High school juniors...thinking about a career as an urban teacher?

What?
The College of New Jersey Summer High School Urban Teacher Academy

Recruiting Tomorrow’s Teachers

Who?

Where?
Experience campus life at the College of New Jersey

Why?
An exciting way to learn about teaching...and make a difference in a student’s life

When?
Bask in the limelight this summer...
July 10 - 21, 2006
**MISSION STATEMENT**
The College of New Jersey’s Summer High School Urban Teacher Academy is offered to high school juniors interested in pursing a career in urban education. This program is designed to attract students to the field of urban education through exposure to a world-class curriculum and hands-on experiences that focus on teaching.

The availability of teachers in urban areas and hard-to-staff schools continues to be a challenge in the nation and in New Jersey. Studies suggest that while two million teachers may be needed nationally over the next ten years, traditional teacher preparation programs have only one million prospective teachers in the pipeline. Shortages will be particularly acute for math, science, special education, bilingual, and early childhood teachers. TCNJ’s Summer High School Urban Teacher Academy aims to capture the interests of potential teachers as an important strategy toward resolving this challenge.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE**
Students who meet the rigorous criteria for admission who have completed their junior year at any one of TCNJ’s Professional Development Network member high schools below will be considered for admission.

Bordentown Regional High School
Burlington City High School
Burlington County Institute of Technology High Schools
Ewing High School
Hamilton High Schools – North, East, and West
Hillsborough High School
Hopewell Valley Central High School
Lawrence High School
Marie Katzenbach School
New Egypt High School
Robbinsville High School
South Brunswick High School
South Hunterdon Regional High School
Trenton Central High School
Willingboro High School

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**
The Urban Teacher Academy serves as an excellent long-term recruitment strategy to increase the pool of candidates interested in becoming urban teachers. Benefits for the Urban Teacher Academy include:

- An introduction to teaching and the teaching profession;
- Opportunities to meet with distinguished TCNJ faculty, educational leaders, and teachers to discuss issues pertinent to urban education;
- Field trips to urban schools and to community agencies;
- Meaningful, creative, hands-on learning activities;
- Classroom observations;
- Teaching experience before college;
- Opportunities to make a difference in a student’s life;
- Team building exercises;
- Experiencing the TCNJ campus

High school students will experience learning as individuals and as productive citizens as they explore new concepts and ideas. Students will experience the profession as they are guided through issues pertinent to urban education and the functions of schools.

Students will experience the classroom as they become acquainted with teachers and teaching on a personal and professional level. Working in small groups, students will plan and teach mini-lessons to groups of urban elementary school children.

Each participant will be required to complete all assignments, keep a portfolio, and write a summary report about his/her experiences in the Urban Teacher Academy.

**CRITERIA**
Students who are selected for this program must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be high school juniors
2. GPA of 2.8 or better on a 4.0 scale
3. Enrolled in college preparatory courses
4. Two teacher recommendations
5. Essays required
6. Interview

**PROGRAM ORGANIZATION**
Registration will be limited to twenty high school juniors. This program will meet daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. If additional time during the day is needed, advance information will be sent home to parents/guardians.

Students are required to attend every daily session. Absences for compelling circumstances must be approved by the Program Coordinator. An orientation program for parents/guardians and students will be held on campus prior to July 10th. Letters of invitations will be sent directly to parents/guardians.

**EXPENSES ARE COVERED**
No tuition is charged for the Urban Teacher Academy. TCNJ will cover expenses for books, materials, lunches, snacks, field trips, and other admissions. This program does not include daily transportation expenses to and from The College of New Jersey.

**TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED**
Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting students to and from the program. Specific times and location of pick-up and drop-off areas will be provided prior to the beginning of the program.

**INCENTIVE**
Upon successful completion of this program, each student will receive $250.
INSTRUCTORS
Faculty will include TCNJ professors, local community and educational leaders, and urban teachers.

AWARDS CEREMONY
Parents/guardians will be invited to attend a recognition ceremony on July 21, 2006. This program will also showcase the students’ experiences and recognize everyone’s achievement.

HERE’S WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO DO TO APPLY

1. Attach a brief autobiographical sketch (100-200 words typed) that includes your personal background and aspirations.

2. Attach an essay (200-250 words typed) explaining why you are interested in pursuing a career as an urban teacher.

3. Attach two letters of recommendation from teachers.

4. Attach a transcript of your high school grades including the first two making periods of your junior year.

5. Attach a list of extracurricular school and community activities, including offices held, leadership positions, and amount of time devoted each week. Include paid work experience as well as volunteer positions. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Applications will not be processed until all materials have been received.

Application Deadline: April 14, 2006

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APPLICATION
TCNJ SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL URBAN TEACHER ACADEMY
JULY 10-21, 2006

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 14, 2006

Date ______________________________________________________
Name of Student ____________________________________________
Current Grade _________   Date of Birth _________________________
Parent/Guardian______________________________________________
Home Mailing Address_________________________________________
City or Town_______________________________  Zip______________
County_____________________________________________________
Home Phone________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Work Phone ___________________________________
Parent/Guardian E-mail Address__________________________________
Cell Phone __________________________________________________
School Name ________________________________________________
School Address ______________________________________________
School City or Town __________________________________________
School Guidance Counselor ____________________________________
School Guidance Department Telephone (______)___________________

FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I give permission for my child to attend TCNJ's Summer Urban Teacher
Academy from July 10-21.

Signature of Parent/Guardian____________________________________
Date________________________________________________________

PLEASE INCLUDE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS WITH APPLICATION

Please mail completed application to:
Laurence R. Fieber
Urban Recruitment Coordinator
The College of New Jersey
103 Armstrong Hall
Box 7718 Ewing, New Jersey
08628-0718

Additional Information:
Laurence R. Fieber
Urban Recruitment Coordinator
609-771-3333
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The College of New Jersey, a primarily undergraduate institution, provides academically prepared students with a challenging education and a rewarding residential experience, small classes and a prestigious faculty. TCNJ has been recognized nationally for its excellence including in U.S. News and World Report, The Fiske Guide to Colleges, Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges, and Peterson’s Competitive Colleges. The College of New Jersey is located on 289 tree-lined acres in suburban Ewing, NJ.

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