



Donna Thornton joined the Rutgers Alumni Relations Department in February 2006 and in December 2007 was named vice president for alumni relations. She oversees programs and activities for the university's 370,000 living alumni from the Camden, New Brunswick and Newark campuses.

Thornton has played a vital role in the TRANSFORMATION OF ALUMNI RELATIONS at Rutgers, helping to launch the Rutgers University Alumni

Association on July 1, 2008. She is a member of the inaugural Board of the RUAA.

Additionally, under Thornton's leadership the department has rebranded itself and its marquee Hall of Distinguished Alumni event, expanded Homecomings and Reunions, while integrating new strategies for alumni engagement across three campuses and launched the new alumni relations web site and online community.

Thornton came to Rutgers from the University of Maine, where she represented 90,000 alumni and held various leadership positions. She has also served as director of corporate planning and development for Community Health and Counseling Services, Maine's largest community mental and home health agency. She was elected to the city council in Brewer, Maine and served that community as its mayor.

She holds a bachelor's degree in public management and a master's in public administration from the University of Maine.