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Rutgers Financial Aid Advocacy (slug)

Should the government continue to provide financial aid for university students?

Rutgers students travel to Washington D.C. to speak with Congress members about federal funding for education grants.

The Trump Administration proposed cuts for student aid, but it was denied by the House of Representatives.

Nearly 18 thousand students use Federal Pell Grants to pay for their tuition.

Rutgers sophomore Luke Hinrichs says that without financial aid that there would have been no way for him to attend college.

Hinrichs and 15 other students urged their representatives to support increasing the Pell Grant and to continue supporting the Federal Work-Study program.

<https://news.rutgers.edu/news/rutgers-students-travel-capitol-hill-advocate-financial-aid/20190411>

NJ Cancer Hospital (slug)

The New Brunswick Board of Education opposes the construction of a Cancer Institute.

The 12-story building is planned to be built on New Brunswick school district property, across the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital on Somerset Street

If this property is sold, R-W-J-Barnabas will use part of their budget to build a new school with athletic fields and parking.

Students will be sent to a warehouse for school during this time.

Parents and teachers are fighting that students shouldn't be moved until a new school is built for them.

Rutgers Cancer Institute Director Steven Libutti (lee-Boo-dee) says that the Cancer Pavilion will be able to hire ten new research teams and is expected to create 15 hundred jobs.

<https://www.nj.com/news/2020/02/rutgers-wants-to-open-a-top-cancer-hospital-but-a-local-school-board-may-have-the-final-say.html>

Substance Addiction Study (slug)

A ten-year-old's birthday wish leads to alcohol education research.

Anika Gamburg had lost her father at an early age to substance abuse.

Instead of presents, Gamburg asked for her friends and family to contribute to an addiction research campaign.

Gamburg, her mom, and her teacher came across Rutgers's research on physiological changes that prevent people in abstaining from drugs or alcohol.

From here, the ten-year-old girl was connected with Associate Director Jennifer Buckman.

This has led to a research fund to support students and scientists working on experiments related to addiction.

<https://sas.rutgers.edu/news-a-events/news/newsroom/research-news/3060-a-young-girl-s-mission-to-prevent-addiction-shines-a-light-on-a-rutgers-lab>

Local community dinners (slug)

College students are coming out Friday nights to the United Methodist Church in New Brunswick to help prepare and serve food for the local community.

Many college churches have teamed up to give back to the homeless community.

Rather than a soup kitchen, these dinners are meant to connect and create relationships with people.

The coordinator of these dinners, Pastor Joe Jeong [Jung], says that he's amazed at how the dinners have been working out and that he encourages everyone to come out at least once.

Community dinners are held bi-weekly and volunteers are always welcome to help out.

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