Welcome to Orientation!
Before we get started...

- Cell phones
- Restroom locations
- Take good notes... Names & phone #s are useful!
- Orientation schedule
- Be social!

#WelcomeBarons
@rcbicORIENTATION

*All Orientation presentations and handouts will be online after the program.*
What are your expectations of Rowan College at Burlington County?
Rowan College at Burlington County
Public Safety

- Student ID
- Parking permit
- Campus Services
  - jump start and lock-out
  - escort
  - EMT/First Responders
  - lost and found
- Campus Safety Report

www.rcbc.edu → Public Safety

Contact Public Safety

Mt. Laurel x2100
Pemberton x1100
Willingboro x3100
Mt. Holly x4100

Don't forget...
Protect your valuables!
Report suspicious activity!
Tip Line x1111
Student Success at RCBC
What can I do here?

1. Select your major
2. Understand your program requirements
3. Meet with an Academic Advisor
4. Register for your classes
   - Fall registration is currently under way
   - Classes start August 31
   - Spring registration begins October 24

Visit the “Students” link at www.rcbc.edu for more than 40 online services and resources.
How do I access it?

- rcbc.edu
- Students
- College Catalog

Why do I need it?

- Your contract with the College
- College policies and procedures
- Program requirements and course descriptions
A Major Decision

Career Services can help!

- pick a major
- identify your career path
- prep your resume
- write a cover letter
- Student Worker jobs
- Internships
- practice for job interviews
- Dress for Success

80% of students enter college with an undeclared major.
50% who do pick a major, change it at least once before graduation.

visit them in Evans Hall
p. 609-894-9311 x1034
e. careerservices@rcbc.edu
or visit rcbc.edu/careers
Transferring

How?
Want do I want to be when I grow up?

What major do I need to pick to be a ______?

What college do I want to go to next?

When?
NOW!
ASAP!
During your first semester!

Where?
jjtransfer.org
Evans Hall
transfer@rcbc.edu
856-222-9311 x2737
FERPA and the FERPA Waiver

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (1974) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.

The FERPA laws impact a student’s class schedule, grades, account information, and Code of Conduct record, among other information.

The FERPA laws are in effect regardless of who is paying the college tuition.

A FERPA Waiver allows a student to authorize additional approved individuals who may have in-person access to their information at the college.

- FERPA Waiver forms are available ONLINE
  - “Disclosure to Parents Form”
  - rcbc.edu ➔ Students ➔ Forms
- You may also visit the Registrar’s office for a hard copy.
**Tips and Tricks**

- Complete your FAFSA at the same time you do your taxes.
- Remember to double check the Financial Aid requirements.
- The Financial Aid Office can help with lots of things: Financial Aid Awards, Student Loans, Scholarships, Grants, etc...
Other Financial Aid Programs

**NJ STARS**
- A scholarship program exclusively for NJ residents
- Top 15% of high school graduation class may be eligible
- Coordinator is Randi Wellbrock
- Call her at x1343 or email njstars@rcbc.edu

**Educational Opportunity Fund**
- Provides a support system to empower students to achieve their goals
- Call x1462 or email eof@rcbc.edu

**Military Education and Veterans Services**
- Assists veterans, dependents, and active military members
- Supports students using military benefits to pay for school
- Call x1299 or email vets@rcbc.edu
Financial Information & Student Accounts

• Deferred Payment Plans
  o Available on the first day of registration
  o Be sure to READ THE AGREEMENT
  o Report any changes to your class or payment schedule to the Business Office ASAP
  o Did you get Financial Aid after you set up your payment plan?

• Payment Deadlines
  o Fall 2016 payment deadline was August 2
  o After deadline, payment is due at time of registration

• Financial Aid Refunds
  o All refunds are processed by the Business Office
  o Information will be sent to your RCBC student email ONLY

Find more info
rcbc.edu ➔ Students ➔ Financial Resources
RCBC Student Scholarship Information

Last Year, the RCBC Foundation awarded more than 300 scholarships totaling nearly $300,000.

How Do You Qualify?

- scholarship criteria
- FAFSA requirement
- Fall and Spring deadlines
  - Fall ‘16 application deadline has passed
  - open applications beginning September 6
- Apply online!
Mt. Laurel Bookstore
NEW location in Evans Hall
856-222-9311 x2640

Pemberton Bookstore
Parker Center 1st Floor
609-894-9311 x1245

Store Hours Hotline
Mt Laurel: 856-222-9311 x2645
Pemberton: 609-894-9311 x1245
• Payment Methods
  major credit cards, personal checks, cash, and gift cards

• Refund Policy
  7 days from the first day of your class w/ receipt and class schedule.

• eFollett.com

• Textbook Rental

• Financial Aid Vouchers

• How much are my books going to cost?
The Student Handbook is updated every year and is available online at rcbc.edu/publications.

Contains:

- important phone numbers
- the academic calendar
- building layouts and directions
Policies and legislation you need to know about!

- RCBC Code of Conduct
- Anti-Bullying Legislation
- Campus Civility Policy
- Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act
- Student Events
- Club Meetings
- OrgSync
- Student Lounges
- Library
- Cafeteria
- PE Building
  - Athletics & Intramurals
  - Fitness Center
  - Pool
- Burlington County Y
Online Services
WebAdvisor
• view and pay your bill
• search and register for classes
• review program requirements
• plan classes by semester
• check grades
• request transcripts
• apply for graduation
You can get emergency updates on your cell phone.

Update your contact information through your WebAdvisor account.
RCBC Mobile App
“Ellucian GO”

Available on the App Store
Get it on Google play
Student Email

firstname_lastname@mymail.rcbc.edu
• Check your RCBC email regularly
• **ALL** RCBC notices (Registration, Financial Aid, Accounting, etc…) are sent to your student email account
• Things that are **ONLY** sent to your RCBC email:
  – Distance Learning course information
  – Financial Aid refund check notification

*If you need help visit* [rcbc.edu/studenthelpdesk](http://rcbc.edu/studenthelpdesk)
There is an **Online** Orientation for students taking classes using Blackboard.

For online class support, contact 609-894-9311 x1790

[rcbc.edu/distance-education](http://rcbc.edu/distance-education)
• Carry your student ID!
• Utilize the online resources & website!
• Check your student email!
• Remember the deadlines!
• Get involved!
• Connect with other students and staff!
• Make the most of your college experience!
Faculty Expectations

How to Survive Your Professors
Is this different from High School?

- Increased responsibilities
- Faculty expect students to...
  - think critically
  - challenge ideas
  - form an opinion
  - defend your position
Managing Your Semester

- Study Time
- Work & Family
- Tests and Assignments
Academic Life

- Your Schedule
- The First Day
- What should I bring?
- Syllabus
Successful Students

- Your Success
- Communication
- Academic Behavior
- Academic Dishonesty
Grades

Test 1 = 50% = F

Test 2 = 100% = A

Test 3 = 100% = A

Final Grade = 83% = B
Successful Students

- Your Success
- Communication
- Academic Behavior
- Academic Dishonesty
What To Do If You Need Help

• Instructor’s Office Hours
• College Services
  – Writing and Math Labs
  – Tutoring (ext. 1495)
    • Parker 126
    • TEC 217
• Academic Advisement
Have a great semester…

…but don’t go anywhere just yet!
What’s next?!?

*orientation@rcbc.edu or x2251

*Ask questions and get information!