

THE CHARLOTTE W. NEWCOMBE FOUNDATION

Conference for Institutional Partners in the *Newcombe Scholarships for Mature Women Students Program*

October 21, 2011

at

Rider University

Mercer Room – Daly Hall

2083 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Conference Agenda

- 9:45-10:15 am** **Meet and greet/grab a seat** with juice, Danish, muffins, coffee and tea
(One person maximum from any given institution per table!)
- 10:15-10:20 am** **Welcome**
Thomas N. Wilfrid, Executive Director
The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation
- 10:20-10:25 am** **Welcome to Rider University**
Jonathan D. Meer, Vice President, University Advancement
- 10:25-11:15 am** **Return to Learn: Re-Engaging Disengaged Students**
Boris Vilic, Dean, College of Continuing Studies, Rider University
Rider University's *Return to Learn* program, sponsored by the NJ Commission on Higher Education, identifies nontraditional students who have completed more than 60 credits but have not earned a degree. This presentation will focus on lessons learned, including factors that led students to discontinue their studies, outreach efforts to re-engage them, and strategies that can enable students to return to college and complete their degrees.
- 11:15-noon** **Rethinking an institution's Newcombe Scholarships program**
Marie Lilly, Associate Director for Women's Resources,
Center for Student Diversity, Towson University
Marie Lilly joined Towson University earlier this year after years of administering a variety of social service programs. During a July campus visit, we enjoyed her description of how she has brought her prior experience to bear upon refocusing Towson's Newcombe Scholarships program toward achieving its stated goals. We thought her presentation would also interest many of you, and would provide useful ideas for reflection and discussion.
- Noon-1:00 pm** **Buffet lunch** and informal discussion
- 1:00-1:15 pm** **Newcombe Foundation update** – Tom Wilfrid, Executive Director
- 1:15-2:15 pm** **How's it going for you? What's on your mind?**
Large group and small group discussions of current issues in serving students, Newcombe program administration, fundraising, the reporting process, the Newcombe website, and other topics of interest to attendees
- 2:15-2:30 pm** **Wrap-up** and departure
- 2:30 pm** **Tour of Rider's North Hall** *(optional)*