

ROWAN COLLEGE  
AT BURLINGTON COUNTY

Parent  
& Family  
**Conversation**  
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Dear RCBC Parents  
and Families,

We are so thrilled that you are embarking on this journey with your student. College is an exciting time, but can also have its challenges. It is our hope that you can use these conversation starters to help support your Baron and coach them through their time here at Rowan College at Burlington County.

Sincerely,

Rowan College at  
Burlington County Barons



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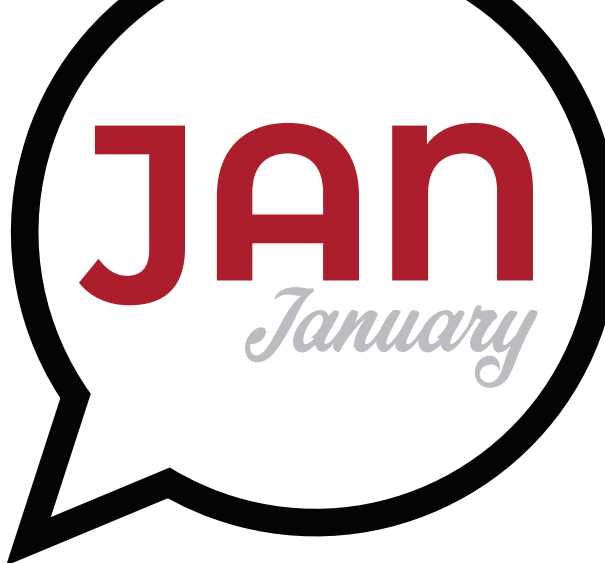
# Questions to Ask Students

## EARLY JANUARY

- Have you double checked your spring schedule?
- Do you know where your classes are?
- What are you looking forward to this semester?
- What are you most worried about this semester?
- Are you checking your RCBC email daily?

## AFTER THE SEMESTER STARTS

- Have you read your syllabi? Which class seems most demanding? Why?
- Do you know how to contact your professor if you have questions?
- Do you know the add and drop deadlines for the semester?
- Have you considered seeking tutoring for any of your courses?



## **What Students Should Do This Month**

- Make sure the course schedule and their formats (i.e. in-person, distance learning course, virtual live course) are correct.
- Check the add and drop deadlines on the Academic Calendar.
- Review the Blackboard Training Center: [rcbc.edu/blackboard](http://rcbc.edu/blackboard).



# Questions to Ask Students

- How are you taking care of yourself? Have you done anything fun or relaxing, just for you?
- Tell me about your favorite class.
- Tell me about your least-favorite class.
- Are there any upcoming or club events you're planning to go to?
- Do you know when you will be graduating? How can you find out?





## **What Students Should Do This Month**

- Create a study routine.
- Plan ahead for big projects and exams.
- Get involved on campus.
- Check graduation requirements and confirm they are on track.



# Questions to Ask Students

- Have you checked your midpoint grades?
- Do you feel like you are struggling with any courses?
- Do you know the withdrawal deadlines for the semester?
- Fall registration is opening soon - do you know which courses you'll be taking in the fall?
- Have you made an appointment with an academic advisor to discuss your academic goals?







## **What Students Should Do This Month**

- Check midpoint grades and communicate with professors if there are grade discrepancies.
- Visit tutoring or other academic resources/events for support.
- If withdrawing from a course, make sure to speak with the Office of Financial Aid and an academic advisor.
- Go into Self-Service and look at My Progress to plan fall, summer and spring courses to be prepared to meet with an advisor.

# Questions to Ask Students

- Do you need help writing your papers?
- Have you thought about your plans for after RCBC?
- If transferring, have you met with Advising to discuss the process?
- Have you met with the Office of Career Preparation & Experiential Learning?
- Have you updated your resume and created a cover letter?
- Have you considered a summer internship?
- Are you prepared to be interviewed?





## **What Students Should Do This Month**

- Attend Library workshops to get help with writing.
- Make an appointment and attend events hosted by the Office of Career Preparation & Experiential Learning.



# Questions to Ask Students

## EARLY MAY

- Do you have any final examinations or final papers?
- Have you studied for them?

## AFTER THE SEMESTER ENDS

- When is the commencement ceremony (if graduating)?
- What might you do differently next semester?
- What have you learned about yourself this semester?
- What are your plans for the summer?





## What Students Should Do This Month

- Do not procrastinate - start writing and studying early.
- Find time for self-care.
- Check final grades when posted.
- If graduating, attend commencement.
- Speak to an advisor about summer courses.



# Questions to Ask Students

- Do you know when the payment deadline is for fall classes?
- Are you keeping in touch with your college friends?

## IF TAKING SUMMER CLASSES

- How are your summer classes going?





## What Students Should Do This Month

- Speak with Financial Aid or Student Accounts to make sure costs are covered.
- Create a study routine (if taking summer courses).
- Plan ahead for big projects and exams (if taking summer courses).





# Questions to Ask Students

- Do you feel prepared for next semester?
- Are you registered for fall courses?
- Did you check to make sure payment was made for the fall semester?







## What Students Should Do This Month

- Visit the RCBC Student Services webpage: [rcbc.edu/students](http://rcbc.edu/students).
- Submit payment for fall semester.
- Check Self-Service - make sure courses are still registered.



# Questions to Ask Students

## EARLY AUGUST

- Have you double checked your fall schedule?
- Do you know where your classes are?
- Have you obtained your RCBC student ID and parking pass?

## WEEK BEFORE THE SEMESTER BEGINS

- Are you attending any Welcome Back events?
- What are you looking forward to this semester?
- What are you most worried about this semester?
- Are you checking your RCBC email daily?





## What Students Should Do This Month

- Visit Public Safety for RCBC student ID and parking pass.
- Make sure the course schedule and their course formats are correct.
- Review the Blackboard Training Center: [rcbc.edu/blackboard](http://rcbc.edu/blackboard).



# Questions to Ask Students

## FIRST WEEK OF THE SEMESTER

- Have you read your syllabi? Which class seems most demanding? Why?
- Do you know how to contact your professor if you have questions?
- Do you know the add and drop deadlines for the semester?
- Have you considered seeking tutoring for any of your courses?

## MIDDLE OF THE MONTH

- Have you met with the Office of Career Preparation & Experiential Learning to explore careers?
- How are you taking care of yourself? Have you done anything fun or relaxing, just for you?
- Are there any upcoming events or clubs you're planning to go to?
- Tell me about your favorite class.
- Tell me about your least-favorite class.



## **What Students Should Do This Month**

- Check the add and drop deadlines on the Academic Calendar.
- Create a study routine.
- Plan ahead for big projects and exams.
- Get involved on campus.



# Questions to Ask Students

- Have you checked midpoint grades?
- Do you know the withdrawal deadlines for the semester?
- Do you feel like you are struggling with any courses?
- Spring registration is opening soon - do you know which courses you'll be taking in the spring?
- Have you made an appointment with an academic advisor to discuss your academic goals?
- Have you filled out the FAFSA? It opens October 1.





## **What Students Should Do This Month**

- Check midpoint grades and communicate with professors if there are grade discrepancies.
- Check withdrawal deadlines for fall semester.
- If withdrawing from a course, make sure to speak with the Office of Financial Aid and an academic advisor.
- Go into Self-Service and look at My Progress to plan spring courses, so you're prepared to meet with an advisor.
- Start filling out and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

# Questions to Ask Students

- Have you researched schools you are interested in transferring to?
- Are you attending First-Generation Week events?
- Do you know when the college will be closed this month?
- Do you need help writing your papers?







## What Students Should Do This Month

- Attend First-Generation Week events and activities.
- Attend the annual Fall Transfer Fair to meet with admissions representatives from a number of colleges and universities.
- Attend Library workshops to get help with writing.



# Questions to Ask Students

## EARLY DECEMBER

- Do you have any final examinations or final papers?
- Have you studied for them?

## AFTER THE SEMESTER ENDS

- What might you do differently next semester?
- What have you learned about yourself this semester?
- What are your plans for the winter break?
- Do you still want to pursue your current major?





## **What Students Should Do This Month**

- Do not procrastinate - start writing and studying early.
- Find time for self-care.
- Check final grades when posted.
- Students should be registered for courses or meet with an advisor to do so.



# Helpful Tips

Sign up for the Parent  
and Family Newsletter:  
[rcbc.edu/family](https://rcbc.edu/family)

Bookmark the Academic Calendar:  
[rcbc.edu/academic-calendar](https://rcbc.edu/academic-calendar)

Encourage your student  
to get involved on campus:  
[rcbc.edu/campus-life](https://rcbc.edu/campus-life)

Have your student explore Careers,  
Internships and On-Campus jobs at:  
[rcbc.edu/careers](https://rcbc.edu/careers)

Check out the RCBC Glossary:  
[rcbc.edu/glossary](https://rcbc.edu/glossary)

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any additional questions!



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