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Rowan University students are assisted by family members and student volunteers while moving into university housing in Glassboro on Aug. 27. PHOTOS BY CHRIS LACHALL/USA TODAY NETWORK

Rollin’ into Rowan

University bustling with students on move-in day

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It was move-in week at South Jersey staple Rowan University, with more than 6,000 students decorating and settling into their new dorm rooms.

On Aug. 27, Rowan welcomed students into their residence halls and inducted a new class for the veterinary school.

Students from 30 different states were represented, welcomed by Rowan moving staff who smiled and waved at students as they donned the school’s iconic yellow.

Approximately 6,221 students moved into an on-campus residence in August, with the first-year class numbering approximately 3,400 students. This would make the class of 2030 one of the largest in Rowan’s history.

“Rowan’s present is bright and beautiful, and the future is going to be even better,” university President Ali A. Houshmand said. “Rowan has increasingly become more and more of a prestigious university. More and more people are seeing it as their No. 1 choice.”

Many South Jersey students may end up choosing Rowan University if they want to stay close to their area.

“It’s close to home, it’s a good school, and I wanted to go to a bigger university,” said Chase Dillenbeck, a business major from Mount Laurel.

Christopher Tuttolomondo, a resident of Long Valley in Morris County, said he’s most excited to feel independent again this upcoming school year.



Tayla Fornes of Brigantine, a first-year student at Rowan University, carries a stuffed animal as she moves into Holly Pointe Commons, Rowan’s largest residence hall, in Glassboro.

“It’s new and different, and I need something new and different. I wanted to explore the world and see what other states have to offer.”

Ezekiel Gregory
A student from Austin, Texas, majoring in translational biomedical engineering and sciences.

“I liked having the option to do things when I wanted or needed to, instead of asking my parents when I needed to go somewhere,” he said. “Besides that, the opportunity to make friends and join clubs. I don’t really have that many options, as far as that goes, back home.”

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Midterm candidates split on data centers

Many voters calling for moratoriums or bans

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As data centers become a defining issue on the midterm campaign trail, some voters are drawing a line in the sand over a yes-or-no question that’s dividing candidates across the country, especially Democrats.

Support for moratoriums, or bans, on data center construction has become a litmus test for some voters, more progressive ones in particular.

As public opinion has quickly soured over the summer on the facilities – which house energy-consuming, noise-producing, water-guzzling infrastructure for artificial intelligence programs – many politicians on both the left and right have increasingly signaled new skepticism about them. Cities and states have swiftly enacted fresh regulations to conserve environmental resources from data centers’ impacts while moving to shield consumers’ electricity bills from spiking because of them too.

Data center proponents argue there are major

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Mansfield Twp. Committee OKs legal action against member

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Mansfield Township is citing Committeeman Marcial Mojena for reportedly constructing a large outbuilding on a property behind his Sherwood Lane home without first receiving permission.

Mansfield code officials have identified at least six code violations involved with the construction of the outbuilding, which is equipped with several utilities. Township officials have ordered it to be demolished.

Each violation potentially comes with a maximum fine of \$500 per day, which is left up to a judge, according to the resolution. The outbuilding was constructed prior to Mojena becoming a committeeman.

The code violation fines are being issued in accordance with one of two resolutions aimed at Mojena that were passed at the township committee’s last meeting Aug. 19. The resolutions were late additions

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