Reverse-Angled Parking? What’s that?

As part of the Campus Gateway and Recreation Center Stormwater Management project, in-street parking has been introduced along North Campus Drive. Eleven curbside, parallel parking spaces are designated on the east side of North Campus Drive and 16 reverse-angled (or back-in/angled) parking spaces are provided on the west side of North Campus Drive near the soccer field. Although back-in/angled parking is new to the Rowan campus, it is being successfully utilized in various downtowns and campuses throughout the country in order to maximize parking supply and better allocate street width among various users. Drivers are certainly familiar with parallel on-street parking, however the reverse-angled parking spaces provide some additional advantages, such as:

- The configuration maximizes the number of parking spaces within a given section of roadway compared to parallel parking
- Vehicle trunks are positioned curbside and out of the travel way for safer unloading/loading compared to traditional front-in angled parking
- Departing vehicles have a better line of sight of oncoming vehicles and bicyclists
- Approaching vehicles are alerted to the intentions of the car in front of them (through signaling to park) rather than a car potentially backing out blindly from a spot into the travel lane

![Diagram of North Campus Drive with reverse-angled parking spaces highlighted]

Our new reverse-angled spaces are clearly marked with signs that state “BACK IN ONLY” and illustrate the three easy steps to safely maneuver into a spot. **Most important, do not pull forward into these spaces from the northbound lane (headed toward Carpenter Street from the direction of the Rec Center).** They are designed to accommodate back-in, forward-out parking from the southbound lane only (headed toward the Rec Center from the direction of Carpenter Street).

![Diagram of reverse-angled parking steps]

It’s time to put your driving skills to the test as you try out the new “reverse-angled” parking along North Campus Drive!