office of Civic Engagement** that focuses university efforts on engagement and creating opportunities to connect the community to the campus
- **Partnerships** with faculty, deans, and administrators to develop engaged civic learning. **Faculty Fellows** provide our students with rich learning experiences and faculty with innovative opportunities to advance their teaching and research projects
- Dedication to transforming the lives of our students through **personalized academic and education attention** – and research and problem-solving experiences – that will help achieve each student's success as a learner and a civically engaged citizen.
- **Faculty-led research and campus experiential learning offerings** that illuminate a wider understanding of the urban experience in America, and that exhibit excellence both within and across disciplines, with special attention to emerging fields.

Research and Engagement

- Arts and Sciences
 - Center for Urban Research and Education
 - Facilitate and promote research on urban issues by faculty and their collaborators around the nation; and help train the next generation of urban scholars
- Nursing
 - Research on health promotion with African-American women and girls
 - Nurse practitioners delivering care to homeless population through a collaboration with Project HOPE at the Cathedral Kitchen
- Business
 - Capital Goodness: Political Climate May Boost Social Enterprise
- Law
 - Juvenile Justice Reform

Leveraging Resources for Community Growth

- Rutgers–Camden Center for the Arts
 - Serving over 16,000 students and youth through arts education for prek–12th grades
 - Big READ and Community Arts
- Small Business Development Center
 - Launched 24 area businesses in 2016
- Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs
 - Is South Jersey Getting it's Fair Share?
- Pro Bono
 - Projects ranging from bankruptcy to Iraqi refugee assistance to domestic violence: 3,902 hours
 - Clinics: ranging from immigration to child advocacy to constitutional litigation: 40,000 hours

A National Leader in Civic Engagement



Growth of Community-Based Learning

The following provides a snapshot of community-based activities at Rutgers University–Camden during 2015-16:

- 432,100:** The number of hours spent by Rutgers–Camden students on community service
 - 80%:** Percentage of students who participated in service; of those, more than 70% contributed more than 20 hours
- 3,216:** The number of students whose service was part of a credit-bearing academic experience
 - 25%:** Percentage of faculty trained to provide engaged civic learning.
- 11,840:** The number of Camden families impacted by Rutgers–Camden civic engagement efforts

A Signature Commitment to Camden

By engaging the resources of the university through the Office of Civic Engagement to create academically enriching and rigorous programming for students in grades K-12, Rutgers University–Camden is focused on achieving better outcomes for youth and families in the city of Camden and creating pathways for youth to access higher education.

- **Rutgers North Camden Schools Partnership & Ignite**
- **Hill Family Center for College Access**
- **Rutgers Future Scholars**



Rutgers Future Scholars

- Five years of social and academic support, enrichment, and college guidance
- Academically qualified students receive four-year tuition scholarships to attend Rutgers upon admission to the university
- 50 rising 8th graders admitted each year from Camden City School District and LEAP Academy
- 250 students in grades 8–12 and 90 RFS alums in college



Hill Family Center for College Access

- College awareness and readiness workshops and services for any youth in or around the city of Camden to assist them in making the transition to higher education
- Students in grades 11 and 12 provided college access workshops, college tours, financial aid/FAFSA completion and scholarship searches
- Programs on-site at Rutgers–Camden or at any location
- Rutgers undergraduate and graduate students trained to deliver college access workshops and provide application assistance
- Over 1,800 participants since opening in 2011

Rutgers North Camden Schools Partnership



- University-assisted community schools approach
- Four public, charter, and non-public schools
- Year-round academic and parent engagement support
- Connected with engaged civic learning



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