

Rutgers Supply Chain Collaborative Community (RSCC)

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About RSCC

The Rutgers Supply Chain Collaborative Community (RSCC) was launched to build a vibrant, student-driven platform that bridges academic learning with real-world supply chain practice. RSCC unites students, faculty, alumni, and industry professionals to foster collaboration, professional development, and meaningful industry engagement.

Founded on the principles of learning, leadership, and long-term growth, RSCC aims to empower students pursuing careers in supply chain, operations, analytics, and related fields. Through workshops, events, and collaborative projects, the community creates opportunities for learning, connection, and growth that extend beyond the classroom.

What began as an idea among a few motivated students in Spring 2025 has grown into an early-stage, structured initiative supported by Rutgers faculty and industry mentors. RSCC is still in its formative phase, but it is driven by strong ideas, shared purpose, and the enthusiasm of its founding members and board to build a sustainable community that enhances academic learning and prepares students for impactful careers in the global supply chain space.



Student Leaders Who Launched the RSCC Initiative (2025)

This team led the formation, launch, and early growth of RSCC with the support of faculty and industry advisors.



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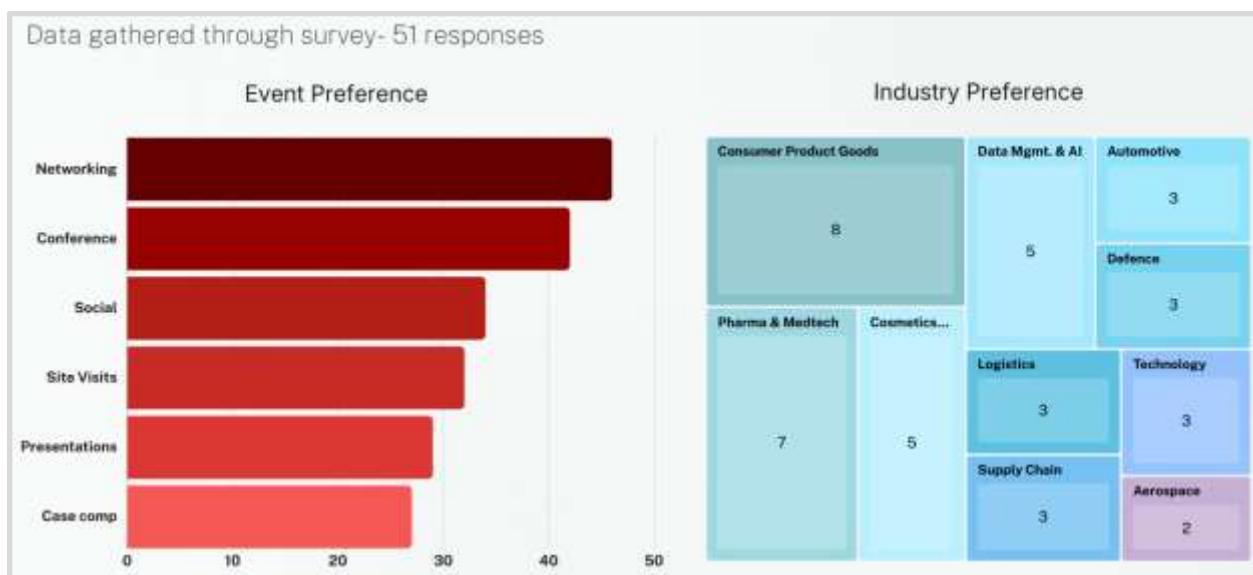
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Initial Student Survey: Understanding Student Needs

The Initial Student Survey helped RSCC better understand what students wanted from the community and ensured the first-year roadmap stayed closely aligned with real interests and goals. The survey received 51 responses, offering a clear snapshot of what students' value most in their supply chain experience.

Responses showed strong interest in professional networking events, industry conferences, site visits, case competitions, and spaces to connect socially with peers. Students also highlighted curiosity about industries such as pharmaceuticals, technology, consumer goods, beauty, and transportation, reinforcing the importance of exposure to diverse supply chain career paths.

These insights directly guided RSCC's event planning and priority-setting for the year, helping the team focus on opportunities that blend learning, industry interaction, and collaboration in a way that feels relevant and practical for students.



RSCC Kickoff Event: A Strong Beginning

The RSCC Kickoff Event, held in October 2025 as part of the Fall Student Orientation, marked the official launch of the Rutgers Supply Chain Collaborative Community and brought students together with a shared purpose of collaboration and professional growth. The event drew strong participation from students across multiple programs and campuses, reflecting broad interest in supply chain-focused engagement at Rutgers.

During the session, students were introduced to RSCC's mission and goals, engaged in open discussion, and shared their expectations for the community's future. The presence of Rutgers faculty, supported by Rutgers faculty, including **Professor Joe Agresta**, RSCC hosted a high-impact kickoff session featuring **Luis Roman, VP of MedTech Supply Chain at Johnson & Johnson**, as the keynote speaker. The event also included a panel of industry leaders, **Beth Ann (Ralph Lauren)** and **Henna Caronia (Rutgers alumna and leader at Efficio)**, who shared practical perspectives on leadership and the evolving supply chain landscape. The session was hosted by the founding student officers. Interactive elements such as prizes, raffles, and a student draw for the upcoming "*Dinner with Executives*" series highlighted strong engagement and underscored the growing demand for industry exposure, networking, and collaborative learning opportunities. This successful kickoff confirmed that RSCC is addressing a real need within the student community and established a strong foundation for future initiatives.



Dinner with an Executive Series: Launching Meaningful Conversations

As a next step in the RSCC initiative, the Dinner with an Executive Series was launched in November, building directly on the momentum from the kickoff and student survey insights. This series was designed to create an intimate, conversation-driven setting where selected students and alumni could engage directly with senior industry leaders over dinner, asking questions, hearing real career stories, and gaining practical leadership perspectives.

The inaugural dinner featured **Jeffrey Hermann, Chairman & CEO of Hermann Services, Inc.**, and marked the official start of this signature RSCC offering focused on mentorship, reflection, and future-ready professional growth. The series will continue to serve as a cornerstone of RSCC's mission by connecting students with executives who can challenge their thinking, broaden their understanding of the supply chain landscape, and support their long-term development.

Online Executive Insights Webinar

As part of the RSCC initiative, an open online session was hosted in November featuring **Evelyn Espinal, a global HR strategist, executive coach, and former VP & Global Head of DEI at Unilever**. The webinar was open to all Rutgers students and alumni and attracted more than 15 participants, offering practical insights on leadership, inclusion, and career development in a virtual, accessible format.



The event was organized in collaboration with the “Think Like an Executive” supply chain course led by Professor Joe Agresta and promoted by the Rutgers Supply Chain Collaborative Student Community, further strengthening the connection between classroom learning and executive-level perspectives.



Leadership & Governance: Looking Ahead

A major milestone for RSCC this semester was the successful completion of its student leadership elections and the formal appointment of the inaugural board at the end of December 2025. The newly appointed leadership team includes a **President**, **two Vice Presidents**, **one Finance Lead**, and **one representative for the Part-Time and Online Programs**, establishing a well-rounded governance structure to support RSCC’s operations and long-term growth.

The new board has been appointed with the continued guidance and support of RSCC’s founding members, who will serve in an **Alumni Chair** capacity to ensure continuity, mentorship, and strategic direction during this transition phase.

The formation of the inaugural student board marks a significant step for this newly established community. These leaders will be responsible for driving key initiatives, coordinating events, and strengthening engagement across Rutgers. The first official board meeting is planned ahead of the spring semester to support early planning, role alignment, and goal setting. The enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by the incoming board underscore the strong momentum RSCC has built in a short period and its potential to become a lasting and impactful part of the student experience.



Moving Forward: What's Next for RSCC

As RSCC grows, the focus stays on delivering real value to students through industry speaker sessions, networking events, experiential learning, and closer ties with alumni and professionals.

Looking ahead, plans include expanding interactive sessions with more industry guests, themed discussions, and hands-on workshops to give students practical insights and mentoring throughout the year. The community will broaden outreach, build stronger partnerships, and keep collecting feedback to ensure everything remains student-driven and impactful.

With strong participation, clear direction, and emerging leadership, RSCC is positioned to become a lasting hub for professional growth and collaboration at Rutgers.

RSCC welcomes collaborations from students, faculty, alumni, and industry partners.

Together, we'll continue this journey to create a strong, engaged supply chain community at Rutgers.