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For a boatload of reasons, it has been two years since our last issue. Many readers emailed, called and asked in person about missing their copies. Thank you for saying how much the magazine matters to keep you connected. We're thrilled to get past that long gap and get back to you with plenty to make you proud of Rowan University.

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Best by five degrees

I have had the magazine sitting on my desk since it arrived and have thoroughly enjoyed reading through it. You just did a terrific job of covering all the material. The photos were glorious. It made me so proud to be a Rowan graduate.

With five degrees between us, my husband and I get a lot of alumni publications and this is the best!

Congratulations.

Christina Kales '69

Brag book

With regard to the fine article I saw about Ms. Trauger's scholarship to Oxford, I feel the need to brag on [my son's] accomplishments, as well.

Having gotten an excellent undergraduate mechanical engineering education at Rowan, Madison is fortunate enough to be continuing his graduate school studies on full scholarship (tuition, fees, and living expenses) doing a master's in engineering at Johns Hopkins University.

It's not Oxford, but it ain't bad!

Jeff Buck

Ed. note: Thanks for the reminder that Rowan folks excel everywhere. Just like a parent isn't supposed to have a favorite child, we don't have a favorite graduate, no matter who gets ink in each magazine.

Fact-checking on a friend

I was looking through the "Our Sympathies" section of the magazine and noticed our dear friend, Margaret Wilson '70, was listed. We just talked to Ms. Derascavage (nee Wilson) yesterday and I know she would be very shocked to find out that she had passed on.

I went through the 1970 Glassboro yearbook including the section of seniors "not pictured" and saw only one Margaret Wilson. You might want to check your sources.

Nancy Smoller '70 (nee Nandal) & Ed Smoller '70

Ed. note: So glad to hear we were wrong. Our sympathies list comes from multiple sources, with verifications built in when we compose the pages. We still don't know what caused this error. Thanks for writing to tell us the good news.

Fan of the future

I'm glad that Rowan Magazine was one of the pieces of mail I picked up during quiet moments before the crush of the spring semester. "The University of the Future" hits the bull's-eye in characterizing the next era of strategic planning.

As a presidential newcomer, I appreciated the opportunity to learn how Rowan will establish itself as "The University of the Future." I wish you all the best.

Alberto Cardelle, Ph.D., MPH
President, SUNY-Oneonta

Better than the average editor

Ask any of the thousands of students Jack Gillespie '63, M'69 taught and they'll tell you how he helped them write more carefully and clearly, cutting the flab and making fewer words work better.

After 17 years, Jack has more than earned his retirement from his associate editor role with us. Jack helped our staff communicate more effectively so readers could stay connected through Rowan Magazine. He saved us from countless typos and passive verbs.

The readers who picked up writing that he edited—news stories, journal articles, books, blog posts and this magazine—benefited from Jack's skill and his respect for the subject matter, the language and his audience.

Ever the wise mentor and humble, gentle critic, as professor and colleague, he wryly credited his dog as his own writing coach.

For his impeccable professional service, cheerful guidance, dry wit and constant encouragement to do "better than the average bear," we offer heartfelt but woefully inadequate gratitude.

With great affection and tremendous regard, we wish you all the best, Jack. Thank you.



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A portrait of John H. Martinson, a middle-aged man with short grey hair, wearing a dark blue pinstriped suit jacket, a white shirt, and a blue and yellow striped tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is blurred, showing an American flag on the left and pink flowers on the right.

From John H. Martinson, a boost for Rowan's 'citizen scholars'

"I'M CERTAINLY IMPRESSED WITH THE LEADERSHIP, FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF THE HONORS COLLEGE," SAID MARTINSON, CHAIRMAN OF MARTINSON VENTURES OF NEWTOWN, PA. "I'M EAGER TO ACCELERATE THAT PROGRESS."

With 224 students, the largest-ever honors class entered Rowan University this fall.

They joined 400 current honors students in a college that is growing and thriving due in large part to the support of venture capitalist John H. Martinson. Last year, Martinson pledged \$5 million to expand and enhance Rowan's honors curriculum.

The college is now the John H. Martinson Honors College at Rowan University, a fitting tribute to a successful and generous business executive who believes in the power of honors colleges and, also, in the special mission of the honors program at Rowan.

"I'm certainly impressed with the leadership, faculty and students of the Honors College," said Martinson, chairman of Martinson Ventures of Newtown, Pa. "I'm eager to accelerate that progress."

Similar to honors colleges at other institutions, Rowan's Honors College

includes academically motivated students of every major and academic discipline. It offers unique and interdisciplinary course offerings, enhanced discipline-specific classes, priority registration and honors housing.

But the college stands out in that it fosters a diverse community of "citizen scholars" by building a learning community dedicated to developing social and civic-minded leaders.

The college's motto—"Think. Thrive. Share."—bolsters that commitment. While students think in their coursework and research, the Honors College encourages students to volunteer their time and talents and to take part in a range of cocurricular and extracurricular activities designed to enrich their lives outside of the classroom. The curriculum also challenges students, faculty and staff to collaborate on frameworks for civic engagement and leadership.

Martinson, who has led 80 companies to phenomenal success in the software industry, is a fan of that approach.

"Rowan encourages participation in civic projects. Students will benefit from enrichment programs and experiential learning from my endowment," said Martinson, a veteran of the United States Air Force.



Students from every major and academic discipline at Rowan are represented in the John H. Martinson Honors College. The \$5 million gift from Martinson (above) will allow the college to expand research opportunities, service trips, and opportunities to study abroad.

Indeed, Martinson's gift is expanding opportunities for honors students, including providing funding for more paid research opportunities, spring break service trips at no cost to students, and opportunities to study abroad.

"In the John H. Martinson Honors College, we look for incredibly well-rounded scholars who give back to the community," said Dean Lee Talley. "We want to cultivate citizen scholars. Mr. Martinson appreciates the strength of that. His gift is going to broaden and deepen absolutely everything we do."

In fact, in the summer, the college started the Martinson Summer Scholars Program, where students were paid as they gained vital experience that will enhance their careers at Rowan—and beyond. They conducted cutting-edge research in biomedical engineering, biology, chemistry, mathematics and sociology, among other disciplines.

Rising sophomore history major Zarqum Masood of Edison is an honors student on track to become a physician.

Thanks to Martinson's gift, in the summer Masood conducted medicinal chemistry research focusing on multiple myeloma in the laboratory of Subash Jonnalagadda, Ph.D., head of the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry.

"I've always been interested in cancer research. This was my first time dipping my toes into research in the lab," Masood said. "This opportunity will put everything I'm learning in class into perspective.

"It's a great starting point for me to guide my journey. None of this would be possible without Mr. Martinson's generosity," Masood added.

Martinson's gift is the second major gift to the Honors College. In 2004, the late Thomas N. Bantivoglio gave \$1 million to strengthen the Honors program, founded at the institution in 1989. The Bantivoglio Honors Concentration remains within the Martinson Honors College.

INTRODUCING THE PRIDE OF THE PROFS MARCHING BAND

Beyond honors and academia, John H. Martinson has a personal interest in the arts and making arts programming more exciting to a broad range of patrons.

After noticing a gap in Rowan's programming, Martinson designated a portion of his gift for a university marching band.

And so, the Pride of the Profs was born.

Under the direction of Megan Cooney '11, the marching band officially took flight this fall. The band is marching more than 130 students in woodwinds, brass, drumline, front ensemble

and color guard, performing at home football games and campus events.

"This is huge to us," said senior music education major and drum major Julia Irizarry. "The addition of this ensemble really reflects how Rowan will continue to expand."

For Martinson, a marching band is a symbol of enthusiasm that crosses student activities and sports, attracting more students to bring their talents to Rowan.



Power switch



Transforming ordinary water into hydrogen fuel requires electricity—and a lot of it. When its production is supported by renewable resources, hydrogen is a clean fuel that can power heavy industry and transportation. Now, with federal backing, hydrogen is poised to help America end its dependence on fossil fuels.

Recently, the Biden administration announced a massive investment in the research, development and education necessary to support seven clean hydrogen hubs—regional networks of producers, consumers and local connective infrastructure.

Building on its track record of matching academic programs to meet industry needs, Rowan University will be part of that transformation as one of the education partners supporting the Mid-Atlantic Clean Hydrogen Hub (MACH2), among seven hubs selected by the Department of Energy to receive up to \$750 million in funding.

"We are excited to support the MACH2 partnership," said Provost Tony Lowman. "We will offer flexible, accessible and affordable pathways to credentials and degrees, starting as early as high school and going all the way through the Ph.D. level. We'll also work with our industry partners to ensure those degrees lead to local, meaningful careers. This stackable credit education model is the piece that's missing from today's economy."

FAST-RISERS

Five named 2023 NSF CAREER Award winners

A record number of Rowan faculty earned National Science Foundation Early Career Development (CAREER) Awards, recognition of their potential as outstanding leaders in research.



YONG CHEN, PH.D., an assistant professor of biological and biomedical sciences, is developing better methods of examining chromatin interactions within cells to gain more insight into basic biology and disease.



ANDRA GARNER, PH.D., an assistant professor of environmental science, is studying the ways sea level rise is projected and how data from those projections are used by policymakers. What she learns could help governments better prepare coastal communities.



JASON HEINDL, PH.D., an assistant professor of biological and biomedical sciences, is studying a type of bacteria that causes diseases in plants—and how humans can manipulate this process and its outcome.



SEBASTIÁN L. VEGA, PH.D., an assistant professor of biomedical engineering, is working to understand why mesenchymal stem cells degrade over time in the lab, a critical barrier in regenerative medicine.



NICHOLAS WHITING, PH.D., an assistant professor of physics and biological and biomedical sciences, is using hyperpolarized magnetic resonance to study carbon-based quantum dots in new ways that could improve medical imaging.

Covering the 1967 Summit at Hollybush



It was a huge international story. And Leon Zimmerman was there, covering the New Jersey angle as President Lyndon B. Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin came together for the Summit at Hollybush at then-Glassboro State College.

For nearly 10 hours of talks over two days in June of 1967, the two leaders of the world’s superpowers met in Hollybush Mansion for quiet, straightforward discussions aimed at quelling tensions between the two countries during the height of the Cold War.

The summit drew worldwide attention. An estimated 500 million people in 25 countries watched, read or listened to reporting from Glassboro. As many as 15,000 people lined the streets to witness the historic event.

At the time, Zimmerman was a 28-year-old Trenton correspondent for The Record of Hackensack, then one of the state’s biggest dailies. Altogether, Zimmerman filed nearly 15 stories over three days, dictating them to his assignment desk over a pay telephone outside Esbjornson Gymnasium.

“My editors thought we should

cover this with our own staff. I was very happy to take the assignment,” Zimmerman said.

With guests visiting to tour Hollybush in June, Zimmerman returned to recount one of the biggest stories he covered in his prolific, 57-year career. During a brief program, he shared his experiences and donated his White House press credential from the Summit for display in Hollybush. It is the only professional’s press badge in Rowan’s Summit collection.

“I’m really, really thrilled and excited to come back to the scene of one of the greatest stories I ever wrote,” he said.



Leon Zimmerman’s press credential from the 1967 Summit at Hollybush is the only professional’s press badge in the Summit Collection. Zimmerman (above) donated the badge in June.



Rowan professors Valarie Lee and Chanelle Rose are leading critical efforts to improve the teaching of Black history in New Jersey schools.

An interdisciplinary approach to teaching Black history in New Jersey schools

Addressing a critical need in New Jersey’s schools, two Rowan professors are teaming up to develop a curriculum to help current and future teachers have the content knowledge and tools to teach Black history.

History professor Chanelle Rose and education professor Valarie Lee are establishing the Black Humanities in Education Initiative Through History and Culture, an interdisciplinary, multipronged approach to support the development and instruction of content

knowledge for pre-service and in-service teachers. The work is supported by a \$133,748 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Earlier this year, New Jersey lawmakers strengthened an existing law—known as the Amistad Law—to infuse Black history into curricula in the state’s schools year-round.

But there’s much work to be done—in New Jersey and elsewhere—to ensure today’s students are receiving an education in Black history that highlights the

achievements and contributions of Black Americans in areas including literature, music, philosophy, history and other fields, according to Rose.

“In New Jersey, we have the Amistad Law, but how do we make sure it’s implemented? Not everyone has the content knowledge to teach this and to develop innovative lesson plans on African-American history,” Rose said.

“Currently, there are concerted efforts in the United States to actually make this content illegal,” Lee said. “This work is more critical than ever, and it really does have the ability to impact K-12 education in New Jersey. This initiative could become a prototype for other states.”



CENTERED ON STUDENT LIFE

With a tiered, glass-enclosed addition to its west façade, Chamberlain Student Center is expanding its facilities with 30,000 square feet of collaboration, gathering and office space. The \$30 million project is set to open in late spring amid a year of celebrating the Student Center’s 50th anniversary.

Connolly leads NASA asteroid mission analyses

A journey of some 2 billion miles by NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft ended September 24 in the Utah desert, bringing with it space rocks and dust that scientists hope may unravel some of the mysteries of the solar system.

Leading research into the return capsule's sample, which OSIRIS-REx ejected high above Earth, is Rowan University Department of Geology Chair Dr. Harold Connolly Jr.

Connolly, co-investigator and mission sample scientist for the OSIRIS-REx mission, is supervising analyses by a 250-member international team that is now studying the sample from the asteroid Benu, which the spacecraft rendezvoused with

some 200 million miles from Earth.

OSIRIS-REx launched in 2016 from Cape Canaveral in Florida and, on Oct. 20, 2020, collected about one cup of material from Benu's surface.

Connolly noted that, even before the spacecraft returned its capsule, scientists learned a great deal about Benu.

For one thing, "we never knew the asteroid would be so loosely held together," he said.

NASA embarked on the mission so scientists can study a sample from space that, unlike meteorites that change as they crash through Earth's fiery atmosphere, is pristine and may contain clues about the origin of the solar system.



RISING STAR

Biomedical engineering major Brendan Connor earned the prestigious 2023 Goldwater Scholarship. The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program provides partial tuition and fees for his senior year.

TD BANK COMMITS \$1M FOR GREEN JOBS ACADEMY

With support from a \$1 million TD Ready Challenge grant from TD Bank Group, Rowan University and its partners are establishing a new Green Jobs Academy for careers in wind and solar energy.

The TD Ready Challenge grant program is a competitive North American initiative that supports nonprofit and charitable organizations developing solutions for a changing world. Rowan is among this year's 10 grant recipients.

Green jobs are the fastest-growing segment of New Jersey's economy and, with the development of the Paulsboro Marine Terminal and the New Jersey Wind Port, the renewable energy sector in South Jersey will require skilled labor for wind and solar energy jobs.

"TD Bank is leading the way on sustainability, economic development and corporate social responsibility," said Rowan President Ali Houshmand. "We're happy to partner with them on educational programs that will benefit South Jersey far into the future."



Researchers begin to handle the probe that returned to Earth after its seven-year mission in space.



Nerd Street esports partner opens Rowan Boulevard site



Vic Collinsworth (right), Rowan Esports club president, celebrates scoring against Nerd Street Chief Product Officer Joel Velarde and Emily C. Zbyszynski, director of the Rowan Center for Esports, as the three play Rocket League at the grand opening.

Online gaming company Nerd Street opened its first collegiate site April 27, partnering with Rowan to create an interactive entertainment center and high-tech laboratory.

Nerd Street operates esports centers across the country, but its Glassboro location is the company's first with a major university.

President Ali Houshmand said the all-new facility complements Rowan's growing esports program, providing infrastructure and a platform to educate students for careers in technical, computer-based fields, including applications in transportation, agriculture, even the military.

"The global economy is going digital," Houshmand said. "We call it esports, but this is much bigger than that."

RANKINGS ON THE RISE

U.S. News & World Report boosts Rowan's overall rank 30 places.

#163 OVERALL NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES 

30-place pick up from 193 last year

#88 TOP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  an 11-spot improvement

 SOCIAL MOBILITY **#91** an 116-place boost

#104 BEST VALUE SCHOOLS  an 18-spot improvement

HENRY M. ROWAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING **#105**  a 32-place jump among schools whose highest degree is a doctorate

#113 BEST COLLEGES FOR VETERANS  an 18-place improvement

 Princeton Review raises entrepreneurship **#40** UNDERGRADUATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP  up 4 spots in national ranking and #1 in New Jersey

BOUND FOR COLLEGE, POISED FOR SUCCESS

Seventy recent high school graduates from South Jersey jump-started their collegiate careers with significant advantages—and, in some cases, received some hefty scholarships—thanks to ROPES (Rowan Opportunity for Postsecondary Excellence & Success), a rigorous, two-year, dual-enrollment program led by the College of Education.

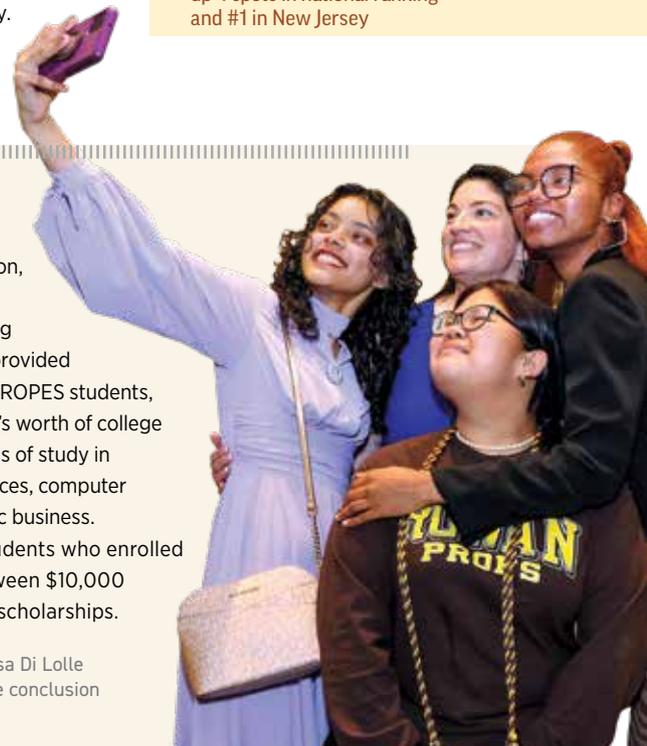
Started in 2021 through a \$1.5 million grant provided by the U.S. Department of Education and administered through New Jersey's "Opportunity Meets Innovation Challenge," ROPES was established in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic to assist historically disadvantaged students.

All students in the program attended urban and rural high schools in seven South Jersey districts.

Five Rowan colleges—Education, Performing Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Engineering and Science & Mathematics—provided coursework and instruction to ROPES students, who earned nearly a semester's worth of college credits. Students pursued fields of study in teacher education, social services, computer science, engineering and music business.

Additionally, 29 ROPES students who enrolled at Rowan were awarded between \$10,000 and \$30,000 in unrestricted scholarships.

ROPES program coordinator Elisa Di Lolle (second from left) celebrates the conclusion of the program with students.





GAINING AND GIVING A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Sixty years after students formed Operation Uganda to support the education and independence of the people of Uganda, a \$500,000 gift from Betty Bowe Castor '63 will establish the Operation Uganda Digital Collection & Exhibit to preserve the history of the initiative for future generations. Castor's gift also will support an annual lecture to bring to Rowan renowned scholars who focus on history and humanitarianism in Africa.

See more photos and backstory: view.rowan.edu/operation-uganda



Dance majors Gabrielle Langevine and Amanda Drayton, Associate Professor and Theatre & Dance Department Chair Paule Turner, dance major Gregory Williams, and dance alumna Sabrina Vargas '23 celebrate the program's new studios.

Dancing on home

The College of Performing Arts celebrated the opening of the Wilson Hall Dance Studios last fall. The 7,500-square-foot addition features two dance studios, faculty offices and student spaces, allowing the dance program to continue its growth. The new studios centralize the dance program in the performing arts academic building for the first time in the program's history.

Understanding the trauma of those who have witnessed executions

In October 2022, Sandra Joy perched her trusty "Love Heals" baseball cap on her head, loaded her dog, Nova, into an RV, and embarked from Philadelphia on an eight-month road trip across the United States.

During that time, Joy, a staunch death penalty opponent, traveled to nearly 25 states to conduct interviews with more than 85 people—inmates, death row exonerees, family members, journalists, prison officials, activists, attorneys, medical professionals and spiritual advisers—who have witnessed executions. Her research, accomplished during a year-long sabbatical, will

serve as the basis of an upcoming book and documentary film focusing on the traumatic experiences of those who have witnessed executions.

Joy, who completed her travels in June, has outlined her journey and the interviews she has conducted on a detailed website, bearingwitnesses.com. She also posted frequent updates on her Instagram account, @bearingwitnesses.

Author of two books that focus on the grief, loss and treatment of families of those on death row and on coalition-building in the anti-death penalty movement, Joy twice has presented her research on the needs of the children of death row inmates before the United Nations Human Rights Council.

For a future book and documentary film, sociologist Sandra Joy traveled the country for eight months interviewing more than 85 Americans who have witnessed executions.



Rowan brings virtual reality to higher education



Students explore a virtual world while seated at desks in an immersive learning center pod at Arizona State University. Photo courtesy of Arizona State University.

In its work to move higher education ever forward, Rowan University is introducing a new approach to learning using virtual reality (VR)-enabled experiences that combine “education through exploration” pedagogy and cinematic storytelling techniques through a collaboration with Dreamscape Learn and Arizona State University.

Rowan’s implementation of the Dreamscape Learn VR-enabled courseware and instructor platform will enable faculty to send students on “academic missions” in immersive classrooms.

IMMERSIVE LEARNING CENTER

Plans are underway to construct a new immersive learning center with multiple “pods,” each built to accommodate 30 students and two instructors. The pods will feature:

- VR headsets and sensors for each user
- motion-capture cameras to convert each user into an avatar
- haptic technology including fans, mist and shaking mechanisms.

The immersive learning center will be built as part of the Campbell Library renovation project, beginning summer 2024. A six-person demonstration space will be ready by January 2024 for faculty development and training in the Samuel H. Jones Innovation Center at the South Jersey Technology Park.

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

The University plans to build new, interdisciplinary immersive courses across all of its colleges and schools. Rowan anticipates licensing original immersive courseware to other institutions using the platform.

“We are fully committed to becoming the University of the Future in every way imaginable,” said President Ali A. Houshmand. “Our investment now means we can extend this innovative educational experience to many more students, both on our campuses and beyond.”

BUSINESS STARTUP FUND GROWS TO \$25 MILLION

Furthering a commitment to a robust South Jersey economy, the Rowan University Foundation has expanded its venture capital fund to \$25 million.

Launched in 2014 with \$5 million, the Rowan Innovation Venture Fund (RIVF) received an additional \$20 million to back evolving businesses from within and outside the Rowan community.

Since 2015, the RIVF has seeded more than a dozen South Jersey and regional startups. Though much of that investment has been in companies founded by Rowan students, faculty or alumni, the fund’s broader mission supports a key University goal of economic development beyond campus.

“The RIVF is among the largest venture funds from a public university in the region,” said President Ali Houshmand. “As Rowan grows, part of our mission must be to support innovators with the ideas and ability to launch businesses, create jobs and improve our community.”

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR WINS \$30K NEW VENTURE COMPETITION WITH SAFETY APP

Siena Rampulla '23 believes that women should feel secure everywhere—from a walk to their car to their own home—so the psychology major built an app for that.

Judges in the Rohrer College of Business’s 2023 New Venture Competition considered the idea so good that they awarded Rampulla \$30,000, the contest’s top prize, to complete the phone app’s development.



WGLS wins nation's best for second straight year

The best in the United States.

Again.

For the second consecutive year, College Media Association named Rowan Radio 89.7 WGLS-FM College Radio Station of the Year during the CMA's annual Pinnacle Awards program November 1 in Atlanta.

The win marks the third time in WGLS's 59-year history, including 1997 and 2022, that it earned honors as the nation's top college radio station. Last year, WGLS-FM also nabbed the top slot.



Dedicated to great radio: junior Elena Laughton live on the air in 2022.

WGLS Station Manager Derek Jones said the station's continued success derives from a culture of strong storytelling and consistently great radio.

"Winning this award for a second consecutive year is a remarkable testament to our staff's teamwork and desire to produce award-winning content," Jones said. "The students remain the heartbeat of Rowan Radio."

The College Radio Station of the Year competition focuses on a station's news and entertainment programming over the previous 12 months. The CMA competition featured schools with an enrollment of at least 10,000 undergraduate students and finalists this year included North Carolina State University, Oregon State University and Michigan State University.

Rowan Radio has won more than 360 regional and national awards since 1993.

WINDOW ON THE PAST, FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

Preparing for a spring 2024 opening, Edelman Fossil Park & Museum continues to take shape on its perch above a former quarry filled with fossils from 66 million years ago. Heralded by Smithsonian Magazine among the "most anticipated museums," the \$71 million facility features sustainable design and eco-friendly features that will make it New Jersey's largest public net-zero facility.



Ian Sennstrom, Ayman Ali, Shahriar Abubakri, Caitlin Purdy, Ashith Marath and Ahmed Saidi, all part of Rowan University's CREATES, inspect the installation of a testing strip for a system designed to deice pavement.

Military adapts to changing Arctic through engineering

Rising temperatures, thawing permafrost and eroding coastlines are challenging the military's transportation infrastructure in the Arctic, affecting roads, runways and bridges.

With support from a five-year, \$30 million grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, its Engineer Research and Development Center and Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Rowan University's Center for Research & Education in Advanced Transportation Systems (CREATES) is developing innovative construction technologies and materials to withstand fluctuating temperatures and surface conditions in cold regions.

The work includes a wide range of projects, including the design and evaluation of new pavement materials, as well as their production and maintenance.





Rowan's 20th-ranked softball team earned a trip to the College World Series for the seventh time in school history when the Profs captured the title at the NCAA Ashland Super Regional.

Profs win nine conference titles in 2022-23 and make their mark nationally

At press time, fall 2023 seasons are wrapping up. A look back at 2022 shows Rowan Athletics had an unprecedented year of success in the New Jersey Athletic Conference, while representing the University on the national stage in 14 NCAA Championships.

The Profs earned their third straight NJAC Cup, and the fifth all-time, which recognizes overall success during the year of league competition. Nationally, Rowan placed 15th in the final 2022-23 LEARFIELD Directors' Cup Division III standings, which acknowledges the overall excellence of the athletics program.

Rowan's fall teams captured an unprecedented five NJAC championships in one season, including four in one weekend.

The Profs followed with titles in men's basketball, women's basketball, and men's track & field, in both the indoor and outdoor seasons, while baseball and softball won the league's regular-season crowns.

Justin Kelly was the NJAC's individual cross country champion while helping the Profs capture their first team title since 2017.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Profs placed third at the conference championships and took ninth at the NCAA Metro Region Championships.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Rowan picked up its 24th conference championship, and the first since 2017, while senior Justin Kelly was the individual champion, becoming the 27th Prof to take home the title.

FOOTBALL

The Profs won five of their last six games to record their most wins (seven) since 2014, including a thrilling last-second victory over rival The College of New Jersey. The Profs were well-represented on the All-Conference Teams with eight selections.





Kristiina Castagnola was named the National Player of the Year in field hockey, becoming the first female athlete at Rowan to earn her sport's top award. She led the Profs to a berth in the NCAA Semifinals.

VOLLEYBALL

Rowan earned back-to-back titles in the NJAC and participated in the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time. Natalie Ogden (Player) and Deana Jespersen (Coach) received marquee awards from the NJAC, with Ogden picking up her second All-America honor.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The 23rd-ranked Profs posted 12 consecutive shutouts and won their first title since 2016. Emma DeMaise (Defensive Player) and Calista Burke (Goalkeeper) earned two of the NJAC's top awards with Burke being named to the All-America Second Team.

MEN'S SOCCER

Rowan, which went without a loss in 10 straight games, captured its first NJAC Championship in 20 years and reached the NCAA Second Round. Chad Yates was named the NJAC Midfielder of the Year, becoming the first Rowan player to receive it.

FIELD HOCKEY

Third-ranked Rowan made its second-straight trip to the NCAA Final Four, which it hosted. The Profs captured their second consecutive NJAC title and saw Kristiina Castagnola (Midfielder), Tess Herman (Rookie) and Michelle Andre (Coach) receive the league's top awards. Castagnola was named the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III Player of the Year, becoming the school's first female athlete to earn her sport's top player award.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Profs won their first conference title since 2019 and reached the NCAA Sweet 16, marking their furthest advancement in the NCAA Tournament since 1997-98. Ja'Zere Noel was the Player of the Year in both the district and the conference and named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-America First Team.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Rowan defeated top-seeded New Jersey City University to win the conference title for the second time in three seasons, while Demetrius Poles earned his second NJAC Coach of the Year award before passing away in May. (See tribute on p. 80.)

Rowan's student-athletes not only excelled in competition, but also in the classroom as four were named to the prestigious College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Teams. Additionally, 186 were honored on the NJAC All-Academic Teams while numerous others received academic honors from their sports' organizations and other outlets. Overall, there were 308 Rowan student-athletes with a grade-point average of 3.0 or better, while 11 Profs maintained a GPA of 4.0 during the 2022-23 academic year.

2022-23 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

- Calista Burke**, Women's soccer
- Kristiina Castagnola**, Field hockey
- Abby Hainsworth**, Field hockey
- Chad Yates**, Men's soccer

The women's 2022 soccer team was one of five fall teams to win conference championships in a span of a week as the Profs captured their first title since 2016.





The Profs placed third in the nation at the NCAA Men's Outdoor Track & Field Championships held in Rochester, N.Y.

MEN'S SWIMMING

The Profs placed third in the Metropolitan Championships and sent five swimmers to the NCAA Championships. Jack Watson, who led all Profs by earning seven All-Conference honors, earned All-America status in two events.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Rowan took second place at the Metropolitan Championships. Freshman Ella Pennington received top rookie honors from the METS and the NJAC and earned All-America Second Team honors in the 200m backstroke while also setting a new Rowan record.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The Profs set Division III records in the 4x400 and 4x200 relays and sent 10 individuals to the NCAA Championships, with Amara Conte (200m) netting All-America honors. Rowan won its eighth straight NJAC title, with Conte (Outstanding Track Athlete), Kwaku Nkrumah (Co-Rookie) and Dustin Dimit (Coach) picking up the top awards.

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Rowan took third at the NJAC Championships. The 4x400 relay team made history when it became the first Rowan relay team to earn All-America honors with an eighth-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

BASEBALL

The Profs won the NJAC regular-season title and played in their second consecutive NCAA Super Regional, while setting numerous school records on offense. Newcomer Phil Sedalis was one of the top hitters in the nation and was joined on the American Baseball Coaches Association All-America team by pitcher Zach Grace.

LACROSSE

Rowan tied the school mark for victories (14) and reached the NJAC Championship game for the second year in a row. Sophomore Molly Green was named the NJAC Midfielder of the Year for the second time.

SOFTBALL

The fifth-ranked Profs reached the Division III World Series for the seventh time in school history after winning the NCAA Marietta Regional and the NCAA Ashland Super Regional. Rowan claimed the NJAC regular-season crown and Kim Wilson was the Coach of the Year. Sophomore Rylee Lutz was named the NJAC Pitcher of the Year and was selected to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America Second Team.

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Rowan garnered a third-place team finish at the NCAA Championships as six individuals and two relay teams earned All-American honors. The Profs also won their eighth consecutive NJAC crown while top awards were given to Marquise Young (Outstanding Track Athlete), Kwaku Nkrumah (Rookie) and Dustin Dimit (Coach).

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The Profs placed second at the NJAC Championships with Jasmine Broadway earning the Outstanding Track Athlete Award. Rowan sent six student-athletes to the NCAA Championships with Broadway and Emily Galvin taking home All-America honors.

Sophomore Phil Sedalis led the nation in hits at one point during the year and set a new Rowan record with 86. He earned ABCA All-American honors.

HALL OF FAME 2023

The Rowan University/Glassboro State Athletic Hall of Fame inducted members during Homecoming Weekend festivities.

The Class of 2023 honorees include:

Takiyah Bowen
Women's basketball, 1994-98

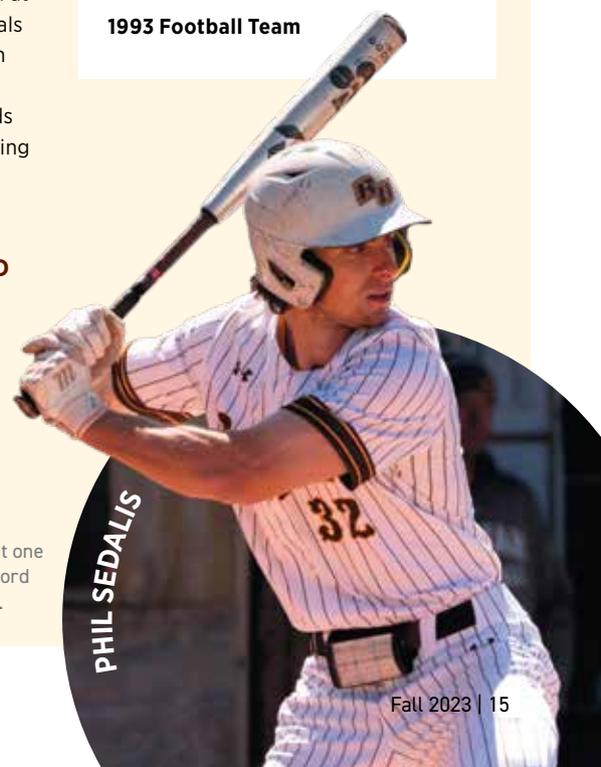
Maurice Davis
Men's basketball, 1998-00

Debbie Filipek
Women's basketball, 1990-94

Ed Hesson
Football, 1990-93

LeRoi Jones
Football, 1993-95

1993 Football Team





COMMENCEMENT



FOR FIVE JOYOUS DAYS in May, Commencement ceremonies were the place to be, starting with a perfect Saturday celebration at Wackar Stadium and 13 college and school programs on the University Green throughout the week.

The rest of the numbers tell a story of ambition and achievement, with 5,824 total students earning degrees, including 4,559 undergraduates, 959 graduates, plus 202 Rowan-Virtua SOM and 104 CMSRU new health and science professions alumni. (For comparison, our total student body

50 years ago was just a bit more than our entire 2023 graduating class. And 100 years ago, we enrolled just 236 students.)

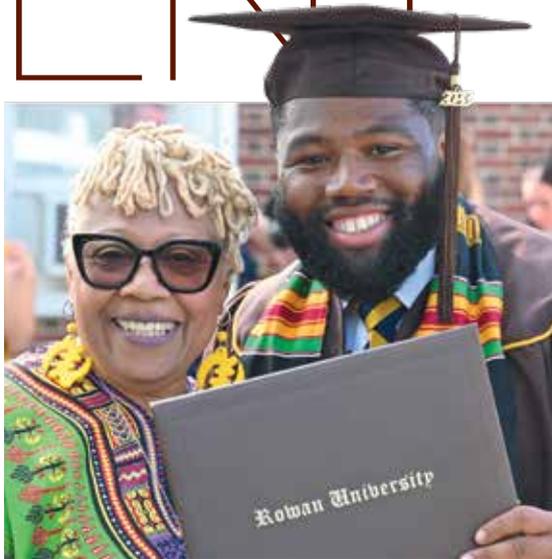
In addition to celebrating new graduates' accomplishments, Rowan recognized friends with decades-long careers in education, business and medicine. This year's honorary doctorate recipients Lucy Rorke-Adams and Gerald B. Shreiber joined Rowan's prestigious list of honorees and William Spurlin '76 accepted the 2023 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

For more photos and videos of the festivities, visit view.rowan.edu and click on "Cheers to the Class of 2023."



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2023



Reimagining health care

A new academic health partnership is transforming education and training

What happens when two leaders fearlessly imagine what's possible?

They build something extraordinary.

In January 2022, Rowan University President Ali Houshmand and Virtua Health President and CEO Dennis Pullin announced the creation of an academic health partnership like no other, one that's already moving forward to meet the health and educational needs of those they serve.

Their vision established Virtua Health College of Medicine & Life Sciences of Rowan University, an institution aimed at empowering students, health care providers and researchers to improve health and wellness for all.

With two dreamers at their helms, Rowan and Virtua have quickly overtaken several five-year goals set during the early stages of planning, transforming the way they educate and train the next generation of physicians, nurses and allied health professionals.

Early achievers

This fall, Virtua Health College introduced new academic programs in respiratory therapy and clinical lab science and more are in the works, including multiple graduate programs in translational research to develop and test new therapies, treatments and models of care.

In the near future, the college will begin recruiting students for a new four-year integrated cooperative education program in nursing, in addition to an already robust 3+1 Bachelor of Science in Nursing program operated in cooperation with nearby community colleges.

Meanwhile, Virtua itself took over six residency programs, while adding two more in general surgery and internal medicine, growing its graduate medical education program from 68 doctors to nearly 200—a monumental feat that's already attracting

top national talent to the academic health system.

And this year, more than two dozen Rowan Medicine clinical practices became affiliated with Virtua Medical Group, another milestone reached ahead of schedule.

“Rowan University and Virtua Health are creating something entirely new, an academic health partnership that will yield great benefits for patients, students and our communities. Together, we will help meet critical regional and national demand for health professions education, patient care and innovation.”

—Ali A. Houshmand, Ph.D.,
president of Rowan University

Accessible and affordable

As longtime registered nurses for Virtua, Melanie Hones and Teresa Lord quickly gained an intimate perspective on the partnership.

Last spring, the community resource coordinators began pursuing their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees after Virtua offered a new benefit for its nurses: free tuition. The program, a tangible reflection of the many benefits which can come from this partnership, gives working professionals an opportunity to continue their education through online courses in the Rita & Larry Salva School of Nursing & Health Professions.



Improving health and well-being

Launched in 2022, the Virtua Health College of Medicine & Life Sciences of Rowan University is a historic new academic health partnership between Rowan University, a top 100 public research institution, and Virtua Health, South Jersey's largest health system.

Together, we are advancing medicine and breaking down barriers to care, improving the health and well-being of all.

OUR SCHOOLS

- Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine
- Rita & Larry Salva School of Nursing & Health Professions
- Rowan-Virtua School of Translational Biomedical Engineering & Sciences

OUR INSTITUTES AND CENTERS

- Child Abuse Research, Education & Service Institute (CARES)
- New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging
- Cell & Gene Therapy Center
- NeuroMusculoskeletal Institute
- Regional Integrated Special Needs Center (RISN)
- Institute for Health Equity
- Cardiovascular Institute
- Institute of Regenerative Medicine & Transplantation

By the numbers

VIRTUA ENDOWMENT

\$85 million

ROWAN'S COMMITMENT

\$125 million

50 NEW FACULTY BY 2030

1 new research tower

Students at Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine's Sewell campus study human anatomy using advanced medical imaging technology.

“Virtua Health and Rowan University work well together because of compatible values and a shared desire to advance the health and well-being of the South Jersey communities we serve. Both Virtua and Rowan have histories of reinvention, and this next chapter is sure to be incredible.”

—Dennis W. Pullin, FACHE,
president and CEO of Virtua Health

“I jumped on the opportunity when it came up,” said Hones, a busy parent and 17-year registered nurse who plans to continue her schooling after graduation.

“I think it’s innovative,” said Lord, a 33-year registered nurse who monitors patients enrolled in Virtua’s remote patient monitoring program. “It’s very smart on the part of Virtua and Rowan to build such a partnership. It’s going to be interesting to see if this happens elsewhere.”

A strategic alliance

In her busy emergency department at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden, Chief of Emergency Medicine Dr. Monika Smith is already seeing the fruits of a partnership between her employer and her alma mater.

In July 2022, students at Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford

began regular rotations through Smith’s department, gaining firsthand exposure to every manner of medical emergency.

For Smith and her colleagues, it’s an opportunity to share the knowledge they have developed over the years, while sharpening their own skills.

“It’s an honor, first and foremost, to be able to train and develop future physicians and have such a tremendous impact on the future of health care,” said Smith, who graduated from the Stratford school in 2003. One third of her graduating class now work at Virtua, creating a collegial and collaborative atmosphere that she views as beneficial for her patients.

Virtua cardiologist Dr. Troy Randle, who graduated with Smith, believes the strategic alliance with Rowan enhances patient care. He knows from experience how medical students and residents take more time with patients and how closely they pay attention.



Chief of Emergency Medicine at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Dr. Monika Smith (second from left) discusses patient care with students from the Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine is ranked in the top 10 of osteopathic medical schools by Kaplan Test Prep and is a leader among osteopathic medical schools in securing federal research grants.





Rowan and Virtua leaders have established a fast-growing medical college to recruit, train and develop future doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, allied health professionals and biomedical researchers.

“I love the teaching aspect,” Randle said. “That’s part of the drive that keeps me going. I know that I can’t practice clinical medicine forever, but knowing I’m part of training our future providers is huge.”

Innovation, close to home

A key aspect of the partnership is the development of a translational biomedical engineering and sciences school, one that brings together the best and brightest researchers and clinicians to pull together toward innovative treatments and techniques to improve patient care.

With access to Rowan’s research capacity, both doctors see a bright future for their students and the South Jersey community as a whole.

After acquiring Our Lady of Lourdes in 2019, Virtua broadened the hospital’s capabilities and patients’ access to minimally invasive robotic surgery, new technology and other services once available only across the Delaware River, Smith noted.

“The two institutions together have so much growth potential and innovation potential,” Smith said. “I’m looking forward to that.” ■

Introducing the Rita & Larry Salva School of Nursing & Health Professions

During their White Coat Ceremony in September, 53 students pursuing Master of Science in Nursing degrees learned their school at Virtua Health College had received a monumental gift from a pair of longtime Rowan benefactors.

President Ali Houshmand delivered the news during the event, held annually to mark the beginning of students’ clinical rotations.

“For more than two decades, Larry Salva and his wife, Rita Salva, have been among Rowan University’s most generous benefactors,” Houshmand said. “Tonight, in recognition for all that Rita and Larry have done, and continue to do, for Rowan University and its students, I am honored to announce that the Rowan University Board of Trustees has approved the renaming of your school as the Rita & Larry Salva School of Nursing & Health Professions.”

Those words were followed by a standing ovation, as Houshmand presented the couple with a framed white coat emblazoned with the new school logo.

A University trustee, Larry Salva '77 addressed the audience. “Rita and I are honored to have a school at Rowan University bearing our names, especially a school that educates health care professionals in the compassionate care of others,” Salva said. “As Rita and I are both first-generation college students and college graduates, we are particularly mindful of the cost of higher education. So, we wanted to help those who might not otherwise pursue a career in health care due to their inability to handle the financial burden.”

The Salvass’ gift will also help support the nursing program’s challenging curriculum and maintain its high standards as it grows.

A head for *a heart*

Gerry Shreiber gives \$30 million
to New Jersey's first veterinary school



business, *for animals*

by Barbara Baals



His extraordinary talent is rooted in business and entrepreneurship. But what's closest to Gerald B. Shreiber's heart? That's easy.

"My heart is in providing opportunities for others to grow, particularly for people who work with and treat animals," Shreiber said.

In April, Shreiber, put his generosity where his heart is when he pledged \$30 million to Rowan University for the first veterinary school in the state of New Jersey. Rowan trustees named the school the Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine, a fitting tribute to a business leader who built his phenomenally successful international company in New Jersey—and who has generously supported animal welfare and education for decades.

Gov. Phil Murphy and a host of state officials joined Rowan President Ali Houshmand, the University



A \$30 million gift from New Jersey business leader and philanthropist Gerry Shreiber (top, with his horse, Black Jack), will fund the state's first veterinary school, based on Rowan's West Campus. The architect's rendering shows the building that will provide educational and clinical facilities adjacent to a new research tower.

“I’m fortunate to be in a position where I can help a broader group of talented people pursue their passion to treat and serve animals.”

—GERRY SHREIBER



community, and future veterinary students in April to announce and celebrate Shreiber’s gift and to witness the groundbreaking of the new, 108,000-square-foot veterinary school on Rowan’s West Campus in Harrison Township.

The school is only the third veterinary school in the nation named for a benefactor. Pending accreditation approval, the Shreiber School is expected to welcome its first class of 60-70 students in 2025. Currently, there are 33 veterinary schools in the nation.

Shreiber’s humble beginnings—“very, very humble,” he emphasized—outside of Atlantic City generally focused on sandlot baseball and adopting stray animals. The son and grandson of produce salesmen, he regularly brought strays home.

“When I was growing up, the only opportunity I had for a dog was what I would find on the street. I would draw them into following me home and then lie to my mother that they followed me. I ran the neighborhood with my dogs. I’ve had animals all of my life,” said Shreiber, who lives on a 113-acre farm in Mullica Hill with his wife, Melanie, and numerous rescue animals, including dogs, horses, burros, goats and a cat.

As a young man, Shreiber knew becoming a veterinarian wasn’t for

him. But business was. In 1971, he paid \$72,100—“a very princely price,” he said with a grin—to purchase a bankrupt soft pretzel company. He transformed that company into J&J Snack Foods, Inc. of Pennsauken, an international brand in the multibillion-dollar snack food and beverage industry.

“My goal with the company was to rescue it. I thought I could fix it and grow it. And it turns out I was able to do all of those things,” he said.

J&J’s brands include SUPEPRETZEL, ICEE, Luigi’s and Minute Maid. The company today boasts nearly 4,600 employees and sales of more than \$1 billion annually. J&J, which has plants across the nation and is the largest manufacturer of soft pretzels in the world, has been listed on the Forbes list of “200 Best Small Companies” seven times. Shreiber twice received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Committed to using his success for good, Shreiber was laser focused on generously supporting animal welfare. He created SAFE (Shreiber Animal Foundation Enterprise), which made a transformational gift to establish a pet therapy program at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

Named the South Jersey Humanitarian of the Year by the Animal Adoption Cen-

ter in 2006, Shreiber, a longtime Rowan supporter who has endowed scholarships for business students, gave \$3 million in 2019 to establish the Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program. One of the most popular wellness initiatives at Rowan, the program brings certified therapy dogs to all campuses to provide wellness resources to students and employees.

The veterinary school gift was a natural progression, he said.

“Animals help all of us live richer, fuller, more active lives,” he said. “They have enriched my life tremendously. I’m fortunate to be in a position where I can help a broader group of talented people pursue their passion to treat and serve animals.”

Shreiber’s gift will leave a lasting legacy, said Matthew Edson, DVM, founding dean of the Shreiber School. Dedicated to scholarships, the gift will

provide support to help New Jersey veterinary students, who may then decide to remain in the state, Edson said.

The gift is the third-largest gift to the University (and the second-largest gift from an individual).

“This really is a capstone gift—and a game changer for our students. It will allow us to provide substantial, perpetual scholarship support for aspiring veterinarians for generations to come.

“Here in New Jersey, we have an unprecedented shortage of veterinary professionals,” Edson continued, noting that students from New Jersey currently have to go out of state to pursue their degrees and often don’t return. “If we keep these students in state, we can keep them as veterinarians later.”

The nation needs more veterinarians, according to Edson. The American Association of Veterinary Medical

OPPOSITE, BOTTOM: Shreiber and his German shepherd, Hachi, one of his many beloved rescue animals.

OPPOSITE, TOP AND BELOW: Renderings of the school’s planned 108,000-square-foot facility, which will include classrooms, a teaching hospital and educational and diagnostic laboratories.





Serving shelter animals

As planning for the Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine continues, the school already is serving animals and the people who care for them.

Through a partnership with Gloucester County, the school is supporting the Gloucester County Animal Shelter with spay/neuter services for pets awaiting adoption.

In August, Dr. Kirsten White, clinical assistant professor of shelter medicine at the Shreiber School, began providing spay and neuter services for dogs and cats housed at the shelter in Clayton.

Supporting the shelter upholds the Shreiber School's mission to

“collaborate with community partners to broaden the lens of education in veterinary medicine,” according to Founding Dean Matthew Edson.

As part of the school's shelter medicine curriculum, veterinary students will receive training in spay/neuter surgery, as well as shelter and community medicine. The training will help them to develop as compassionate and community-minded veterinary leaders, Edson noted.

Spaying and neutering pets helps combat overpopulation and protect against serious health conditions, according to Edson.

Colleges has predicted a shortage of 15,000 veterinarians in the nation within two decades. Additionally, Edson said, good health care for animals impacts everyone. Veterinary care includes caring for livestock and addressing zoonotic diseases—infections that are spread between people and animals.

“Veterinary medicine isn't just about pets,” Edson said.

The veterinary school's primary academic and clinical facilities will be adjacent to the South Jersey Technology Park, 1.5 miles from the Glassboro campus. The facilities will include classrooms and teaching laboratories; a teaching and referral hospital that will be open to the public for appointments; a clinical diagnostics laboratory; surgical instruction and continuing education facilities; administrative and faculty offices; and student support, library and study areas.

The teaching hospital, a rarity in most new veterinary schools, according to Edson, will provide core experiential learning to students, animal health care services to the public and special referral and diagnostic services to regional veterinary practices.

“Most of the newer programs don't have an on-site referral hospital. We thought it was important to make sure that most of the clinical rotations—at least the core rotations—are in-house for us,” Edson said.

In addition to the DVM, the Shreiber School will offer graduate programs, including an MS/Ph.D. in veterinary biomedical science; an accelerated DVM/MBA in collaboration with the Rohrer College of Business; and an accelerated BS/DVM 3+4 pathway program in collaboration with the College of Science & Mathematics.

The school already has a number of collaborations with outside groups, according to Edson, who is the founder of Rancocas Veterinary Associates, a multi-doctor mixed animal practice.

The school works with Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge in Medford, the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine, and the safari at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, he said.

“Through these partnerships, we can cover any experience a student wants to have,” Edson said.

The Shreiber School is planning a Large Animal Field Service, which will provide high-quality veterinary care for animals such as horses, cows, alpacas, goats, sheep and pigs. The mobile unit will serve towns in seven counties within a 30-mile radius of Glassboro.

The need is great, Edson said, for large animal veterinarians in the state’s rural communities and the Large Animal Field Service will work to prepare more students to enter the field of large animal medicine.

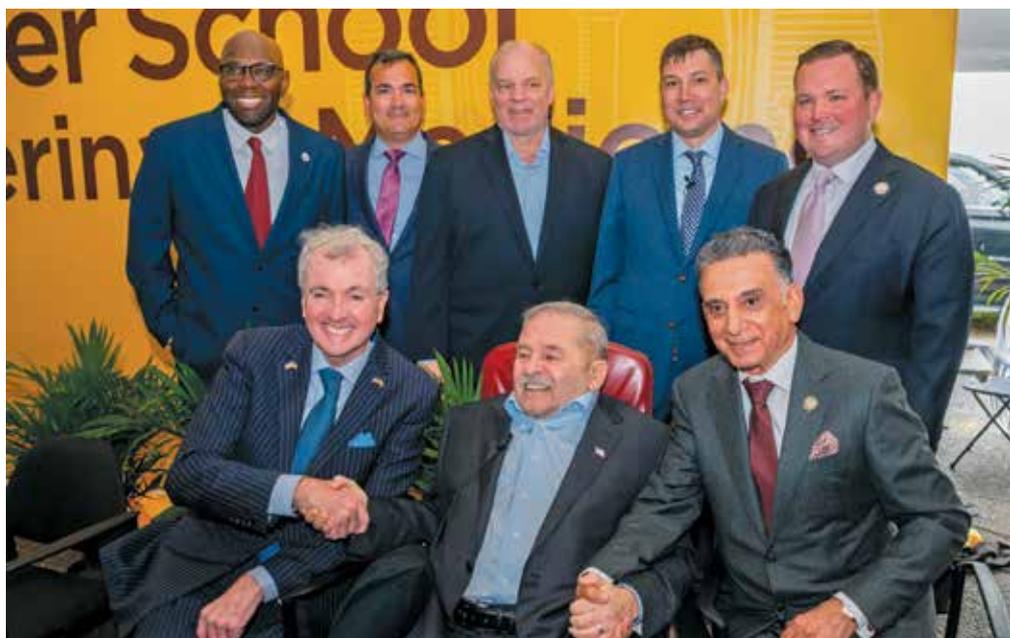
In addition to the Rohrer College of Business and the College of Science & Mathematics, the Shreiber School is collaborating with the University’s Cooper Medical School, Virtua Health College, and even the College of Education.

“We are lucky at Rowan to have a lot of different departments that want to collaborate with us,” Edson said.

In the spring, Edson approached Studio 231, the student-led and student-run experiential learning lab and makerspace in the Rohrer College of Business.

His veterinary practice was treating Fortunato, a young Nigerian dwarf goat that needed prosthetic legs. The goat’s hind limbs were damaged due to septic arthritis, an infection. Edson challenged Studio 231 students to develop prosthetics that could give Fortunato—which means “fortunate” in Italian—a better quality of life.

Mechanical engineering students Addison Deckert and Vince Gallo, both lab techs in the studio, got right to work. Within three weeks, they used 3D imaging and resin printing in the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering to make five different prototypes, ultimately producing breathable



porous silicone socks that slip into royal blue prosthetic “feet” for Fortunato.

To the delight of his veterinarians and the Studio 231 team, Fortunato tested his new prosthetics by running—and throwing in a few joyful goat bounces for good measure—in the grassy area outside Business Hall.

“It was an amazing sight to see that he could actually run,” Deckert said. “We want him to have a happy goat life...doing goat things.”

“We all collaborated together to come up with a really good solution,” said Edson, who, as a child, developed a prosthetic leg for his pet duck.

Shreiber said he’s most eager to see the new school and celebrate its graduates, knowing that, because of his generosity, they’ll positively impact the health and welfare of the animals he treasures.

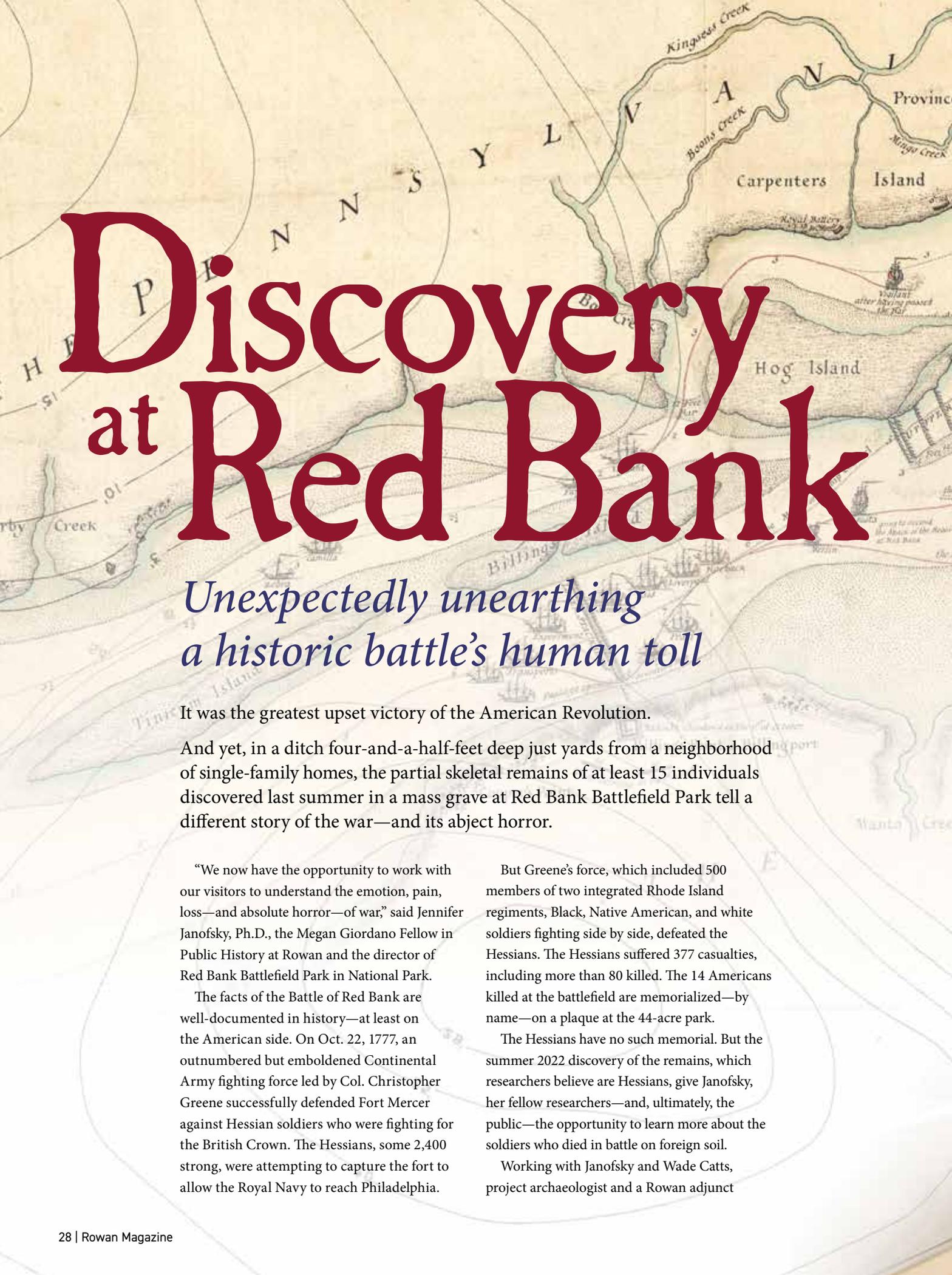
“I’m looking forward to that first class walking down the aisle,” said Shreiber, who accepted an honorary Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree at Rowan’s Commencement in May.

“I’m delighted—and honored—to help make a difference in veterinary medical education. It’s the right thing to do.” ■



TOP: During the gift announcement and groundbreaking ceremony, Shreiber (seated, center) accepts congratulations from University and state officials, including (seated, from left) New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy and President Ali A. Houshmand, as well as (standing, from left) Sen. Troy Singleton '05, Provost Tony Lowman, former Senate President Steve Sweeney, Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine Founding Dean Matthew Edson, and Assemblyman William F. Moen Jr. '09.

ABOVE: Shreiber greets a future veterinary student. The Shreiber School's first class is expected to begin studies in fall of 2025.



Discovery at Red Bank

*Unexpectedly unearthing
a historic battle's human toll*

It was the greatest upset victory of the American Revolution.

And yet, in a ditch four-and-a-half-feet deep just yards from a neighborhood of single-family homes, the partial skeletal remains of at least 15 individuals discovered last summer in a mass grave at Red Bank Battlefield Park tell a different story of the war—and its abject horror.

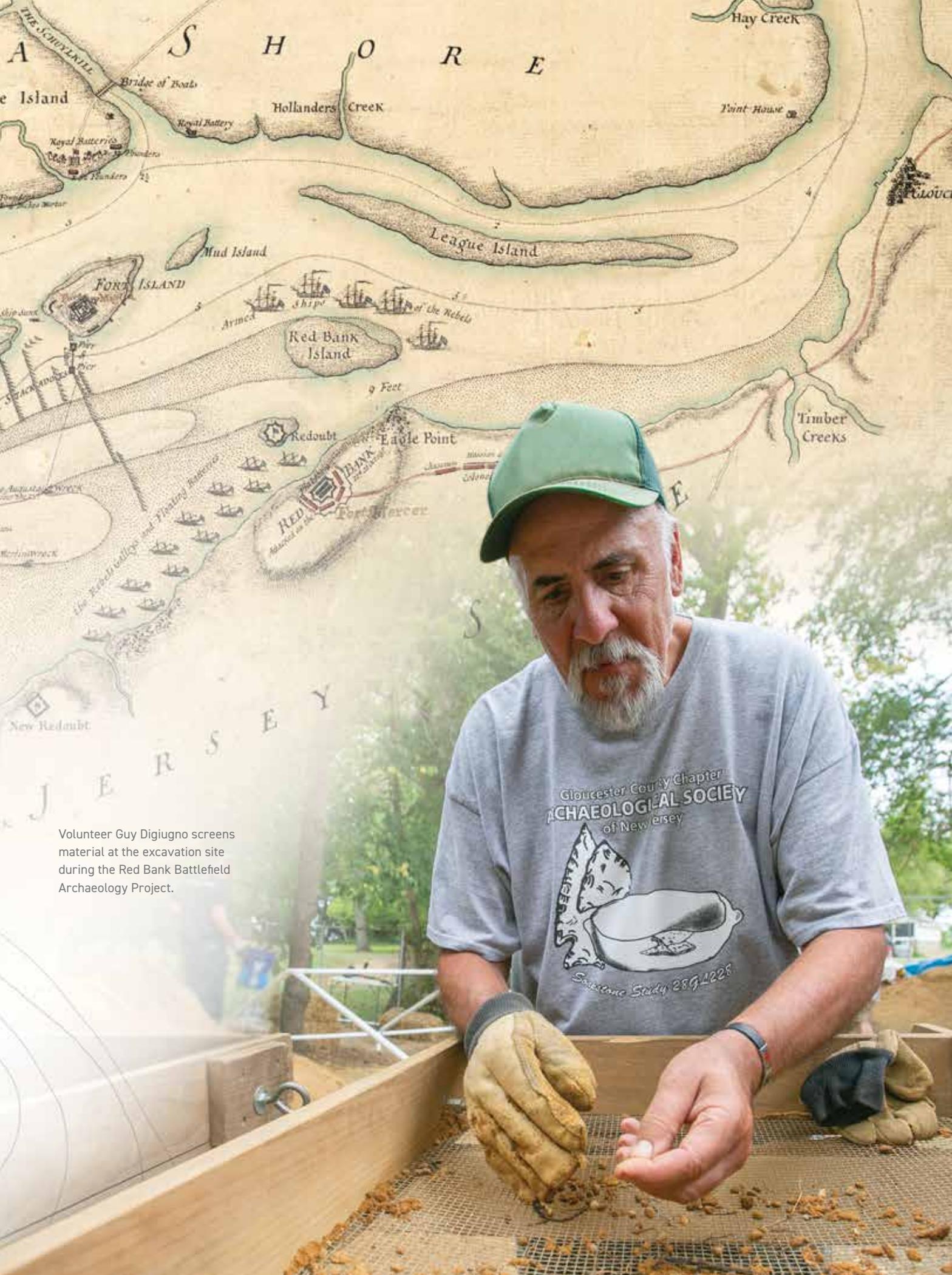
“We now have the opportunity to work with our visitors to understand the emotion, pain, loss—and absolute horror—of war,” said Jennifer Janofsky, Ph.D., the Megan Giordano Fellow in Public History at Rowan and the director of Red Bank Battlefield Park in National Park.

The facts of the Battle of Red Bank are well-documented in history—at least on the American side. On Oct. 22, 1777, an outnumbered but emboldened Continental Army fighting force led by Col. Christopher Greene successfully defended Fort Mercer against Hessian soldiers who were fighting for the British Crown. The Hessians, some 2,400 strong, were attempting to capture the fort to allow the Royal Navy to reach Philadelphia.

But Greene's force, which included 500 members of two integrated Rhode Island regiments, Black, Native American, and white soldiers fighting side by side, defeated the Hessians. The Hessians suffered 377 casualties, including more than 80 killed. The 14 Americans killed at the battlefield are memorialized—by name—on a plaque at the 44-acre park.

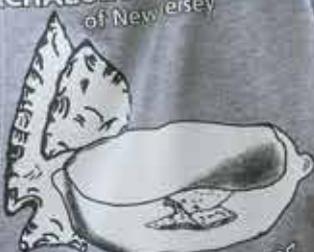
The Hessians have no such memorial. But the summer 2022 discovery of the remains, which researchers believe are Hessians, give Janofsky, her fellow researchers—and, ultimately, the public—the opportunity to learn more about the soldiers who died in battle on foreign soil.

Working with Janofsky and Wade Catts, project archaeologist and a Rowan adjunct



Volunteer Guy Digiugno screens material at the excavation site during the Red Bank Battlefield Archaeology Project.

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ABOVE: Rowan University history major Raluca Muscan examines a knee buckle with blood residue with Professor Jennifer Janofsky near the excavation.

BELOW: Janofsky holds a rare 1766 King George III gold guinea, the equivalent of a soldier's wages for a month, found during the dig at Red Bank.

professor, a “dream team” of experts that includes historians, forensic specialists, archaeologists and others are contributing their expertise and resources to help with the project.

Their work may help put some names—and perhaps even a face or two—to the men whose remains were tossed unceremoniously into

the mass grave some 245 years ago. Researchers are hopeful their work may ultimately help them track down some living descendants of those killed in the battle.

“There were probably very few people at home who knew what happened to them,” Catts said of the Hessians. “If we’re able to get any connection of who they are to a modern population, we’d be very pleased to be able to do that.”

At the New Jersey State Police Forensic Unit, Anna Delaney is leading forensic anthropologists who are working on physical evidence in the lab, extracting DNA from the bones and teeth to identify their origin.

Skeletal assessment, isotopic, genetic and radiological studies are ongoing to provide in-depth analysis of the human remains and to gather biological data and indicators of life history, health, disease and other factors.

“There’s a lot of forensic work to get their entire life story,” said Delaney, noting that the remains, covered by wet soil for nearly two-and-a-half centuries, are fragile. Two recovered mandibles, she said, are being held together by roots and vines.

A blood residue test turned up several items that tested presumptive for blood, giving scientists another source of possible DNA information.

Examination of teeth can help determine a person’s age, diet and even genomic sequencing. Earlier this year, Delaney sent five samples of the teeth to a forensic genome sequencing service lab in California that specializes in highly degraded remains.

Moreover, forensic analysts are attempting to use crania excavated from the trench to do two-dimensional reconstructions of the facial features of two individuals based on their eye sockets, noses and mouths.





LEFT: In addition to careful manual labor with hand tools, the team also uses metal detection and ground-penetrating radar at key points.

“There are only two of them that we can see,” said Delaney. “We will follow what the skulls are telling us and we will sculpt faces that are of likenesses.”

Delaney is working with Thomas Crist, a Utica College professor who is one of the preeminent forensic anthropologists in the United States. Crist, who has been to the Red Bank site, directs an annual forensic anthropology/bioarchaeology field school in Albania and Romania.

Janofsky expects early results from extensive forensic testing to be available sometime next year.

Meanwhile, project historian Robert Selig, a former consultant to the National Park Service, is working to try to identify the Hessian soldiers. Altogether, Selig said, 19,000 Hessians fought in the Revolutionary War.

Starting with military history and then searching for information on the fates of individual soldiers, Selig is examining a host of sources, including some at the Archives School Marlburg, the principal center for archivists in Germany.

“The Battle of Red Bank was 40 minutes. And it was a doozy,” said Selig. “We know the names of the Americans. But who are the Hessians buried in the trench? My part of the project is to get names

for as many of them as possible.

“If we even come up with two or three names, that would be wonderful because I don’t think that’s ever been done.”

The remains were discovered last summer during public archaeology digs organized by the park and funded through grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission and Gloucester County.

The digs on the quarter-acre parcel of land, which had been recently acquired by the county because of its historical significance, were held at a previously unexplored portion of Fort Mercer.

The goal was to search for material culture of the Revolutionary War and of Native Americans who lived on the land overlooking the Delaware River—items that would help tell the history of the site. The park attracts 200,000 visitors annually. More than 100 members of the public participated in the digs.

“Working with the public and getting them excited about the historical process is my goal,” Janofsky said. “To have people hold history—raw historical material—in their hands is an absolutely transformative moment.”

Remarkable finds—including

BELOW: Rowan students Lorin Starrett (center) and Emily Schmidt (right) join a community volunteer to screen and sift soil in search of artifacts.



musket balls, grape shot, buttons, gun flints, fragments of fabric or leather, canister shot, and uniform buckles—were discovered. Evoking exuberant cheers, the group also found an extremely rare 1766 gold King George III gold guinea, a soldier's wages for an entire month.

But then, a member of the public, a 50-year-old union electrician, found a bone. Delaney and other officials were called in and she determined the bone belonged to a human. The trench team then worked in unison to complete the gentle, reverent excavation of the remains. All remains were taken to the State Police Forensic Unit for analysis. "We didn't anticipate exhuming human remains,"



ABOVE: New Jersey State Police forensic anthropologist Anna Delaney and forensic dentist Stuart Alexander work together to assist with the recovery of remains.

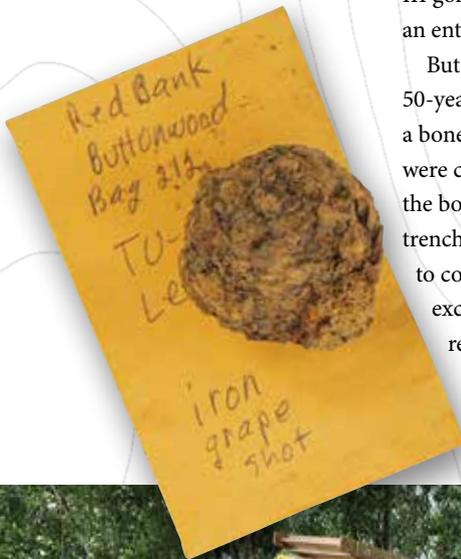
The discovery of the remains—and the possible future identification of some of those who died in battle—will help tell the story of the Battle of Red Bank in a more balanced way, taking into account the experiences of the soldiers in battle and, also, the legacy of the conflict in the present day.

"If we can extract their stories, and if we can tell their stories, it lets us put a name to a face. And that, to me, is a very powerful moment in public history," said Janofsky, who challenged her students in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences last spring to design concepts for a memorial to the Hessians.

Janofsky and Catts both are hoping the remains can be reinterred in the future at Red Bank, with a level of honor and respect the Hessian soldiers—an extraordinarily well-trained professional fighting force—deserve.

"These men went into this ditch with no sense of recognition of their humanity," Catts said. "This is an opportunity to look at the common soldier who was part of this battle."

"There are 15 individuals who were in the bottom of that ditch who have a story. The bravery of the Hessian forces certainly is not in question at this site." ■



TOP: Iron grapeshot is one of hundreds of pieces of military material found in the battlefield.

BOTTOM: Archaeologist Dana Linck explains the basics of excavation during a public dig.



Janofsky said. "That was not the goal of this."

"It was very sobering to be in the bottom of that hole," added Catts, president/principal archaeologist for South River Heritage Consulting in Delaware. "The original scope of the project was to sample the ditch and to actually learn something about the fort. There's no map anywhere indicating that remains were buried there."

Field School

Jennifer Janofsky peered across Red Bank Battlefield and watched her students, some on their hands and knees, actively engaged in excavation.

“I can’t tell you,” the public historian said, “how excited I am right now.”

That also was the vibe among her 15 Rowan students, who were completing the first-ever Field School at Red Bank Battlefield, an intensive summer 2023 course where students earned three credits to complete a class focused on archaeology and public history.

Officially titled “Battle Lab: Archaeology and Public History at Red Bank Battlefield Park,” the course brought together students from various majors and years of study to learn about history, archaeology, material culture and forensic anthropology at the park. Site of a pivotal Revolutionary War battle in 1777, the battlefield is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To complete the class, co-taught by Janofsky and Rowan adjunct Wade Catts, students used the battlefield as their laboratory. They spent 12 days over six weeks searching for evidence of the Battle of Red Bank and of Fort Mercer, utilizing ground-penetrating radar and metal detection, analyzing historical maps and photos, and digging for historical artifacts.

Under a tent that served as a makeshift classroom, the class learned from guest speakers who are experts in

Digging by hand, students Quiyana Goodman and Kayla Maharaj work together to excavate part of the battlefield. Students’ finds (top right) included items from Native American culture, including a flake and a projectile point.



conflict archaeology, public history and historic preservation. Additionally, students were required to attend one of the park’s public archaeology dig days and to share their work and knowledge of the site and the battle with Red Bank visitors.

Each student in the course completed readings, wrote a research paper, kept a field journal of daily reflections, and curated their own exhibit of the items they discovered during excavation.

The goals of the class included helping students understand archaeological field operations and the principles of archeology and public history, while also learning to communicate with the public.

Students found material culture that included glass and musket balls, as well as Native American items such as projectiles, flakes and arrowheads.

Her favorite digging trowel in hand, senior history major Quiyana Goodman said the archeology work was exciting—and fun.

“I definitely enjoy the patience that this work takes,” Goodman said. “And it takes a great deal of teamwork. It’s very cool to be exposed to that type of camaraderie. I’ve learned so much.”

Meanwhile, sophomore history major Nathan Wishnick said the class has helped him better understand public history. He’s considering either a career in teaching or a future working in law focusing on the preservation of national parks and battlefields.

“It’s a lot of responsibility to not get the story wrong,” Wishnick said. “I’ve learned how to interact with the public and how to talk about unfortunate parts of our history.”

“This is an incredible space,” said Janofsky. “Our students literally got their hands dirty with history.”



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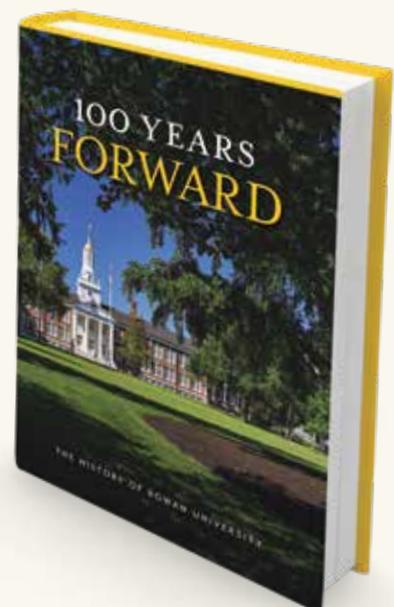
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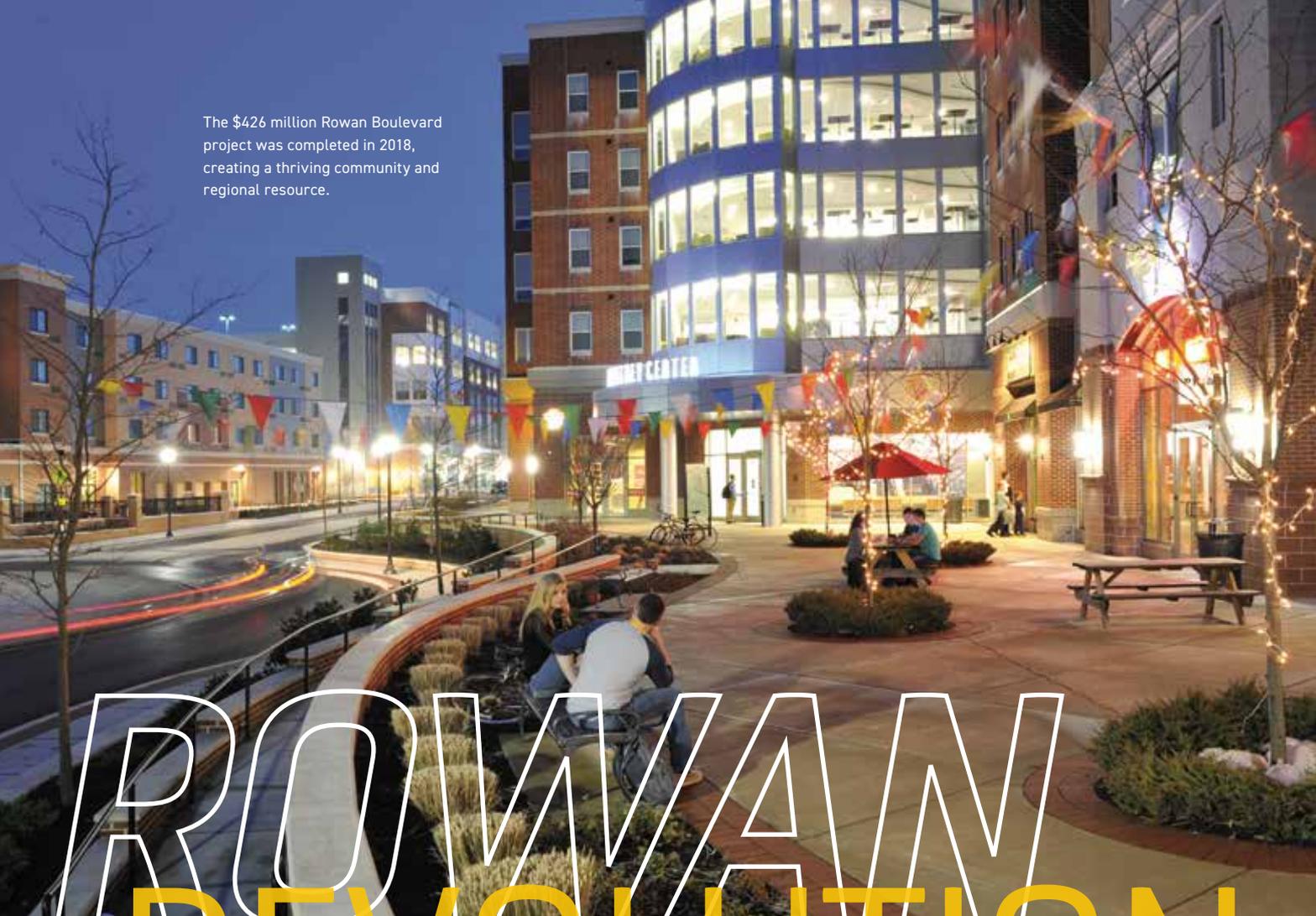
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ROWAN REVOLUTION

How a decade of rethinking has reshaped the University's future

By Kim Mulford '94

Not so long ago, Rowan University was known as a well-regarded state institution graced with a record-breaking \$100 million gift from Henry and Betty Rowan and a rising reputation for engineering education. That was then.

Named the fourth fastest-growing public research university in the country by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Rowan is a vastly different place than it was scarcely a decade ago. Last spring, the nationally ranked university celebrated the largest Commencement in its 100-year history. In addition to roughly 4,500 bachelor's candidates, the Class of 2023 included nearly 1,000 master's and Ph.D. candidates—and more than 300 new physicians.

The story of how Rowan University became what some have called a “model for institutional transformation” is one of smart calculations, gutsy risk-taking and fresh thinking.

UNPRECEDENTED PROGRESS

Twenty years after the 1992 Rowan Gift, the University found itself at the center of a vigorous debate surrounding the future of New Jersey public higher education.

Reporters covered contentious hearings, passionate demonstrations, studies and proposals, as state legislators wrestled with calls to dismantle the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and reorganize the state's research institutions.



The state's proposal to merge Rutgers-Camden with Rowan was met with some controversy. Though Rowan had only recently launched the state's first new medical school in 35 years and its young engineering school was earning regional and national accolades, the University still had much to prove.

Amid heated debate, Rowan leadership patiently waited. Within months, the state shifted its approach, approving the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act, dismantling UMDNJ and dividing its academic and clinical divisions between Rutgers University and Rowan.

In 2013, state legislation established Rowan as New Jersey's second comprehensive state research institution and Rowan officially welcomed the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford. With that, Rowan became the nation's second university to offer both the MD and DO degree programs.

The legislative moves propelled Rowan into an era of rapid expansion and transformation, one that required deft leadership to manage. In 2013, just a year into his administration, President Ali Houshmand set lofty goals for enrollment, research and funding, positioning the institution to become one of the region's most critical economic engines.

The future, Houshmand said at the time, was "limitless."

STRATEGIC, EXPLOSIVE GROWTH

Poised for expansion, the University's mission shifted from a primarily educational pursuit to one advancing research, particularly in science, technology, medicine and, of course, engineering.

To enact its new mission, Rowan adopted four student-centered, strategic pillars—increasing affordability, expanding access, boosting quality and driving the region's economy forward. With Houshmand at its helm, Rowan quickly saw a radical change in its institutional culture and encouraged an entrepreneurial outlook, one that today remains transparent, fiscally responsible and value-conscious.

INCREASING AFFORDABILITY

Acutely aware of student debt and the rising cost of a college education, Houshmand developed an innovative solution: stronger partnerships between the University and nearby community colleges.

In 2014, Gloucester County College became the first partner, adopting the Rowan name



\$63M awarded in FY23 institutional scholarships and waivers

while remaining independent. Burlington County College followed, renaming itself Rowan College at Burlington County in 2015. With Cumberland County College's 2019 merger with its Gloucester County peer, the two became Rowan College of South Jersey.

Rowan's community college partnership model took off as the first of its kind with an aligned curriculum and 3+1 academic programs keeping the cost of a bachelor's degree to about \$30,000. Today, 30 degree tracks serve students in 3+1 programs.

Because of this compelling success story for so many students, the New Jersey College Affordability Study Commission highlighted Rowan's innovative 3+1 programming in its 2016 report to the New Jersey Legislature. In 2018, Gov. Phil Murphy approved legislation to standardize the model statewide, a move endorsed by the New Jersey Business and Industry Association.

And while others have since adopted the 3+1 model, no other universities in New Jersey share their identity with a community college, making Rowan's relational approach unique. The Rowan name conveys a sense of value and prestige now accessible to far more students striving to achieve.

To further boost affordability, Rowan invested more in its students, boosting scholarships and tuition waivers from \$12 million annually to \$43 million within a decade. Today, Rowan students from families with an adjusted gross income below \$65,000 may attend for free.

And, after suffering for decades from an inequitable state funding formula, Rowan successfully lobbied Trenton to increase the Tuition Aid Grants given to its New Jersey students to equal those given to their peers attending other state research institutions—a win for students in financial need across New Jersey.

EXPANDING ACCESS, ENCOURAGING INCLUSION

Even as Rowan addressed financial barriers to higher education, it uncovered invisible institutional barriers. One by one, the institution began the hard work of eliminating roadblocks to enrollment and degree completion.

In 2017, Rowan established Flying First to provide tools and opportunities to help attract, support and ensure access for first-generation students. The initiative complemented the Rowan Success Network, a program to help all students achieve their goals, improve retention and increase graduation rates.

Two years later, Rowan became the first university in New Jersey and one of a few in the nation to establish an entire division working to build a safe and welcoming environment for historically marginalized populations. The Division of Diversity, Equity

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& Inclusion was created to promote and support inclusion and belonging regardless of race, gender, sexuality, age, faith, national origin, political perspective or ability.

To fulfill its mission, the division brought together existing offices and departments that addressed compliance and accountability, student support and services, student programming, and faculty professional development.

The division found new avenues to support Rowan's strategic goals. In 2020, the Center for Access, Persistence & Achievement began serving students from recruitment through graduation, helping students from disadvantaged backgrounds to succeed in postsecondary and professional academic programs.

Far from being an ivory tower experiment, the institution's commitment to community asks everyone to value and respect their neighbors in practical ways. It also provides resources, guidance and encouragement that serve Rowan's students and employees on all campuses, furthering its public mission.



OPPOSITE, TOP: Rowan University's "hands-on, minds-on" approach to education emphasizes opportunities for undergraduate students to share in research.

MIDDLE: Powerful, practical research like Rowan's work on transportation infrastructure has proven its value and attracted the attention and support of policymakers, including Sen. Cory Booker, who visited the West Campus CREATES lab in 2022.

BOTTOM: Early in the pandemic, Rowan faculty and volunteers formulated hand sanitizer to donate in the county.

ABOVE: President Ali Houshmand.

→ For me, the bigger issue is what happens afterwards, when they graduate. I want to make sure they can function, run a business, create wealth and have a happy life.

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OPPOSITE, TOP: Committed to reduce student debt and the rising cost of a college education, Rowan developed an innovative solution: stronger partnerships between the University and nearby community colleges.

MIDDLE: President Ali Houshmand joined students at the inaugural Flying First event, launching Rowan's renewed commitment to first-generation students' success.

BOTTOM: The Rowan-Virtua School of Osteopathic Medicine welcomed the largest class in the school's history at the 2022 White Coat Ceremony, the first at the new Virtua Health College of Medicine & Life Sciences of Rowan University.

CELEBRATING NEURODIVERSITY

In 2021, Rowan University established another first in New Jersey, its Center for Neurodiversity, operated by the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and the Division of Academic Affairs. The expansion of services stemmed directly from Houshmand's commitment to access and inclusion and from the generosity of parents who saw firsthand the value of Rowan's commitment to neurodiverse students. With a major gift given as seed funding to create and sustain the university-wide Autism PATH Program, Sunitha Menon-Rudolph and Paul Grand helped secure support and opportunity for students in one of Rowan's signature initiatives.

"This is about human beings trying to be supportive of other human beings," Houshmand said. "For me, the issue is not just working with neurodiverse students while they are students, because that we can do. For me, the bigger issue is what happens afterwards, when they graduate. I want to make sure they can function, run a business, create wealth and have a happy life."

INNOVATING HEALTH SCIENCES AND MEDICAL EDUCATION

Already among four universities in the nation granting both the MD and DO degrees, Rowan began 2022 by announcing an innovation unlike any other. Through its landmark partnership with Virtua Health, South Jersey's largest health system, Rowan created Virtua Health College of Medicine & Life Sciences of Rowan University. Supporting the new college with an \$85 million investment, Virtua Health demonstrated its commitment to the academic health partnership.

Now developing a veterinary school, Rowan is poised to become one of only two institutions in the nation with three medical schools. The distinction demonstrates how Rowan meets critical needs with a deep sense of public service and an agile, entrepreneurial mindset. (See more on page 18.)

RISING AMBITIONS, QUALITY

Between 2010 and 2022, applications more than tripled. The only period of comparable institutional growth came mid-century,

during President Thomas E. Robinson's leadership. Then, as in the past decade, transformation came through responding to demand for higher education opportunities, hiring faculty and professionals to expand academic programs, services and outreach, developing partnerships and purchasing land to expand capacity.

Even as it developed new graduate programs, the University has remained centered on serving its undergraduate students in every college and school. Building on decades of valuable field experiences and the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering's foundational "hands-on, minds-on" approach to education, the University's approach has included opportunities for undergraduate students to share in research.

To accommodate its fast-growing student body, Rowan built capacity in labs, classrooms and field experience, increasing undergraduate and graduate school faculty by more than 54 percent, hiring tenured, tenure-track and three-quarter-time faculty and lecturers and engaging 1,750 clinical and volunteer faculty at its two medical schools.

Along the way, Rowan has worked to recruit masterful and rising researchers. Today, Rowan faculty include 14 recipients of the National Science Foundation's CAREER Award, one of the federal agency's most prestigious honors for early career faculty.

The push for excellence has given ambitious students opportunities to earn prestigious awards, raising the institution's reputation. Since 2000, the student body has included 25 Fulbright recipients, eight Goldwater and seven Boren scholars.

With the distinction and breadth of two medical schools, study and discovery in health sciences has continued to expand, adding to research in dozens of other discipline areas. Since 2013, the University has attracted more than \$433 million in research awards and contracts for projects ranging from health care and biotech to materials and transportation.

The list of research funders has been prestigious from the start, with early-stage, modest awards to large, multiphase funding for major projects. Rowan researchers have won grants and become project partners on



work with NASA, National Science Foundation, Army, Navy, state and federal transportation departments, among others.

By 2018, Rowan received classification as a Carnegie R2 doctoral university with high research activity, a distinction shared with just 133 of more than 4,300 higher education institutions. That year, for the first time, Rowan entered the U.S. News & World Report national universities ranking and has been recognized ever since as a top 100 public university.

ROWAN VENTURE FUNDING

Near the start of Rowan's focus on applied research, the Rowan University Foundation began investing in faculty and student endeavors targeted at problem-solving, innovation and entrepreneurship. Begun in 2014 with \$5 million, the \$25 million Rowan Innovation Venture Fund provides early-stage funding to students, faculty and local entrepreneurs whose projects and products are ready to compete in the marketplace.

The fund has provided more than \$2.4 million to life sciences companies, more than \$1.2 million to software/mobile app firms, some \$450,000 to telecommunications startups and \$150,000 to entrepreneurs in the food and beverage sector.

EXPONENTIAL POTENTIAL

Under Houshmand's leadership, Rowan has made it a strategic priority to ensure that more of New Jersey's students pursue their future in the state, contributing as citizens and professionals to the region's development and quality of life.

Public-private partnerships have made academic innovation possible. So, too, has support from generous, visionary donors, granting more opportunities for Rowan students. Since 2012, donors have invested \$264 million in new gifts and pledges, providing endowments, scholarships, program and facilities support, among many designated gifts.

Rowan's growth in health care education, clinical care and research has exponential potential and its tradition of transformation continues, Houshmand said.

"All around us, I see opportunities," Houshmand said. "Rowan University's future is bright because we recognize the challenges ahead." ■





ONE HUNDRED YEARS

of anything will have its share of big moments and notable days—and lots more that we inevitably forget. Even some of the best days of our lives can blur with time.

It's too much to remember. We need friends to fill in the gaps. Chats and texts to spark a memory that brings it all back. Photos to remind us of younger faces we forgot and familiar places lost to progress. Prompts—a flashback, a sound, a memento—to invite reverie and inspire a call.

Here, amid a year celebrating Rowan University's first century, we offer a few images and artifacts from the life we've shared—more than 120,000 alumni, plus employees, friends and supporters united by experience and commitment. Some helped our institution get started, many helped it survive dark days and all helped it press

forward while pursuing the path to their individual futures.

These pages remind us the Centennial celebration belongs to everyone. Just like the 100 years leading up to it—and all the ambition and memory-making that lie ahead.



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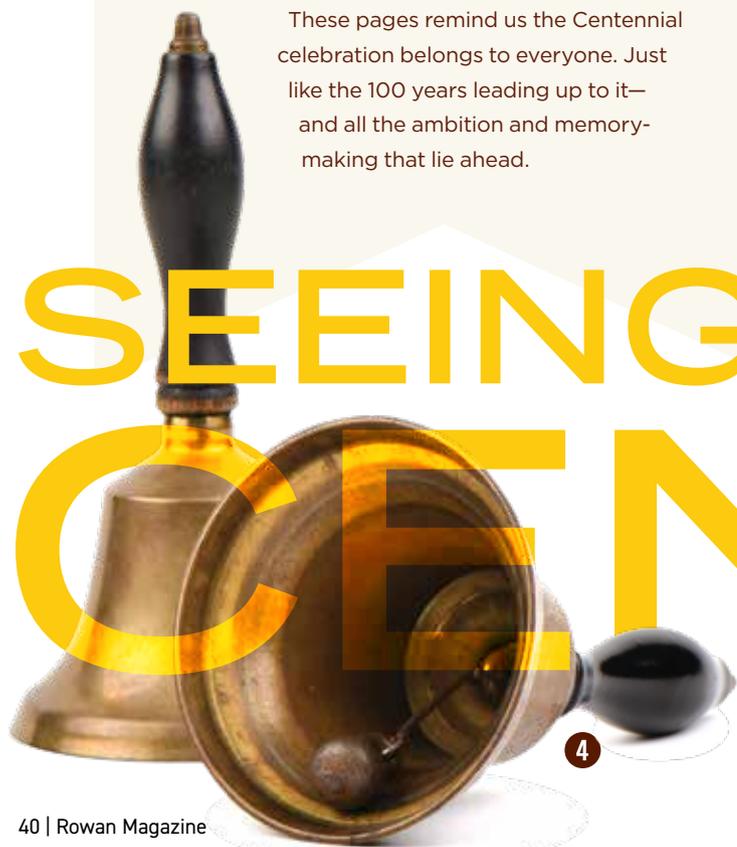
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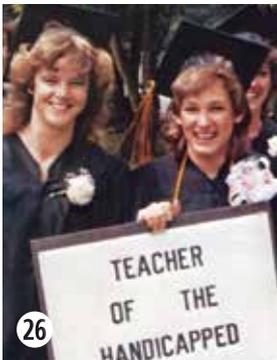
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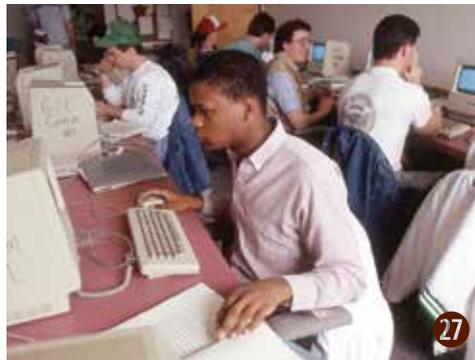
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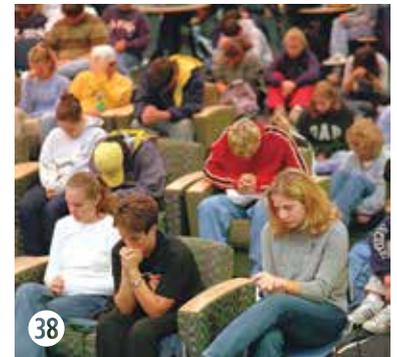
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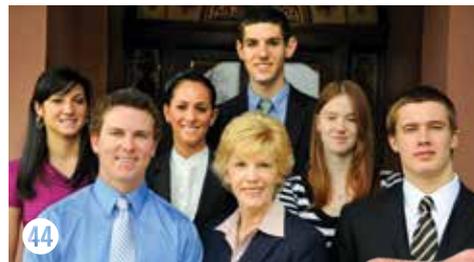
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Shifting from “networking” to a keep-in-touch mindset

By Jason Levin '97

Serving as Student Government Association president at Rowan University from 1995-1997 was the perfect training ground for building relationships. As I began my term, I quickly realized how important it was to understand the needs of students, staff, faculty, the Board of Trustees and alumni. Whether it was getting frozen yogurt access for freshmen in the dining hall, supporting initiatives for EMTs, or securing new funding for Athletics, success always meant building consensus with multiple stakeholders. It was about the people.

As my own career evolved, I also learned how critical it is to set specific intentions

around relationship-building. The Rowan community lives and breathes this intentionality. Rowan's Career Services professionals provide annual programming around the value of relationships in job searches and career transitions. The Alumni Relations team emphasizes the importance of networking for alumni, so we continue to build relationships beyond our time in Glassboro. Developing intentional approaches to our relationships builds connection and community, as well as potential opportunities for further sharing of ideas and mentorship.

The keep-in-touch mindset

Misperceptions around transactional and inauthentic approaches to so-called “networking” lead many people to want to avoid the subject entirely. Networking often conjures images of packed events with strangers and copied-and-pasted outreach emails. There is a better way, though, to becoming more authentic in our relationship-building efforts.

I propose moving from a networking mindset to a keep-in-touch mindset. While researching my book, “Relationships to Infinity: The Art and Science of Keeping in Touch,” I reviewed psychology periodicals and interviewed members of the mental health community. We discussed topics such as connection, reconnection and barriers to keeping in touch. In my own coaching and training practice, I also observed that many executives and experienced professionals exhibit guilt, fear and worry for not having kept in touch with friends, classmates, colleagues and clients.



Despite an interest in wanting to connect with these people, executives and experienced professionals often just don't know where to begin.

As I dug deeper into my research, I continued to sit with concepts to understand the barriers that keep us from reconnecting with one another. It was as if we, as executives and professionals, were getting lost in our own heads. I saw this as a Bermuda Triangle of worry, fear and guilt. To validate the Bermuda Triangle concept, I interviewed Brian Peters, Ed.D., a senior human capital consultant at Franklin IQ. He agreed that worry, fear and guilt limit our ability to interact, connect and reconnect with people.

He recommends the following three strategies for overcoming the worry, fear and guilt that can come with a desire for connection and reconnection:

- **Create an optimistic internal narrative.** "Optimism is going to lead toward better connections. Psychological resilience is important in having a high protective factor. The goal is to create a positive internal story to anticipate a favorable result."
- **Set goals that form habits.** "Mini-quantitative goals will be helpful in starting a reconnecting habit. For example, write an email once a week or once a month to someone with whom you have lost touch. These small, measurable goals can help form habits."
- **Write down the most likely scenario.** "Journaling is healthy in general because it helps you process feelings and information in a logical way.

Journaling moves you away from your emotional response. It is healthy to write down what you believe will be the most likely response from the person you are reaching out to, which will encourage action."

One at a time

Once you're in the right mindset for reaching out, here are some practical tips to get started:

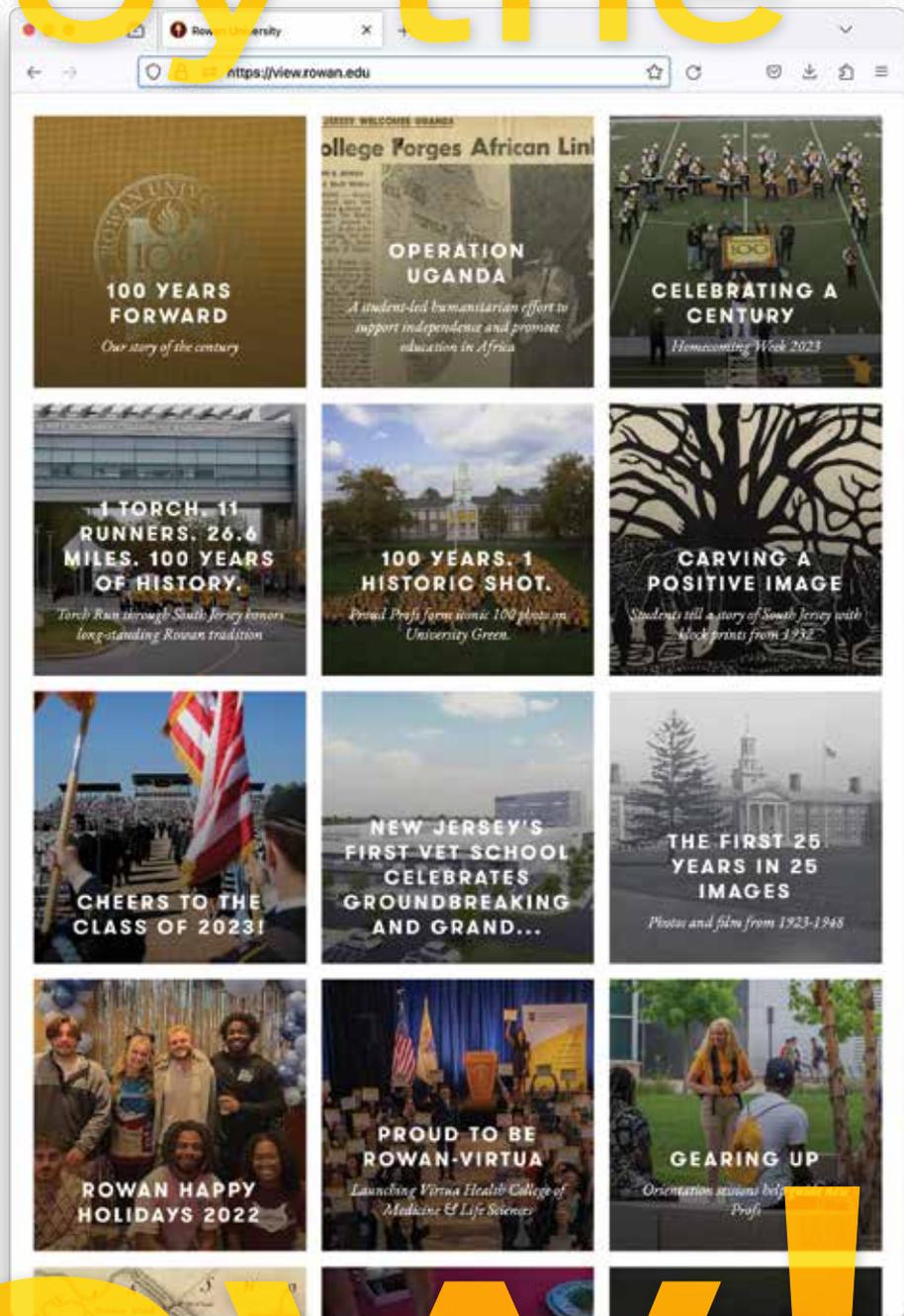
- 1) **Take out your resume and make a list of your people.** Too often we look at our resumes for accomplishments. Instead, I challenge you to ask: Who were you working with at the time you worked on a particular project? Who helped you? Who was kind to you? Who mentored and sponsored you?
- 2) **Calendar block.** To align intentionality and action, make keeping in touch a time block in your calendar. This time block could be daily, weekly or monthly. It can be as short as 15 minutes. Start with one outreach at a time, or one reconnection at a time.
- 3) **Share gratitude often.** We have so much to be thankful for, and it does not need to be Thanksgiving to share gratitude. There are many people in your career who have helped you. Make sure you let them know what their help meant to you.

The Rowan community presents you with an abundance of pathways for keeping in touch. You just need to write that first email, text message, direct message, or dare I say, an old-fashioned letter with a stamp. Keep in touch! ■



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(jason@readyssetlaunch.net)
is the author of "Relationships to Infinity: The Art and Science of Keeping in Touch." He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Lori, and sons, ages 12 and 10.

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60s

Dolly Alvarez '60 retired from the Overseas Military School System after 35 years living in Germany and England. She settled in the Princeton area, volunteers at The Princeton Art Museum, and enjoys extensive travels in Europe.

Joanne McIntosh Pitzer '63 married Elwood "Woody" Johnson this summer. Her first husband, Don, died almost four years ago and Joanne said it was amazing how Woody

walked into her life more than a year ago.



Regina Sutton '65 sends greetings to all '65 alumni and says retirement has been an interesting adventure. She continues her volunteer work at the National Archives at Boston, transcribing project documents for its online database used by researchers. Some recent projects she's worked on include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Radiation Laboratory, New England lighthouses, the 1912 Chinese immigration

and Gallops Island in Boston Harbor. When she's not transcribing, Regina loves gardening and watercolor painting.

Richard Clarke '66 continues in his 22nd year as music director of the Hartford, Connecticut, Sängerbund, one of the oldest German singing societies in the nation. Previously, Richard was a baritone soloist at the historic Center Church, Hartford, and with the Connecticut Opera Association. He is also a 1974 graduate of the University of Hartford Hartt School where he earned master's

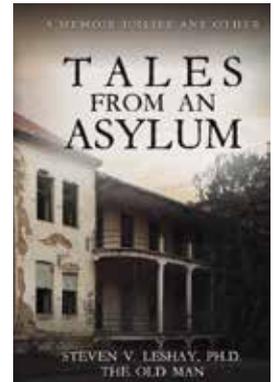
degrees in opera and vocal performance.

Linda Glaser Cooper '67 taught art for 50 years and is now retired and living in southwest Florida.



Dan Baker '68 received the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association's 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award. The 2023 baseball season was his 51st as the in-stadium voice of the Philadelphia Phillies. Dan, who occasionally announces events on the Rowan campus, is the third-longest tenured stadium announcer in Major League Baseball's nearly 150-year history.

Judy Tomlin Thomas '68 married her high school sweetheart, David, in 1968, raised three daughters and a son and has four grandchildren. She taught in Haddon Township for one year, and then for the remainder of her career in Maurice River Township. She formerly lived on the Kwajalein Atoll in the Pacific Ocean Republic of Marshall Islands and now resides in Weeki Wachee, Florida. Judy enjoys cooking, baking, reading, quilting, traveling and playing with her dachshunds.



Alumni bookshelf
Steven LeShay M'69 published two books. Note, below.

Steven LeShay M'69, marketing professor and department chair from 1978 to 1997, has two books available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. The first is "Tales from An Asylum: A Memoir Unlike Any Other," which is filled with the real and imaginary stories of 12 different personae. His second book is "Sssnake on a Ssskate?," a read-aloud children's bedtime picture book for ages 3-6. Interestingly, LeShay's first day on campus coincided with the first day of the Hollybush Summit in 1967. The late Rowan communication professor Don Bagin and business dean **Leo C. Beebe M'85** became his mentors.



'Boro 6+ comes back

Sometimes it's six, sometimes more, but it's always good friends sharing memories built in the 'Boro and for many years after. At their own mini-reunion weekend in October, they took in the Profs football game, toured their alma mater and enjoyed time together where their friendship started.

Above, standing: Charles Muller '81, Bob Lane, Tom Lynch '81, Mike Juskus '81, Shawn McDermott, Matt Stolte '81. Front: James McCarten '81, John Marsden '81. (Not pictured: Bob Carr, Frank Munno '80, Jeff Martin '83).

class notes



Two more Alumni summers at Bar-A

The Alumni Association returned to Lake Como for its annual Rowan Reunion @ Bar-A, welcoming generations of grads for the Rowan shore tradition.

- Melvin Sheppard '20, Allie Dutch '20, Annie DiGuglielmo '20, Sean Fitzpatrick '18.
- Jenae Hratko '21, Danny Moore '18, Bria Wallace '19.
- Lynn Smithson Brattan '86, Ann Marie Carollo, Lauri Rossetti Trowbridge, Cynthia Slovinsky Butler '85, Michele Pea Benson '88, Donna Campo McAvoy '84.
- Lisa Gabbianelli '20, Kari DiTonno '20, Jenna Bottiglieri '20, M'22, Patrick Meyers '20.
- Jasmine Mott '23, Amber Mott '23.
- Evamarie Ritchey '19, Rylan Lynch '19.
- Marie Green '21, Erik Hercek '21, Joe Gummere '21, Nicholas Spano IV '20, Emily May Higgins '21.
- Jonathan Lamprecht '22, James Colosi '22, Chris Carras '20, John Debouter '20, Max Mallick '20, Jacob Negrin '20, Ryan Bolnick '20, Adam Romme '21, Kyle Hill '22, Nicholas Polaco '22.

Gary Quam '69 retired at age 65 after teaching high school music in northern New Jersey for 42 years. He and his wife, Nancy, have three children: Elizabeth (a landlord renting to Rowan students in Glassboro), Egil and Noelle. Gary plays French horn in the Hackettstown Stone Soup Symphony, trumpet in the Hackettstown Community Band and trombone in a local jazz band. He belongs to the North Jersey Mineralogical Society and the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society and actively pursues rock hunting and lapidary.

at Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio, teaching in the aerospace program. While at Rowan, he received the Dr. Thomas E. Robinson Leadership Medallion, served as president of Gamma Tau Sigma and was a student government senator representing the elementary education department.



Patricia Walker Hickman '73, M '75 is thankful for

the instruction and inspiration she received from such Rowan professors as George Reinfeld and her mentor, Don Bagin. Currently working as a senior consultant at Tecker International, Yardley, Pennsylvania, she has provided public relations and media services to hundreds of nonprofit organizations for more than 40 years. She holds APR (Accreditation in Public Relations) and Certified Association Executive certifications and is proud of such achievements as multiple Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Silver Anvils, International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Gold Quills and Philadelphia PRSA Pepperpot awards. In 1986, she received a Presidential Citation for Private Sector Initiatives from President Reagan in a Rose Garden ceremony. The award was for a project sponsored by the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs to assist families displaced in the MOVE tragedy in Philadelphia.

70s

Wendy Baral Cooper '72 won the "Females 70-plus" category in the April 2023 Run for Rowan 5K race.

Richard G. Easterly '73 enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in July 1973, was commissioned a second lieutenant in November 1973 and retired after 20 years as a lieutenant colonel in 1993. A veteran of operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield (1990-1992), he had career postings in Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Texas and Osan, South Korea, and was the Outstanding Second Lieutenant in the Air Force's Undergraduate Pilot Training school. After retirement, he was an evaluator/instructor and pilot-in-command for Comair from 1994 to 2011. He also was an adjunct professor (2001-2021)

Golden Profs Reunion 2022 and 2023

The annual Golden Profs Reunion celebrates graduates from 50 or more years ago each spring, including those celebrating their 50-year reunion milestone. This weekend-long gathering is a testament to the enduring bond that connects golden alumni to the institution and offers the unique opportunity to revisit the campus that some have not seen in decades. During the reunion, alumni connect with friends and make more memories at their alma mater by enjoying receptions and mixers, faculty lectures, planetarium shows, art gallery exhibits, campus tours and more.

1. Class of 1973 Reunion Committee Members Linda Solomon Coppinger, Billie Ebell Furdyna, Jacki Farley Roney, Pat Walker Hickman, Robin Ely Atkins.
2. Mercedes Sheets Moffa '66 and Robert Moffa '64.
3. Sara Summiel, Leslie Summiel '73, Robert Campbell '72, M'76, Angela DiMaria Campbell '72, Jo-Ann Boyce Ayres '73, Robin Ely Atkins '73.
4. SEATED: Mary Dingler Raciti '73, Robin Ely Atkins '73, Warren Binkley '73, Linda Solomon Coppinger '73, Deborah Zane Smyth-Warfield '73, Maranell Estadt '73, Barbara Dixon Turic '73, M'78, Gloria Turner '73, Jane Bowman Schumin '73.
MIDDLE: Rosanne Weiss '73, Eileen Russo Rosenhaft '73, Virginia Doran Collier '73, Billie Ebell Furdyna '73, Marilyn Capparelli Fredo '73, Pat Walker Hickman '73, Karen Lee Reiken Clark '73, Karen Esser DeSantis '73, M'76, Nancy Jackson Dannenhauer '73, M'78, Raymond Schumin '73.
BACK: Jacki Farley Roney '73, Valerie Brandes Perwas '73, Jo-Ann Boyce Ayres '73, Spencer Person '73, Al Szolack '73, Ronald Anderson '73, Leslie Summiel '73, John Dannenhauer '73.
5. SEATED: Jim Schroeder '70, M'73, Robert Nation '70.
MIDDLE: Joseph Akinskas '70, M'73, Gail Jasper Harris '70, Bonnie Johnson Podraza '73, Felix Podraza '63.
BACK: Joseph Kornicke '70, John Zimmerman '70, Stanley Snyder '70.
6. Golden Prof Reunion Committee members Marilyn Gonyo '65 and Pete Contini '66, M'71 present Keith James '72 (middle) with the 2023 Lifetime Service Award.
7. SEATED: Keith James '72, James DiGennaro '72, M'79, Diane Jansson '72, Judith Paulas Struck '72, Wendy Baral Cooper '72, M'74, David Williams '72, Catherine Arsi Catalon '72, Sharon Born Lavinson '72.
MIDDLE: Alison Watson Gallagher '72, Lynn Hay Leupold '72, Irene Siudut Schiller '72, M'80, La Netta Patterson Hammill '72, M'85, P/S '88, Ed.D '01, Rhonda Locklear Holland '72, Christine Walker Barnes '72, Angela DiMaria Campbell '72, Louise Wieder '72.
BACK: Thomas Gallagher '72, Gerald Leupold '72, Bruce Schiller, Steve Sharp '72, Robert Campbell '72, M'76, Jack Shaw '72.
8. Chris D'Angelo '07, M'10 presents the 2022 Lifetime Service Award to Pete Contini '66, M'71.
9. SEATED: Jack Casto '67, M'71, Linda Calabrese Casto '71, Fred Plotnick '71.
MIDDLE: Carol Hoc Porter '71, Susan Pabst Leopold '71, M'83, Donna Wescott Jordan '71.
BACK: James Davis, Joseph Porter '71, M'79, John Leopold '71, Albie Battaglia '71.





Kim Kortz '73 has focused his 50-plus-year career in education with a slight detour into producing jet engine components. Starting out at John F. Kennedy Memorial High School in Iselin, Kim moved to New Hampshire after a visit to New England and taught middle school and high school metalworking and machining. This led Kim to form a company that manufactured parts for NASA's space shuttle program and other aerospace customers. A life on the road making sales calls, however, was not what he expected, so he returned to teaching and worked in a prison preparing inmates for post-incarceration jobs. When the program was canceled, he transitioned into ski instruction—a sport he discovered when he first moved to New Hampshire—and he's been teaching skiing for the past 26 years. Kim has fond memories of his time at Glassboro State and thanks the late coach Richard Wackar for positively impacting his life.

Mabel Reim Meyer '73 spent 35 years teaching instrumental music and band in the Pittsgrove Township School District and another 12 years as a substitute teacher there. She made many lifelong friends and has fond memories of her time at Glassboro State, including the move of the music department from the basement of Bunce Hall to the brand-new Wilson Hall in her junior year. She still marvels at how,

Paul A. Hilton '83 Fellowship Breakfast honors legacy and inspires leadership

As it has since 2017, the Rowan University Black Alumni Network closed the last two Homecoming weekends with the Paul A. Hilton '83 Fellowship Breakfast. The 2022 event recognized honorees Trymaine Lee '03, Richard Wilson '93, Stacey Wilson and Judge James P. Wilson '90, as well as Michael Nash '23. This year's gathering emceed by Robert Palmer '88 celebrated the achievements of Jennifer Webb-McRae '91, Michael J. Fowlkes '81 and legendary track and field coach Oscar Moore, with Rbrey Singleton '19 as keynote speaker. The gathering honors the legacy of Paul Hilton, co-founder of RUBAN and a member of the Alumni Board of Directors.

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| <p>1. Linda Sistrunk '94, Melanie Burney '84, Chevalle Washington Phillips '89, Anthony Phillips '84, Jeannine Frisby-LaRue '74, President Ali Houshmand, Angeliqve Hilton '15, Joana Allie-Hopkins '86, Audreen Pittman '84.</p> <p>2. Lisa Jacobs-Smith '92, Linda Hilliard Johnson '80, Melanie Burney '84, Zelda Flood Davis '80, Sharon Scott, Ashley Ruth Campbell '23 and Kathleen Gordy-Mathis '90.</p> <p>3. Michael Nash '23, Annie Lloyd.</p> <p>4. Gerald James '89, Lou Butler '92, Judge James P. Wilson '90, Richard Wilson '93, Bryce Wilson and Arthur Austin.</p> <p>5. Joan Linder (seated) and Irene Edwards, Barbara Lancaster and Edith Myers Spearman '72.</p> | <p>6. Monika Williams Shealey, Kera L. Redman '21, Michelle Hickson '92, Lisa Johnson '92, Renee Cuyler, Lyla Rochelle Wilkins '91, Audreen E. Pittman '84, Elora L. Crump Berkley '03, Monique Clark McNair, Angela Ramsey '89, Alexia Frisbey, Diane Theresa Frank '91, Julie Peterson.</p> <p>7. Robin Moore M'99, Ed.D. '08, Trymaine Lee '03.</p> <p>8. Coach Oscar Moore, Jennifer Webb-McRae '91, RUBAN Emerging Leader honoree Brianna Reagan '24 and Michael J. Fowlkes '81.</p> <p>9. Gathered in Business Hall, many of the guests and honorees at the 2023 event.</p> |
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back then, she could get a cheeseburger, fries and a Coke at McDonald's, and get a penny back from her dollar.

Ginny Wong Moore M'73 spent 40 years as a public school counselor after focusing her graduate studies in student personnel services. The last 36 of those 40 years were at Eastern High School in Voorhees. She was married for almost 48 years to **Richard R. Moore M'71**, who passed away in October 2021. He was associate director for the Educational Opportunity Fund at Glassboro State College from 1968 to 1976 and, after 38 years in education administration, he retired in 2000 from Edgewood Junior High School, Winslow Township, where he served as principal and assistant principal. Ginny and Rich are parents of Renée and Jennifer Moore and grandparents to Trinity and Terry.



Albert Morgan '73 is president of the oldest Black Baptist convention in America, the New England Missionary Baptist Convention. He is also chair of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses.

Deborah Zane Smyth Warfield '73 recently retired after using her Rowan teaching degree in various ways. After her fifth year at Lenape Regional High School in Medford, where she did her student teaching, she took a summer job at Altair Airlines in Philadelphia and left the school environment for a career as a corporate trainer and executive. She worked in training and management at Altair and Midway airlines for 15 years. Deborah's final 20 years of employment were spent as a training manager at PNC Bank and a regional manager at Citizens Bank. She thanks Rowan for giving

her the fundamentals and skills she applied in each of these roles to achieve success.



Al Szolack '73 traveled the world with the Harlem Globetrotters playing on the opposition team, the Washington Generals. After basketball, he had some issues with substance use and went on to start the award-winning "Do Hugs—Not Drugs" program. He has been changing the lives of kids and adults for more than 30 years, speaking in schools, prisons, churches and other venues. He has appeared on numerous television and radio shows. Feel free to contact him for more information: Big Al Szolack on YouTube or Google.

Roseanne Weiss '73 received a Master of Arts degree in education from Rutgers University in 1975 and a Master of Science degree from Drexel University in 1983. She spent 33-plus years as a mathematician with the Federal Aviation Administration, retiring in 2008. She has been an adjunct instructor at Atlantic Cape Community College since 1989 and taught home-bound students for a local high school district in the late 1990s to early 2000s. Roseanne became an emergency medical technician (EMT) in 1982 and has taught CPR since 1977 and EMT skills since 1988. In 2018, she started volunteering three or four afternoons a week



President's Forum 2023

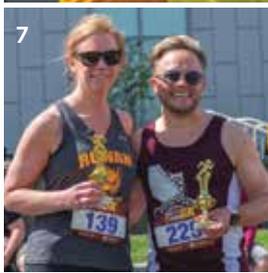
The University established the President's Forum in 2008 to honor and recognize those who have provided significant contributions annually. Membership in this exclusive donor society represents a tremendous level of commitment and shows a desire to assist in charting the course of Rowan's future. The yearly reception in June provided these friends and stakeholders the opportunity to come together and celebrate Rowan's growth and accomplishments.

1. Joseph Falkenstein, Kimberly Alexander Falkenstein '88.
2. Deep Rameshkumar Patel '20, Krish Patel.
3. Stephanie Marie Poe-Cerdan '19.
4. Peter J. Oteri '62, Rochelle Oteri.
5. Peter C. Hibbard '72, Susan Hibbard.
6. Michael Viola '19.
7. Walter Jacob IV '08.
8. Olive P. Reid '74, Keith Figgs.



Kentucky Derby weekend

Scott "Scottie Merckx" Merkle '83 (RIGHT) spent the 2022 Kentucky Derby weekend at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, with fellow alumni of the Glassboro State College ice hockey team Joe "Hollywood" Hunter '85, Scott "Scotty" Marsden '85 and Jeff Hoover '86.



A great reason to run

The 2023 Run for Rowan 5K was the biggest in event history, with 414 participants from 11 states racing both in person and virtually to benefit the University’s First-Generation Task Force program initiative, Flying First. The April 2023 race raised more than \$14,000 to support academic success for first-generation students.

1. Nick Burpulis '07, Whoo RU and Lawayne Williams '05.
2. Antoinette Wilson Barnes '87, M'98.
3. Jon Ratcliffe '18 and Christina Rouhas.
4. Sandra Wilson and Bryant Then '23.
5. Wendy Baral Cooper '72, M'74 and Craig DeGeorge '76.
6. Jenice Schoepflin '99 and Jeffrey Gross.
7. Suzanne Smalley Beers '02 and Jim Bailey

at an animal rescue in Mays Landing. Roseanne has lived in Galloway Township since 1975 with her four golden retrievers and 14 pet ducks.

Chuck Donohue Sr. '77 marked his 50th season as a head football coach and his 26th season at the helm at Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin. Donohue, who played for Coach Richard Wackar, also coached at St. Joseph Academy in Hammonton, as well as Haddon Heights and Buena Regional high schools.

David Halleck '74 celebrated his first year of retirement by remaining very busy doing nothing. He highly recommends this lifestyle to all.

Alyce Parker '74 is on the Lower Township Planning Board. She also is on the Women Fighting Hunger board sponsored by the Community Food Bank of New Jersey Southern Branch.

Harry Bower '75 and four fellow alums, all members of the Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ), were featured in the AENJ Members Art Exhibition at the Rowan University Art Gallery. The other participants were **Sandra Koberlein '07**, **Megan Jean Richards '14**, **Emily Scott '23** and **Taylor Slade '23** and former student **Bernadette Calnon-Buote**.

Skip Edwards '75 was a 2022 inductee to the New Jersey Football Coaches Hall of Fame. The Bordentown High School

head coach surpassed 100 career wins in the fall 2021 season. He is the original recording secretary for the New Jersey Football Coaches Association and has held that position for 36 years.

May Brill '76 is chair of New Jersey Women in the Military, an organization advocating for women’s rights and raising awareness of women’s role in the military. May, 99, also is chair of the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland and senior vice commander of the Jewish War Veterans Post 126 in Cherry Hill. In 1944, May enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age 20 and served in the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) in Oakland, California, for two years, supplying goods and equipment to Pacific bases and fleets as one of nine Jewish women in her barracks of 400. She left active duty in 1946 with the rank of storekeeper second class and enrolled at Glassboro State at age 50, where she earned

a bachelor’s degree in home economics. She and her late husband, Norman, had four daughters, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Harold “Mickey” Maguire '76 wrote “Feather White—A 1970s Memoir: Commercial Fishing out of Provincetown and the Backwoods Counterculture Movement in Nova Scotia” (published by Sunbury Press in 2021). Mickey admits to “barely graduating” with his English degree and credits professors Ed Wolfe and the late Nathan Carb for the impact they had on his life. Mickey built a log cabin in Nova Scotia between his junior and senior year at Glassboro State. He moved there after graduation and says he “stumbled” into commercial fishing and has lived in the woods and worked at sea for most of his life. His journal notes from this time were the basis of his memoir.

Glenn Ware '77 is a new full-time guest teacher at Fernley High School



Full-service productions

Rasheed J. Daniel '00 owns a full-service company, TeamSheed Productions. Note, p. 64.



Oyster enterprise

Joe Wendel '04 co-owns Duxbury (Mass.) Oyster Company with fellow Rowan alum **Kevin Thomson '04**. Note, p. 66.

east of Reno, Nevada. He also performs with the Carson City, Nevada, Chamber Singers. Recently widowed, he lives in northern Nevada with his teenage children, Tina and James.



Linda Koonjy Gannon '78 and her husband, Greg,

live in Wayne after spending more than 30 years in California.

Charles Rigoliosi '78 is retired after 44 years at Garfield High School, where he taught mathematics and computer science and coached football and baseball.

Joseph Sweeney '79 and **Maureen McGrath Sweeney '79** are expecting their eighth grandchild this fall. They have six adult children, including **Nora Sweeney '15**, a graduate of Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering. Joseph retired from the

reinsurance industry in 2019 and is in his 25th year on the Vernon Township Board of Education, while Maureen continues to teach kindergarten.

80s



Terrence Fagan '80 retired after 40 years as a writer and editor, the first 20 as a lifestyle magazine editor and writer, the second 20 as a medical editor, creating educational programs for doctors. He lives along the Appalachian Trail with his wife, Maryann, who is retired from the Department of Defense. Terrence is a member of the municipal council in Delaware Water Gap Borough, Pennsylvania, and also serves as president of the borough museum and art gallery. Terrence

and Maryann have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They enjoy hiking, kayaking and traveling, including a recent trip to Italy. This will be Terrence's 30th year of biannual rafting trips in the western United States with a group of a dozen "guy friends" from his high school days and since.



Fred Madden '80 will retire from the New Jersey State Senate in 2024 after five terms—20 years—representing 10 municipalities across Atlantic, Camden and Gloucester counties. He earned a Master of Science degree from St. Joseph's University and joined the New Jersey State Police. He achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel and was acting State Police Superintendent when he resigned to assume his legislative

post. He and his wife, Patti, a registered nurse and Rowan faculty member, have seven grandchildren.

Edie Weinstein '81 presented a TEDx Talk, "Overcoming the Taboo of Touch," in Lima, Ohio, in October 2022. She is an internationally recognized journalist, interviewer, author, editor and licensed social worker. Weinstein, who speaks and writes on wellness, trauma recovery, addiction, mental health and social justice, earned her master's degree in social work from Rutgers University and was ordained as an interfaith minister through the New Seminary in New York City.



Karin Rex '82 this year celebrates 37 years of marriage (she met her spouse in Glassboro) and 35 years of operating

her business, GeekyGirl, LLC, with a move to Celebration, Florida.

Andrea Pass '83, of Andrea Pass Public Relations, won a 2023 Gold Stevie Award in the "Achievement in Management—Advertising, Marketing & Public Relations" category in the 21st Annual American Business Awards.

Michael Wood '84 works for Ernst & Young in Philadelphia as associate director, enterprise technology, and global lead for news and communities. He received his MBA at LaSalle University. He and his wife, Ann, live in Warrington, Pennsylvania, with their two boys.



Lisa Morina '87 is vice president for corporate relations at the Cooper Foundation.



Nine & Dine Engineering Golf Outing

The Henry M. Rowan College hosted its annual golf day in October to benefit engineering programming and foster networking.

1. Rob McClernan '18, M'21, Justin Elko '22, Ian Sennstrom '12, Aaron Nolan '06.
2. Mark Ogden, Brian Ewan '21, Ed Mogck, Dave Smith.
3. Luigi Sebastini, Vicki Malaszecki, Bruce Betz, John Malaszecki.



Sharon Patterson '87 is an Episcopal priest in Mullica Hill. Her daughter, Abbie Betz, is a music education major at Rowan. Sharon's parents, **James Patterson '53** and **Carolyn Adams Patterson '54**, both worked as teachers before retirement.

Family pride

Valerie Cushman Bowers '05 is director of the Cape May County Special Services School District and Ocean Academy. (Above, Valerie, Brenna, Sabrina, Lance and Brandon.) Note, p. 66.

Theresa Redling DO'87 celebrates 30 years as a practicing geriatrician and thanks Dr. Thomas A. Cavalieri, senior vice provost of Virtua Health College of Medicine & Life Sciences, who was his inspiration to enter this gratifying field of medicine.



David H. Lande '88 is a judge of compensation in the New Jersey Division of Workers' Compensation, sitting in New Brunswick and Toms River. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, he and his wife, Lisa, recently became first-time grandparents.

Scott Linke '88 is a member of the PGA (Professional Golfers' Association) of America Quarter Century Club for his 25 years of service to the sport. He is head professional at Clearbrook Golf Course in Monroe, Middlesex County.



John Scavelli '88 is the Bristol Township (Pennsylvania) School District business manager.



Deborah Bayer '89, mostly retired from her role as a physician, has a poetry chapbook from Finishing Line Press due to be published this year.

Bill Fisher '89 has been the head football coach at Seneca High School in Tabernacle since 2003. In October, he was recognized as Coach of the Week by the Philadelphia Eagles. The honor came with

a \$2,000 grant for the school. Fisher also teaches physical education and health at Seneca.

90s



Kenneth Campbell '90 is grateful for the support and opportunities he received along the journey to his new position as a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Kathy Corbalis '91 is the 2023 winner of the D. Richard Petrizzo Award for Career Achievement from the National

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Alumni Awards Reception

The Alumni Board of Directors hosted the Alumni Awards Reception in June to honor our 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 Alumni Awards Program winners. Recipients and their guests were recognized for their accomplishments and contributions to their communities and professions, as well as their dedication to Rowan University. The event also honored current and past alumni who have served on the Alumni Board of Directors.

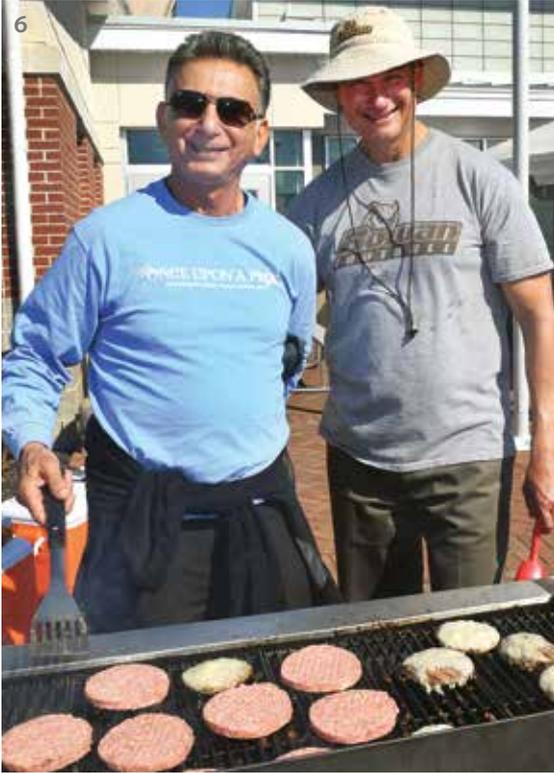
1. Reva Amritkar, Atharva Amritkar '15 (2023 4 Under 40 Award recipient).
2. Warren Wallace '72, M'73, Darlene Bunting, John Bunting '78, M'97 (Community Impact Award recipient).
3. Greg Payton '14, Brandon Graham '18, M'20 (4 Under 40 Award recipient), Anthony Magaraci '06 (Global Impact Award recipient), Angelo Pinti '05, Jessica Vattima.
4. Kevin George, Matthew Graifer '08 (4 Under 40 Award recipient), D.J. Angelone.
5. Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03, La Netta Hammill '72, M'85, P/S '88, Ed.D '01 (2022 Alumni Ambassador Award recipient).
6. Gabriela Hristescu, Douglas Taggart '13, M'14 (Distinguished Young Alumni Award recipient), Jenna Dundas .
7. Chris Popper '13, M'14 (Distinguished Young Alumni Award recipient), Vanita Allen.
8. Marissa Trabosh Straccialini '03, Anthony Marino '02, M'03, Bill Moen '09, Louis Joyce '72, M'77, Joe Akinskas '70, M'73, Mike Coletta '12, MD'16, Rhonda Locklear Holland '72, Angelo Pinti '05, Amanda Koon '78, Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03.
9. FRONT: Marissa Trabosh Straccialini '03, Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03, Diane Lisa Mazzei '69, M'80, Megan McHugh M'15, Hilary Beckett Chebra '13, Anthony Phillips '83, Michelle Andre '99, M'02. MIDDLE: Trish Perna '10, Anthony Marino '02, David Fry M'14, M'17, Thomas Maliszewski '79, Dan Errera '12, M'14, Jay Dugan '74, M'91, Sharon Szmaciasz '77. BACK: Adam Woodhull '03, M'07, Joeigh S. Perella Jr. '12, Greg Payton '14, Chris Popper '13, Jon J. Vogel '11.



Homecoming Celebration 2022

At the end of a week of Homecoming festivities, last year's Homecoming Saturday drew thousands of alumni and friends from far and near. For photos of this year's events, see p. 67, and enjoy even more photos of Homecoming and other RowanPROUD stories at view.rowan.edu.

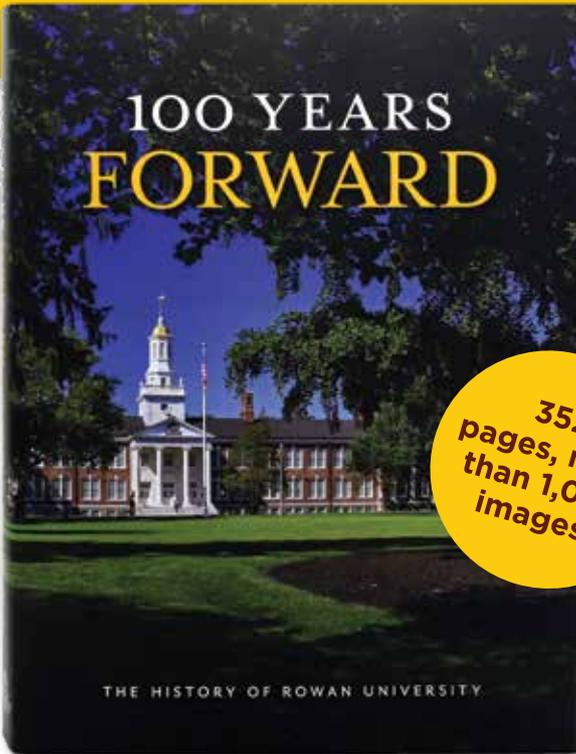
1. Rowan University Cheer Team and Whoo RU.
2. Daniel Razzano '87 and Anthony Razzano '54.
3. Aaliyah Paul '21, Meylin Davila '12, Jordine Moore, Nayalis Perez '20, Susan Huaccamayta '09, M'11, Mayra Aquino '10, Joshani Almonte '12, Dianne Santos '13, Jennifer Sanchez '14, Ashley Perez '16, Damaris Colon '17.
4. Student organizations celebrated their wins for the week's Homecoming competitions.
5. Kwasi Nyinah, Kyle Batie '17, Trevant McCleod, Marcqui Hill, Derrick McCall, Roy Wesley '90, Marc Wilson '20, Jeannine Custis, Curtis Custis '05, Tariq Hills '22, Angie Pollard '96, Magnum Phelps, Tairu Gardrie '97, Ty Hamlin, Anthony Phillips '83, Roy Wright '94.
6. President Houshmand and Athletics Director John Giannini.
7. FRONT: Martin Waysome '01, Judy Waysome '00, Madelyn-Joy Waysome, Diderot Alerte'02
BACK: Makayla Waysome and John Waysome.
8. Legacy Family Competition winners Patricia Horan '80, Victoria Ieradi '19, M'20, Francis Ieradi '14, Frank Ieradi '17, M'18, Robert Ieradi M'71.
9. Will Alston '13, Eric DuBois '12, M'14, Holly Thompson.
10. Trevant McCloud '17, Andrea Alston Brundage, Penny McPherson Myers '92, M'05, Ed.D. '15, Billie Jones, Lisa Johnson '92, James Myers '92.
11. Connor Schmiegel '19, Maggie (dog), Ben Dworkin, Maeve Schurz.
12. Chevalle Phillips '89, Imani Rae '19, Kendyll Rae and Anthony Phillips '83.
13. FRONT: Nico Mazzei-Williams '27, Tim Mazzei-Williams
BACK: Diane Mazzei '69, M'80, Kayla Mazzei-Williams, Nicole Mazzei-Williams.



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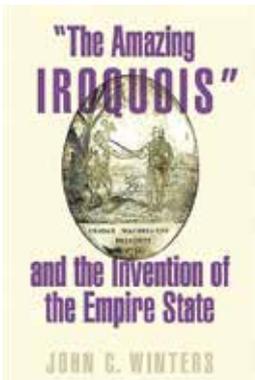


Handy canvas tote
\$10



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Alumni bookshelf

John C. Winters '08, assistant professor of history at University of Southern Mississippi, has a new book. Note, p. 68.

Council of Marketing & Public Relations. Kathy is the former executive director of college relations at Atlantic Cape Community College.

Eric Avedissian '92, M'20 is a finalist in the suspense category of the 2023 Next Generation Indie Book Awards for his debut novel, "Accursed Son." The book was published in late 2022 by Shadow Spark Publishing in Hurst, Texas. Eric teaches English composition as an adjunct professor at Atlantic Cape Community College.

John Genovese '92 is working on such projects as "American Idol," "Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles," "Battlebots," "Next Level Chef," "Running Wild with Bear Grylls," Gordon Ramsay's "Food Stars" and the NFL Pro Bowl. Projects due later this year are the Mark Wahlberg

film, "The Family Plan," and the '80s rock documentary, "Nothin' But A Good Time."

Christine Roller '92 lives in Florida after 27 years of teaching in New Jersey. She loved her career so much that she now teaches adults how to purchase real estate in the Sunshine State.



Donavan D. McCargo '93, Ed.D.'10 is vice president for campus life and dean of students at Arcadia University, Glenside, Pennsylvania. He formerly was interim vice president for enrollment management and student affairs at Kutztown University.

Jonathan Retano '94 is founder and CEO of Pharmafusion, a cloud-based analytics company providing turnkey pharma analytics to emerging and top-20 global pharma companies and to life science industries.

Hettie Williams '94 is director of the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture at UMass Boston, which publishes Trotter Review, a journal that addresses current Black studies, race and race relations in the United States and abroad. A professor of African American history and an author, Williams has focused her research on African American intellectual history, Black women's history and race/ethnic studies. She is president of the African American



Rohrer College of Business marks 50 big years

More than 300 alumni, current and retired employees gathered for a special reception in Business Hall to celebrate the first five decades of Rohrer College of Business. Joined by benefactor, former University Board of Trustees Chair and Rohrer Charitable Foundation representative Linda Rohrer, guests had the opportunity to connect and reconnect and explore Business Hall. Updates from University leadership helped set the stage for RCB's bright future as everyone commemorated shared achievements.

1. Rohrer College of Business Dean Sue Lehrman, President Ali Houshmand and Rohrer Charitable Foundation Chair Linda Rohrer.
2. Greg Payton '14, Brian Eachus '15, Justin Toldt '12.
3. Michael Viola '19, Ryan Kankowski '22, Berrin Guner, Ashley Lange '22.
4. Angelo Pinti '05, Siena Rampulla '23.
5. Rory Thomas '80, Kristine Thomas.
6. Tess Amato '19, Colin Cox '19, Kenneth Drewes '09, Melvin Sheppard '20.
7. Jenna Dickinson '18, Deborah Zimmermann '88, Danielle Dimacale '17.
8. Brian Jones '81, Joann Katzen-Jones.
9. Cameron Vena '20, Andrew Vena '20.

Inspired by her mother, Laurie Zaleski built a home for animals.



PHOTO BY JAUHIEN SASNOU

‘Totally in my wheelhouse’ at the Funny Farm

Many people have fond memories of their childhood pets: dogs, cats, maybe a bird. Laurie Zaleski '91 has those memories—and then some. Zaleski's mother ran a de-facto animal shelter out of their home in Washington Township, Gloucester County, rescuing raccoons, opossums, a skunk, a pig, a horse and, yes, cats and dogs. She called it the Funny Farm.

“My earliest memories were going into elementary school, where my mother would either bring in Harry the Bull or a baby horse for show-and-tell,” Zaleski said.

These days, Zaleski carries on her mother's legacy as the owner and founder of the Funny Farm Rescue and Sanctuary in Mays Landing, caring for more than 750 critters. Zaleski recounts her experience in a 2022 memoir, *Funny Farm: My Unexpected Life With 600 Rescue Animals*. (Since the book's printing, she has rescued more than 100 more creatures.) The Funny Farm is open to the public at no cost. This spring, more than 17,000 people visited the rescue in one day during the rescue's annual spring festival.

Zaleski never imagined she'd one day own a farm. As a child, Zaleski's mother moved her and her siblings away from their abusive father to a “little shack in the woods,” she said, where her mother first began rescuing animals from the local shelter who were set to be euthanized. Later, during her time at Rowan, Zaleski studied graphic design and illustration. After graduating, she worked for Campbell Soup Company. While Zaleski always had an interest in animals, like her mother, her early-career plans included traveling the world and photography. “I thought that was going to be my entire life,” she said.

Then, in 2000, Zaleski bought the property that now houses the Funny Farm, as a gift to her mother. “My mom died two weeks before I made settlement on the property,” Zaleski said. Inspired by her mother's determination and love for animals, Zaleski started taking in more rescues. Eventually, the farm became a nonprofit and is run with the help of volunteers and donations. The Funny Farm will

be a partner of Rowan's Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine (opening in 2025) with plans to offer a variety of animal-handling experiences for veterinary students.

Zaleski still puts her graphic design degree to good use, working as a design and photography contractor for the Federal Aviation Administration. “I put both of my passions together,” she said. “I do two things that are totally in my wheelhouse.”

All of the animals on the Funny Farm coexist in harmony—dogs and rabbits, cats and chickens, a skunk and horses. Zaleski hopes to pass along a similar message to visitors, one she also gleaned from her mother: If all these species can get along, humans can, too.

“She prepared me for life and to help people and to help animals,” Zaleski said, “and to make a difference in the world.”



Rowan Magazine is giving away 10 autographed copies of “*Funny Farm: My Unexpected Life With 600 Rescue Animals*.” Be one of the first 10 to email editor@rowan.edu and you'll have one soon.

See Zaleski tell her story in a Rowan video recorded at her farm: go.rowan.edu/ffrescue

class notes

Intellectual History Society. She earned her doctorate in history and culture from Drew University and her master's in history from Monmouth University.



Don Mihalik '95 is founder of DMCM Builders and Developers, a residential construction company focused on affordable dwellings with common-sense finishes and floor plans for the everyday family.



Julian Gargiulo '96 markets himself as the “Pianist with the Hair,” performing what he calls an “unpretentious mashup” of “Saturday Night Live” meets-Carnegie Hall. His presentations are a mix of his own compositions and classical music in an attempt to demystify the centuries-old genre.

William “Bill” Cowen '97 is a full teaching professor at Villanova University and directs the public relations and advertising program.



Jennifer Schafhauser Gilbreath '97 is managing editor of books at American Psychiatric Association Publishing in Washington, D.C.

J. Pierce Shields '97 is national director of advancement for the Second Amendment Foundation in Bellevue, Washington.



Jason Dennen '98 survived a horrific skydiving accident that nearly took his life and he's written about the experience in “8 Days Till Sunrise.” After spending the titular eight days in a coma, Jason awoke to a badly broken body that required nearly four months of hospitalization and 11 months of rehabilitation. To prove the doctors wrong when they said he might never walk again, he completed a triathlon less than a year after the accident. His message is that we all can overcome extraordinary hardships by relying on the strength we already possess inside and by using lessons we have learned over our lifetimes. Jason appeared on the Rowan Alumni podcast, “Beyond the Brown & Gold,” to tell more of his story, one that hosts **Rob Lightfoot '00, M'01** and **Jessica Kanady '08, M'15** said was unlike any they had heard.

Dale Wannan '98 announces his book, “Don't Feed the Clowns: Sustainable Investing for Everyday Life,” is available on Amazon. Dale is the founder of Sustainvest Asset Management, an investment and financial advising firm in Petaluma, California.



Laura Williams '98, M'02 was named the 2023 New Jersey School Counselor of the Year. She works at Oak Valley Elementary School in Deptford Township.

Anthony Fitzpatrick '99 is the principal of Thomas Edison Elementary School and Strawbridge Elementary School in the Haddon Township School District.

Ryan Fraser '99 has been named a White House Fellow for the Department of Commerce. He will spend a year working with senior White House staff, Cabinet secretaries, and other top-ranking administration officials. The Pennington native is a New Jersey Transit Police captain and the commanding officer of the NJT Office of Emergency Management, responsible for leading emergency and disaster response across the state. He is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, teaching graduate classes in emergency and disaster management.

Brian Kerico '99 is audit manager at Specialty Audit Services in Narberth, Pennsylvania.

He and his wife, Alysha, have 5-year-old twin girls.

Dawn Wilson '99, a Colorado-based writer, photographer and guide, has published “100 Things to Do in Estes Park Before You Die.”

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Christian Barnes '00 is principal of the Rome Middle School, Rome, Georgia.

Carolyn DeMarco Brown '00, M'04 is director of human resources technology, user experience and security and roadmap at Macy's Inc., New York City.

William Calabria DO'00 serves as a top pinnacle health care professional in osteopathic medicine at the not-for-profit CaroMont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia, North Carolina. He sees

patients, treats various conditions and works in the emergency room.

Rasheed J. Daniel '00 has his own full-service production company, TeamSheed Productions. TeamSheed works with clients including Hulu and WeTV and is dedicated to addressing the issues of inclusion both in front of and behind the camera. Rasheed was creative executive producer for VH1's “Black Ink Crew” and producer for “Real Housewives of New Jersey.” He's also worked on YouTube's “A New Green Book,” starring Asia Jackson, Xfinity's “HBC...U Got Jokes,” starring Chris Spencer and MTV's “The Love Experiment.” Photo, p. 54.

Andrew Hodlofski '00 is deputy district counsel for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, based in Anchorage, Alaska. He is a supervisory attorney, specializing



Rowan Alumni Night with the Philadelphia Union 2022

Grads, family and friends cheered on the Philadelphia Union as they played D.C. United in July 2022. It was a summer soccer spectacular complete with fireworks.

1. Allie Pearce M'10, Jillian Threadgill.
2. Tom Marsella '16, M'18, Mike Morris '15.
3. Brian Kanady '08, Karen Weaver Roberts '08, Michael Roberts, Shane Leshar, Caitlin Bova Leshar '08.

in federal employment law, federal acquisition and contract law. He also serves as criminal defense attorney with the 22nd Legal Operations Detachment at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Pierce County, Washington.

Andrew Slack '00 is associate vice president for operations at the Wyanoke Group, West Deptford.



Naydeen Gonzalez-De Jesus '01 is president of San Antonio (Texas) Community College, the second woman in school history to hold the post.

John Yurkow '01 has a new multiyear contract to serve as the W. Joseph Blood Head Baseball Coach at the University of Pennsylvania. He was an All-American second baseman for Rowan's baseball team.

Kevin Fricke '02 is superintendent of the Folsom School District. He is engaged to Susann Tahsin and has four children, Kevin Jr., Sarah, William and John.

Robert Doody '02 is vice president of investor relations at Aclaris Therapeutics, Malvern, Pennsylvania. He has nearly 20 years of biotechnology industry experience leading investor relations programs, previously holding similar positions at Provention Bio in Red Bank, Idera Pharmaceuticals in Exton, Pennsylvania. and ViroPharma Incorporated in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.



Weddings & engagements

1. Carly Norman '16 and Tyler Mulvey '14; note, p. 75.
2. Erin "Em" Callahan '16 and Tyler Waddington '17; note, p. 72.
FRONT: Maria Spannos '16, Jennifer Margiloff '16 M'18, Em Callahan '16, Crystal Beausoleil, Emily Bolton '16, Jordan Rubenstein '16, Nicole Podraza '16. BACK: Traz Daczkowski '17, Matthew Sambucci '18, Nicole Mascali '17, Rebecca Trotman '18, Tyler Waddington '17, Ryan Rossi '17.
3. Dana Minardi '16 and Robert Evanik '16; note, p. 75.
4. Carly Samuels '16, M'18 and Tom Marsella '16, M'18; note, p. 75.
5. Kathryn Juniewicz '17 and Constantine "Dean" Pella '18; note, p. 75.
6. Alexander McDonald '18 and Leah Ellermets; note, p. 76.
7. Mariah Francisco Klopsic '16, M'18 and Joshua Klopsic; note, p. 75.
8. Felix Wurmbach '14 and Maria Brasco Wurmbach '15; note, p. 71.
9. Deandra Turchi '14, M'16 and Grace Starr Turchi '01; note, p. 71.
10. Karen Drake Alvarez '19 and Manny Alvarez '19; note, p. 75.





Karen Schaaf Roorda '02 is a master trainer in Warrior

Rhythm, a yoga-fitness fusion workout format. She offers classes to certify instructors to teach classes featuring yoga flows, sun salutations, high intensity interval training and weightlifting set to a rock-music soundtrack. Karen has led fitness classes and related events in the Cherry Hill area for more than 13 years and is excited about this new opportunity to spread her love of fitness and music.

Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03 is an investigator with the New Jersey Office of Securities Fraud and Financial Crime Prosecutions.

Joseph Nappi '04, a social studies teacher in Tinton Falls, was named the New Jersey State Teacher of the Year. Now in his 18th year



Campus REC 30-Year Celebration and Meet & Greet

Rowan Campus Recreation celebrated 30 years of building Rowan's "live. learn. PLAY!" community during Homecoming weekend. This special event took place at Glassboro's Bonesaw Brewing Co. with a warm invitation to former student employees, professional staff, graduate coordinators and friends. Above, a group photo captured many who attended for the evening of reminiscing, reconnecting and raising a glass to three decades of recreation and fun.

of teaching, Nappi teaches courses in U.S. history and Holocaust, Genocide and Modern Humanity at Monmouth Regional High School. As part of his work, Nappi has taken more than 600 students to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., where he has served as a museum teacher fellow since 2019. He also collaborated with a national group of

educators assembled by PBS to develop lessons for "The U.S. and the Holocaust," a six-hour series by documentary filmmaker Ken Burns.

Christopher Madden M'04 is principal of Hoggard High School, Wilmington, North Carolina. He earned a master's degree in school administration from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. He has served as a principal in both Pender and New Hanover counties and is a previous Principal of the Year in both districts.

Joe Wendel '04 co-owns Duxbury Oyster Company with **Kevin Thomson '04**. Wendel previously worked for Google in Mountain View, California. Photo, p. 55.

Valerie Cushman Bowers '05 was named director of Cape May County Special Services School District and Ocean Academy. Her husband, **Lance Bowers '12**, is proud of her achievement. Photo, p. 56.



Lisa Dolby '05 is the 2022-2023 Gloucester County Teacher of the Year

for her work at Delsea Regional High School in Franklin Township.



Becky Norton '05 is a director in the retail dining

services team at Stockton University working with Chartwells/Compass Group. She is a Ventnor homeowner and loves living across from the water.

Matthew A. Basile '06 has a new sci-fi/fantasy novel, "Dreaming," from Free Minds Publications. He also worked with a mental health awareness organization on "EmotionALL," a four-part audio drama miniseries.

Edith Beiferman-Haines '06 is making a career move from hospice nursing to freelance health care writing and blogging.

Michael Husted '06 is a Division I collegiate basketball official. He was formerly assistant director of competitive sports at University of Georgia, a graduate assistant at University of Kentucky Recsports, and a coordinator at University of Central Florida.

Matthew DeNafo '06 is president of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority in Egg Harbor Township.

Dennis Emory '07 is finance director at American Water, serving Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland.

Joseph Lizza M'07, Ed.D.'17, director of Rowan's Chamberlain Student Center, is chair of the Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Committee of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). His team at NASPA works with university administrators across the country to share resources and best practices in areas such as student affairs, student life and Greek life. He also is a member of the Hammonton Fire Department and an emergency medical technician. Photo, p. 69.



Steven Calakos '08 received an Excellence in Theatre Education Honorable Mention for the second straight year. Presented



Engineering honors its own

In just 25 years, the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering has accomplished remarkable things, many of national note. This year, it inaugurated the Award of Distinction to recognize alumni who've distinguished themselves and demonstrate engineering's best.

Above, Dean Giuseppe Palmese, third from left, with recipients Bryan Nese '04, Jeff Miles '02, Anthony Marino '02, M'03, Christina Bowen '01, Brad Summerville '01, M'02.



Our historic Centennial Homecoming

Capping a busy Homecoming Week, the big 2023 Homecoming Saturday welcomed everyone to celebrate the century. Before dawn, a team of 11 alumni, employees and students revived the Torch Run from the 1930s and hundreds joined in other traditions and activities throughout the weekend.

1. Tatiana Getler, John Getler '16, Lisa Smalley '13, Janet Smalley.
2. No doubt about brown, gold and Prof pride here!
3. Pride of the Profs Marching Band leading the on-campus parade.
4. FRONT: Maddie Mahon '22, Addison Deckert, Lizbeth Carmona-Martinez, Harshaila Saini, Siena Rampulla '23
BACK: Justin Iannelli, James Myers '92, Julian Doroteo '22, Greg Payton '14.
5. The 1993 football team took the field again, this time before being inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame at the Sunday ceremony that also honored individuals from women's and men's basketball.
6. Stewart Norton '11, Becky Norton Woods '05.
7. Holding the torch, Dean Peter Rattigan led the Torch Run team that included, clockwise from left, Jon Ratcliffe, Collin Cardona (obscured), Jeanine Dowd, Tobi Bruhn, Quinn Cardona, Daniel Cardona, Sandra Wilson, Ernie Holtzheimer. (Not pictured, Juan Sanchez, Amy Hoch).
8. Centennial specs and smiles!
9. Peter Oteri '62 told about running the torch twice in the '60s and for Rowan's 75th anniversary in 1998.
10. President Houshmand and SGA President Brianna Reagan '24 flanked the torch and a giant cake with alumni and Rowan leaders.

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by The Tony Awards and sponsored by Carnegie Mellon University, the award recognizes extraordinary K-12 arts and theater educators. The director of education for Gulfshore Playhouse, Naples, Florida, he taught in Vineland Public Schools for more than 11 years as director of theater programs at the elementary, middle and high school levels. He appeared on a recent edition of “Behind the Brown and Gold” podcast.



Daniel Di Mond '08 graduated in May 2022 from Stony Brook University with a Master of Science in human resource

management and a 4.0 GPA. He delivered the student address at the School of Professional Development commencement and received the Dean’s Choice Award.

Jessica Ortuso Kanady '08 M'15 and **Brian Kanady '08** welcomed their second son, Noah Joseph, in summer 2021. Photo, page 69.



Alexander Habib '08 is head of communications and engagement for the Sustainability & Responsibility in North America group of L’Oréal, the international personal care products company based in Paris.



Mystery Machine Wedding Band

Colin O’Malley, **Buddy Bader '16**, **Chelsea Franchi '16**, Eric Ruggieri, **Cierra Bader '15**, **Keith Bianchini '18**, **Andrew Rueblinger '20**, **Blaze Dalio '20**, **Don Simpson '03**, **Anthony Sinigaglio '12**. Not pictured: **Richard Tinsley '13**. Note, p. 69.

John C. Winters '08, an assistant professor of history at the University of Southern Mississippi, has a new book, “The Amazing Iroquois and the Invention of the Empire State.” He received his terminal degree in history

at the City University of New York. Photo, p. 62.

Lafayette Crawford III '09 has been named to the National Small Business Association Leadership Council, the nation’s oldest small-business advocacy organization. He owns Crawford Business Consulting, LLC in Snellville, Georgia, where he lives with his family.



Stacy Elliott '09 is markets editor for Decrypt, a communication company, and the main host of the “gm from Decrypt” podcast. She earned a master’s degree in journalism from the University of Maryland.

Kate Gamble '09 is senior content strategist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Casey Ryan '09 is celebrating one year of being a single mother by choice with her daughter, Kenzie Ryan. Photo, page 69.

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Stephen Genco Ed.D.'10 is a member of the Brick Township High School Wall of Fame. He is a full-time lecturer at Georgian Court University in Lakewood and serves as the school’s director of secondary education, working with future high school teachers. He previously was superintendent of schools in South Plainfield and in Jackson Township and was named Ocean County Superintendent of the Year for 2018-19. Earlier, Stephen taught science and math classes at Wall Township High School and coached wrestling, softball and football. He was inducted into the Jersey Shore Interscholastic Wrestling Association Hall of Fame in 2019. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia University and Master of Arts degrees for education/



Subaru Lunch ‘N’ Learn

Alumni, current and prospective students and friends at Subaru of America gathered for lunch and conversation with President Ali Houshmand, who reported on the University’s expansion and the positive impact it’s having in South Jersey and beyond. The visit also offered time to discuss ways to get involved with the institution—ranging from alumni events and volunteerism to continuing education and professional development.

FRONT: Joanne Campbell '16, M'19, Alicia Scott '18, Ashlee Austin '06, President Houshmand, Adam Woodhull '03, M'07, Rebekah Bellesorte '11, Julianne Rudd '15, Lillian Leung, BACK: Zach Jankowski '15, Roger Denton, Colin Brown '23, Miguel Lara Garcia, Josh Goldfarb '21, M'23, Matt Slevenski '13, M'15.



Go team

Joseph Lizza M'07, D'17 and his son, **Branden, 9**, with Whoo RU. Note, p. 66.

counseling and for administration from Georgian Court. Stephen and his wife, Susan, live in Point Pleasant.

Eric McLaughlin '10 and **Victoria Little '14** wed on Nov. 18, 2022, in Manasquan. They teach general, vocal and instrumental music in Monmouth and Ocean counties.



Kae Lani Palmisano '10 is food editor at Philadelphia

magazine. She writes and edits for the print publication and for Foobooz, the magazine's online food and drink hub. She has covered food and travel in the Philadelphia region for 10 years and won a 2020 Mid-Atlantic Emmy for her work at WHYY-TV. Her writing also has appeared in Food & Wine, USA Today and the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Allison Pessolano M'10 is superintendent of the Upper Township School District, the same district where she attended school through eighth grade.

Previously, she was the principal of Woodstown Middle School and then its curriculum coordinator and acting superintendent.



Tom Abruzzo '11 is in the candidacy period of his

doctoral program at the University of San Diego and is director of the Theatrical Conservatory at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, California.

Tyler Mizglewski '11 married Elizabeth Nadramia in 2017 and they welcomed daughter Alyssa Rae in 2021. He earned his master's degree in public health in 2023 and plans to transition from medical technology into health promotion and prevention. Photo, right.



Alexandra Carella McGroarty '12 releases two

books this year: the children's book, "Until We Meet Again, Leo" and the self-help book, "So Now What? Harnessing

Grief after Life's Major Losses." Alexandra sits on the Board of Trustees of the South Jersey Young Professionals Association and holds a leadership position in the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Brian Price '12 wrote his first novel, "Last Chance California," published in 2021.

Erin Sharpe M'12, a Cedar Creek High School science teacher, was named Atlantic County Teacher of the Year by the N.J. Department of Education. She is also an educator onboard the research vessel Atlantis. She fosters Seeing Eye puppies, in addition to her extensive volunteer work in the community.

Anthony Sinigaglio '12 is part of Mystery Machine Wedding Band, formed by **Buddy Bader '16** in 2014. The group, with several other grads, had a busy summer with shows throughout South Jersey and beyond. Photo, p. 68.



Alec Zierten '12 is in a program management position at Google in California after starting his career as a supply chain planner at Johnson & Johnson.

Jordan '13 and **Danielle DiPinto '13** welcomed Dominic James in January 2022, joining older sister Olivia. Jordan is in-house legal counsel for TD Bank. Danielle is a school counselor

at Bells Elementary School in Blackwood. Photo, this page.

Thomas Kelly '13 and his life partner, Kathleen Garrity, bought a house in Philadelphia in 2021 and will celebrate eight years together in December 2023. Thomas works for Juniper Networks, an international networking hardware company in Sunnyvale, California. Photo, p. 71.



Samantha Nusom '13 is transitioning into full-time private practice to spend more time with her family, engage in more self-care and continue to serve motivated adults wanting to heal.



Rowan babies

1. Chase, son of **Alyssa Hart Cowling '15** and Scott. Note, p. 71.
2. Miles, son of **Carly Norman '16** and **Tyler Mulvey '14**. Note, p. 75.
3. Dominic and Olivia, children of **Jordan and Danielle DiPinto**, both '13. Note, this page.
4. Kenzie, daughter of **Casey Ryan '09**. Note, p. 68.
5. Noah, son of **Jessica Ortuso Kanady '08, M'15** and **Brian Kanady '08**. Note, p. 68.
6. Alyssa Rae, daughter of **Tyler Mizglewski '11** and **Elizabeth Nadramia**. Note, this page.

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Home, sweet home
Thomas Kelly '13 and his life partner, Kathleen Garrity. Note, p. 69.

Chris Ford '14 is superintendent of Wharton State Forest, the largest single tract of land within the New Jersey State Park System. It contains more than 110,000 acres (about 172 square miles) in Atlantic, Burlington and Camden counties. The Wharton tract also includes Batsto Village (open for self-guided tours), which operated as a bog iron and glassmaking industrial center before the Revolutionary War until after the Civil War.

Deandra Turchi '14, M'16 and **Grace Starr Turchi '01** were married at the ICONA Resort in Avalon. Photo, p. 65.

Felix Wurmbach '14 and **Maria Brasco '15** married in May 2022. Felix is an attorney with Lauletta Birnbaum in Sewell, focused on commercial litigation and general corporate matters. Maria is senior vice president for social media at KCSA Strategic Communications in New York City. Photo, p. 65.



Hannah Battiste '15 is a professional

voice-over artist in the Seattle area, where she also works as a professional choreographer and serves as assistant director for a children's theater group.

Kyle Fant '15 has been named managing director and co-market leader of the Capital Markets practice for SRS Real Estate Partners in New York. He joined the firm as senior vice president in 2017. His clients include merchant developers, private and public institutions, family offices, private investors, 1031 exchange buyers, and multi-unit franchise operators.

Courtney Rice '14, M'21 is the reigning Miss New Jersey for America Strong. The Miss for America Strong Pageant honors single, divorced or widowed women. A hospitality and public relations specialist, Rice works to fight period poverty and food insecurity. She has her own blog: "Beauty and the Chef."

Christine Harper Gambardello '15 is a clinician in the intensive outpatient program at South Jersey Behavioral Health Resources in Pennsauken.

Alyssa Hart Cowling '15 and her husband, Scott, had their first child, Chase, in June 2022. Photo, p. 66.



Hannah Murphy '15 credits a crowdfunding campaign

for financing her debut album, "A Dream in the Forest." Murphy received her master's degree in classical guitar performance from Mannes School of Music at the New School in New York City. The album, recorded in Murphy's living room and self-produced, features her interpretations of the works of Johann Kaspar Mertz, Federico Moreno Torroba and Manuel Ponce.

Dana Kirschner DO '15 was appointed program director for the family medicine residency program at UPMC Williamsport, an acute care hospital in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Previously, Kirschner served as an associate program director and faculty member with UPMC Williamsport Family Medicine Residency.

Taylor Trost '15 earned the national Milken Educator Award in October. The award comes with an unrestricted \$25,000 cash prize. Bestowed by the Milken Family Foundation, the award honors exceptional educators for their innovation and excellence. Trost teaches fourth graders at Grace Norton Rogers Elementary in Hightstown.



Ryan Wintermute '15 is a commercial division judicial law clerk and an



RIPPAC Gala

Political and civic leaders gathered in March 2023 for the first gala fundraiser presented by the Rowan Institute for Public Policy & Citizenship (RIPPAC). The event raised more than \$100,000 for intern scholarships and civic programming.

1. Luke Pavlov '22, Cyrelle "Cece" Cruz '22, Jameel Muhammad '23, Nic Lawniczuk '22.
2. Vinu Joseph '23, Hon. William Moen, Jr. '09.
3. Hafiza Kazi '20.
4. Greg Aquilino '22, Ethan Strong '23, Mike Zupko '22.
5. Chris Valesi '21.
6. Jason Brooks '21, Emily McGrath '22.



Education welcomes grads at NJEA annual

Celebrating its 100th, the College of Education hosted educators in November, with Alumni Board Member Diane Mazzei '69, M'80 and Dean Gaëtane Jean-Marie greeting alumni with encouragement.

1. Henry Hill '19, April Licato '19, Allison Wasick '19, Cori Brown.
2. Brooke (Golden) Bivona '13, Betsy (Flaherty) Maliszewski '79, Thomas Maliszewski '79, Chris Madamba M'23.
3. Corrinda John '02, Ramona Tribbett '00, Kimberly (Foster) Clark '89, Syreeta Primas '99.

associate at Yankwitt LLP in White Plains, New York. Ryan, a member of both the New York and New Jersey bar associations, received his juris doctor degree from Rutgers University Law School in 2019.

Peter Yanefski '15 is a strategic communications associate at the Histiocytosis Association in Pitman.

Erica Avery '16 celebrated her doctor of philosophy degree in cellular and molecular physiology from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine creatively: She turned her dissertation, "Investigating Mitochondrial

Phospholipid Flux via Phosphatidylserine Decarboxylase-1 Relocalization and Inversion," into a custom-printed duchesse satin dress she wore under her regalia. Photo, p. 75.

Erin "Em" Callahan '16 and **Tyler Waddington '17** celebrated their October 2022 wedding in Baltimore with many Rowan alumni. Photo, p. 65.



Denise Coulter Ed.D.'16 is on the board of trustees of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Denise is senior dean of liberal studies and culinary arts at Atlantic Cape Community College.

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Dissertation dress

Erica Avery '16 turned her doctoral project into a fashion statement. Note, p. 72.

Robert Evanik '16 and **Dana Minardi '16** married on June 3, 2023. The couple met through mutual friend **Olivia Langerhans '16** during their first semester at Rowan in 2012 when they were in the same pre-calc class. They started coordinating course schedules and their love grew over study sessions and during dates at Chipotle, Saladworks and the old PB Diner. Photo, p. 65.

Brad Johnson '16 is a research staff member in the system evaluation division of the private, nonprofit Institute for Defense Analyses in Arlington, Virginia. He received his doctoral degree in chemical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in 2022.

Mariah Francisco Klopsic '16, M'18 and **Joshua Klopsic** married in October. Photo, p. 65.

Carly Norman '16 is the 2023 Teacher of the Year in Pompton Lakes. She

and **Tyler Mulvey '14** were married in August 2022 and welcomed their son, Miles, in June, to the home they share with their dog, Tucker. Photos, p. 65 and 69.

Carly Samuels '16, M'18 and **Tom Marsella '16, M'18** married this summer. Photo, p. 65.



Timothy Baker '17 earned his doctoral degree in computer science and is now a research fellow in the Michigan Medicine Department of Radiology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Riley Gartland '17, a math teacher at Cinnaminson High School, earned the national Milken Educator Award in October. The award includes an unrestricted \$25,000 cash prize. Bestowed by the Milken Family Foundation, the award honors exceptional educators for their innovation and excellence.

Kathryn Juniewicz '17 and **Constantine "Dean" Pella '18** are engaged and moving to Boston for Dean's internal medicine residency at Boston University Medical Center. Photo, p. 65.

Erin Anderson '18 is the 2023 Teacher of the Year at Burlington Township Middle School.

Matthew Bettin '18 and his fiancée, **Kassandra Sigmund**, are the founders of **Crushing Clean Soap**, which they operate out of their Somerdale home.



During Riley Fisher's opening remarks at the Run for Rowan 5K, she expressed gratitude and continued support for first-generation college students and Flying First, Rowan's First-Generation Taskforce initiative program.

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Riley Fisher '24 is a first-generation marketing major who has spent her time as an undergraduate getting involved on campus and enriching her knowledge of business marketing. She serves as the president of the Women's Club Lacrosse team, vice president of Rowan's chapter of the American Marketing Association and as a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society.

Last April, Fisher addressed the crowd at the University's eighth annual Run for Rowan 5K, where all proceeds support first-generation students just like her. The recipient of various donor-funded programs and scholarships, she was recently awarded the Management Institute Foundation Scholarship.

"During my time at Rowan, donors have made it possible for me to experience new and meaningful opportunities. And now, the Management Institute Foundation Scholarship will help me pay for my senior year tuition."

Fisher will graduate in May 2024 and plans to pursue a marketing career along with earning a Master of Business Administration degree.

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Proud Rowan grads and proud Rowan professionals

The Alumni Association hosted the first Rowan Alumni Employee Breakfast this fall with more than 85 alumni gathering at the Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for Alumni Engagement in Shpeen Hall. Representing every college, school, division and campus, the alumni colleagues share #RowanPROUD experience and appreciation for their alma mater. Above: many of the morning's guests.

Crushing Clean is an all-natural company offering quality products for after-athletics cleaning. Their slogan is "Natural suds by and for athletes."



Joseph Cimino '18 is a featured artist at the Saint Kate's

Arts Hotel in Milwaukee. His work is an immersive video- and sound-based installation about memory, using historical evidence harmonized with intuitive sensing. He is an adjunct art professor at Rowan and has had exhibits

displayed across the United States, as well as in Florence, Italy, and Gimpo, South Korea.



Alfred Dansbury M'18 celebrates the publication of

his book, "The Strength of Courage," that tells the story of a man who survived World War II and the Korean War, along with deep personal trauma, to find solace through a fishing partner with similar personal issues. The two men find that trust and resiliency come from the strength of their courage. He serves as a commissioner with the City of Camden Housing Authority.

Jeremy Gottlieb '18 is an associate in the investment management department at the legal firm Stradley Ronon. He earned his J.D. from Rutgers Law School, where he was elected into the Order of the Coif, a national honor society for law students. Previously, he worked as a claims adjuster at a large insurance company, interned at the Office of Public Integrity

& Accountability Conviction Review Unit for the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and worked as a legal intern for a large car company.

Alexander McDonald '18 is an athletic trainer at PT Solutions in Florida and married Leah Ellermets in January 2022. Photo, p. 65.



Leon Purvis '18 is the new weekend evening

anchor and reporter on KAKE-TV in Wichita, Kansas. After graduating, Leon interned for ABC's "Good Morning America," NBC's "The Today Show," and the syndicated "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." He then was a multimedia journalist, reporter, producer and anchor at KIEM in Eureka, California, before assuming reporting and anchoring duties at WDAM in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He moved to WGGB/WSHM in Springfield, Massachusetts, before heading to Kansas.



Marianne Van Deursen Ed.D.'18 is acting president at Warren County Community College.

Karen Drake Alvarez '19 and **Manny Alvarez '19** married in March 2023 in Flemington. Photo, p. 65.

Donald Brasco '19 is a New Jersey State Police trooper. He is pursuing his master's degree in Rowan's disaster preparedness program.

Carolyn J. Fick '19 is on the workers' compensation team at the Princeton office of the nationwide civil litigation law firm Goldberg Segalla.

Kayvon Jahanbakhsh '19 and **Mike Lombardo '22** are part of Forbes magazine's 2023 "30 under 30" list, which the publication calls "the definitive list of young people changing the world." Co-founders of Halfday Tonics, they are recognized in the Food and Drink category. The drinks are available at more than 1,600 retailers nationwide.

Emily Schurr '19 is an associate attorney with



Social studies and history majors reunion

In an autumn packed with activities including a Centennial lecture by **David Tarr '65**, former World Bank lead economist, history alumni hosted a sold-out social at Summit City Winery. The gathering reconnected friends and colleagues and celebrated support for the Dr. Lee Bruce Kress Endowed Scholarship Fund.

1. Kelly Duke-Bryant and Chanelle Rose.
2. Michael Onarato, Donna Martello '79, Don Borden '79, Susan (Thomson) Scott '78, Bob Cordero '78.
3. Tessa (Knight) Belluscio '10, Tony Belluscio '09, Alfred Beaver '00, Itea Bell Tanner '08, Cara Flodman '08.

Drawing on Wildwood, where then is now

During family vacations at the Jersey shore growing up, Mike Jasorka '07 became enamored by the neon lights and historic motels in Wildwood. "We were a blue-collar family," said Jasorka, who grew up in Warren County, "so we couldn't get down to Disneyland and do the Florida experience." But it was at Rowan, where he was working toward his studio art degree, that Jasorka was struck with an artistic idea about the shore town that would inform his career.

Jasorka remembered a freshman year drawing course taught by Herbert Appelson, where Appelson made an offhand remark: "Someone should make a book on all those Wildwood motels because there's so many of them and they're so interesting," recalled Jasorka, a freelance illustrator.

More than a decade later, after working in the graphic department of a litigation services company and freelancing as an illustrator, Jasorka made that suggestion a reality when he self-published the graphic novel, "The Wildwood Days of Doo Wop," released in 2021. Charting both the rise of doo-wop and rock 'n' roll, and the shore town's development, the book depicts more than 170 motels, from their conception to completion, and the musical artists who frequented them.

"The Wildwood Days of Doo Wop" was just the beginning of Jasorka's professional relationship with Wildwood. Even while living across the country in Los Angeles for 13 years, he self-published



Mike Jasorka, back in Wildwood, where Doo Wop days decades ago became part of iconic architecture and his new, art-filled tribute.

two additional books: "Mr. Fascination and The Fascination Machines," the life story of a boardwalk game that only exists in Wildwood, and "Castle Dracula & Dungeon: Employee Handbook Illustrated," a depiction of the 1977 employee rulebook for the haunted boardwalk attraction. Now based in Brooklyn after reconnecting with a gradeschool classmate who is now his wife, Jasorka is working on a graphic novel chronicling the 75-year history of the famed boardwalk tram car, The Sightseer, called "Flag Me Down."

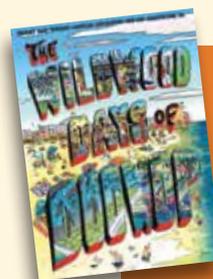
Each graphic novel involved a great deal of historical research to ensure the accuracy of the people and places depicted. For visuals, Jasorka referenced vintage postcards displaying photographs of motels, as well as archival photographs from the Wildwood Historical Society. Jasorka worked alongside historian Kirk Hastings on "The Wildwood Days of Doo Wop." He also joined a Facebook group for former Castle Dracula cast

members, drawing on memories and photographs.

"They were all younger than 20, working for the summer," Jasorka said. "They would go out on their lunch break and still look like a ghoul while they're walking around on the boardwalk. They got all these funny looks. It was easy to build a world in the comic book."

Feedback from locals has been overwhelmingly positive, Jasorka said, and now he considers Wildwood a second home.

"What beach town can you go to and look at a corner block and see 1964 because the oldest motel on that block is from '64?" he said. "It's pretty special."



Rowan Magazine is giving away 10 copies of *The Wildwood Days of Doo Wop*. If you're one of the first 10 to email editor@rowan.edu, we'll send you one.

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the Begley Law Group in Moorestown, where she focuses on special needs planning, estate planning and personal injury consulting. She received her law degree from Rutgers Law School, where she earned a dean's award for exceptional service. She was also a teaching assistant during law school and student leader of the Planning Estates Project, which prepares estate planning documents for low-income seniors. Schurr is a member of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania state bar associations.

20s

Aaron Bennett '20 is performing single-family site plan reviews as a planner in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

Emily Bowman '20 is a senior accountant at Delaware-based Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, P.A., where she works with the firm's Tax & Small Business and Employee Benefit Plan Audit Practice groups. She is pursuing her license as a certified public accountant.

Heather Baskin Byrne '20 is an emergency management supervisor/operations support specialist in the CORE program (Cadre of On-Call Response/Recovery Employees) at the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She joined the agency in August 2022 after two

years at the Salem County Department of Health and Human Services.

Pratibtha Dey '20 created Chai Together during the pandemic. It's an online community focused on the conscious mind and healing holistically from the root of the cause. The initiative was sparked by a mental health diagnosis her mother received that inspired Pratibtha to become a speaker and video podcaster on mental health issues.

Joseph Schipsi '21 is assistant coach of the Buccaneer baseball program at Atlantic Cape Community College and a coach at USA Prime Northeast. He earned his master's degree in coaching and athletic administration from Concordia University Irvine.

Alyce Smith '21 is a senior accountant at Delaware-based Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, P.A., where she works with the Nonprofit Practice Group. She has passed two parts of the CPA exam.



Leigha Lynch '21 is on a Caribbean island chasing her dream in veterinary school.



Giovanna "Gia" Nuzzolo '21 is an account coordinator at Eagle Management Group, a Wenonah-based firm that provides skilled construction labor and management services for trade shows, corporate events and road tours.



Autumn Vilches-Cruz '21 continues work on her goal of becoming a therapist. She earned a graduate degree in social work from Rutgers University and participated in a program promoting child and adolescent well-being that helps students achieve specialized field placements in child-focused settings.

Marilyn Bozarth '22 works in the office of New Jersey's 8th Legislative District, covering communities in Atlantic, Burlington and Camden counties. She enjoys offering assistance to the district's constituents.

Michael Enriquez '22 is a police officer in Hopewell Township, Mercer County.



Joseph Giumarello '22 owns Off Grid Preparedness Supply Co., in Mantua, a firm where he worked for five years and then purchased. Off Grid offers first aid equipment to police, schools, EMS, fire departments, the United States military and other organizations.

Noah Raine '22 is a staff II accountant at Delaware-based Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, P.A., where he works with the Governmental Practice Group. He is pursuing his license as a certified public accountant.

Jonathon Burlingame M'23 is an assistant athletic trainer at Immaculata University in East Whiteland, Pennsylvania.

Isabella Marshall '23 accepted a position as a research engineer at the Lab of Ornithology within the K. Lisa Yang Center for Conservation Bioacoustics at Cornell University. She is developing marine and terrestrial field recorders, conducting research and creating innovative prototype devices.

Tanner Tomassi '22 is one of 16 competitors selected from across the country to play in "Pickleball Paddle Battle," a reality show filmed at Pickleball

Kingdom in Chandler, Arizona. The winner will receive a Pickleball Kingdom franchise.

Meena Young '22 is a medical technologist at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and also serves on the liver transplant team.



Happy hour for honors alumni

The John H. Martinson Honors College hosted honors alumni at Carolina Blue in August, drawing the last decade's grads from near and far.

1. Rhiannon Napoli Clements M'11, Isabella Marshall '23, Sarah McClure '22, Nisha Shah '23, Anushree Chauhan, Miguel Vera '23, and Melissa Spirn '23.
2. Frank DiGiorgio '20, Callan Tweedie '18, Annie DiGuglielmo '20, Mitchell McDaniels '20, Stephanie Ibe '20, Oluseun Dairo '19, Kathleen Samuel '19.

Remembrances

Fond eulogies of campus friends offered by AFT colleagues and Rowan friends

Richard Williams

Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action

Richard A. Williams, 75, of Willingboro, died Nov. 3, 2021.

Williams was Glassboro State College/Rowan University's Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action officer from 1984 to his retirement in 2008. He also served as a counselor in Rowan's Educational Opportunity Fund program.

A devoted advocate for diversity and inclusion on campus, he was a mentor and friend to countless students, staff, faculty and administrators.

Williams served on the executive board of the Black Coalition, as an adviser to the Black Cultural League, participated in the Dr. Harley E. Flack student mentoring program and chaired the Black History Month committee.

Richard L. Jones

Dean of Students/Vice President, Student Life

Richard L. Jones, 55, died Dec. 1, 2021.

Known for his passion for serving and inspiring students, Jones joined Rowan in 2008 and served as dean of students/vice president for student life. At the time of his passing, he was vice president for student engagement.

Lovingly known as "Dean Jones," he was a devoted mentor to hundreds of students and was beloved for his heart for helping students, his school spirit, his engagement and his charm. Jones worked with his team to develop initiatives and programs that directly impacted students, including establishing new Rowan traditions, advancing social justice and promoting conflict resolution.

Rowan's Richard L. Jones Educational Enrichment Scholarship, which benefits students in the ASCEND and Project IMPACT programs, honors his legacy.

Mark Hutter

Sociology & Anthropology

Mark Hutter, 80, of Boynton Beach, Florida, and formerly of Haddonfield and Cherry Hill, passed away Dec. 25, 2021.

Hutter joined Glassboro State College in 1974 and retired in 2020 from the Department of Sociology & Anthropology.

He was the first Honors Program

coordinator and served on the Honors Program Committee. Hutter's research, publications and professional activities centered around family and gender, the city, ethnicity and immigration.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the National Audubon Society or to pancreatic cancer research.

Dennis Dougherty

College of Performing Arts

Dennis Charles Dougherty, 57, of Bordentown, passed away Jan. 3, 2022.

Dougherty was media and public relations coordinator for the College of Performing Arts, where he worked from 1999 until his passing.

He loved Broadway and was an accomplished actor and director. Off stage, Dougherty served as president and artistic director for the Burlington County Footlighters, a nonprofit theater company in Cinnaminson, and was actively involved with the Rising Star Awards program at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

Dougherty worked tirelessly to promote arts programs and events on behalf of the Glassboro Center for the Arts, Rowan's Department of Music, the Department of Theatre & Dance and the Rowan University Art Gallery.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Burlington County Footlighters, 808 Pomona Rd., Riverton, N.J. 08077; or the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards, 22 Brookside Dr., Milburn, N.J. 07041.

Wilhelmina E. Perry

Sociology & Anthropology

Wilhelmina Elaine Perry, 96, of Taylor, Texas, passed away Jan. 4, 2022.

Perry was a member of the Department of Sociology from 1968 to 1997.

Named a United Negro College Fund Alumnus of the Year at Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, Texas, Perry co-authored the Huston-Tillotson University Legacy book about the institution's 137-year history.

Perry's legacy as a role model and mentor at Rowan lives on in many ways, and is perhaps best expressed by her colleague, Julie Mallory, who wrote a poetic tribute to Perry on her retirement titled, "Who Will Sing Her Song?"

Dianne Ashton

Philosophy & World Religions

Dianne C. Ashton, 73, of Cherry Hill, passed away Jan. 13, 2022.

Ashton taught at Rowan from 1989 until 2021 with a scholarly focus on American Judaism, women and Judaism and religious life in America. She taught Senior Seminar in American Studies, Religion in America, various courses within the religion studies curricula and a seminar on American holidays.

Ashton was founding director of the American studies program at Rowan, which she coordinated for 16 years. She was a member of the executive committee of the Academic Council of the American Jewish Historical Society and served as editor of the scholarly journal *American Jewish History*.

Her most recent book was "Hanukkah in America: A History" (New York University Press, 2013) and she coedited, with Dr. Ellen Umansky of Fairfield University, "Four Centuries of Jewish Women's Spirituality" (1992) and "Rebecca Gratz: Women and Judaism in Antebellum America" (1997).

She established the Dr. Dianne Ashton Scholarship in World Religions at Rowan.

Contributions also may be made in her memory to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Thomas Vivarelli

Special Education

Thomas Peter Vivarelli, 80, of Somers Point, passed away Jan. 15, 2022.

He joined the Glassboro State College Department of Special Education in 1967 and retired in 2004 as an assistant professor.

Vivarelli excelled in tennis and soccer during his college years, receiving numerous varsity honors. In retirement, he was an award-winning instructor and assistant coach for the Ocean City High School tennis teams.

Wayne Hoffner

Dean of Students

Wayne S. Hoffner, 86, of Sewell, and formerly of Pitman, died Jan. 19, 2022.

Hoffner taught at Pitman and Sterling high schools before arriving at Glassboro State College.

A fellowship to Indiana University for guidance counselors in higher education

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led Hoffner to the field of counseling. He became a counselor at GSC, and, eventually, dean of students.

The Wayne S. Hoffner Outstanding Administrator's Award is named for him.

Donations may be made in his memory to Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity.

James Grace

Philosophy & World Religions

James H. Grace, 83, of Stratford, and formerly Franklinville, died Jan. 28, 2022.

A faculty member in the Department of Philosophy & World Religions from 1969 to 2000, he retired after 30 years of service but continued teaching as an adjunct professor until 2012. He was a longtime member of the AFT Retirees Chapter.

His areas of scholarly research and teaching included the sociology of religion with a focus on New Testament and other early Christian writings. Most recently, he completed a manuscript, "Finding Jesus On Your Own." His publications include "God, Sex, and the Social Project: The Glassboro Papers on Religion and Human Sexuality" (a symposium paper) and "Studies in Religion and Society."

Dickinson Gardiner

Education

Dickinson (Dick) E. Gardiner, 86, of Almonesson, passed away March 22, 2022.

Gardiner arrived at Glassboro State College in September 1967, having taught history and English at Deptford Township Senior High School from 1959 through 1967. He joined the Department of Secondary Education and specialized in curriculum and theory. He served as graduate coordinator, graduate adviser and chair of the Secondary Education Department until his retirement in 1991.

Elected to the Faculty Senate, he served in many roles, ultimately as president. The longtime South Jersey educator served in other organizations, including the International Curriculum Teachers Network, where he also was president.

A longtime member of the AFT Retirees Chapter, Gardiner and his family ran a successful apple and peach orchard when he retired to Troy, Pa.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Elmer Cunard Cemetery Fund of the Almonesson Methodist Church or the Dickinson and Frances Gardiner Scholarship at Rowan University.

John Frisone

Psychology

John Dominic Frisone, 80, of Woodstown, passed away Aug. 27, 2022.

Frisone joined the Glassboro State College faculty in 1973 and taught in the Department of Psychology for 28 years. He retired in 2002.

Known for his love of nature and as an avid hiker and birder, Frisone enjoyed many summers with his family and friends in the Adirondack Mountains. He also was a devotee of classical music and opera.

Frisone married Dr. Linda Jeffrey, also a professor in the Department of Psychology, in 1979.

Donations in his name may be made to the Adirondack Council, the Dementia Society of America, and/or the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Roberta Fitzgerald

Registrar's Office, Educational Opportunity Fund

Roberta Helen Fitzgerald, 76, of Shamong, died Oct. 17, 2022.

An administrator in the Registrar's Office and EOF program at Glassboro State College/Rowan University, she retired in 2004.

Her favorite vacation destination was "Roberta's Cottage" on the shores of Sebec Lake in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, where she spent her final summer.

She wrote a memoir for the spring 2017 AFT publication, *AFTerword*, in which she recalled idyllic teen years in Maine.

She regularly donated crocheted afghans, knitted hats and scarf sets to the AFT Retirees Chapter's annual holiday bazaar and knitted more than 1,000 hats for infants and children in need.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Fred and Hattie Washburn Scholarship Fund, Foxcroft Academy, Attn: Cathy Hall, 975 West Main Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426.

Richard Kislan

Theatre & Dance

Richard J. Kislan, 84, of Rockland Township, Pennsylvania, and formerly of Glassboro, died Nov. 19, 2022.

A theater professor at Glassboro State College/Rowan University for 36 years, Kislan retired in 2004. He also served in the United States Army.

A member of the AFT Retirees Chapter since 1994, he authored two books, "The Musical: A Look at the American Musical Theatre" and "Hoofing on Broadway: A History of Show Dancing."

Kislan was a highly respected director of musical theater at Rowan and produced such shows as "Man of La Mancha," "Pippin!," "Fiddler on the Roof" and "She Loves Me."

Leigh Weiss

Computer Science

Leigh B. Weiss, 77, of Monroeville, and formerly of Glassboro, died Feb. 19, 2022.

Weiss joined Glassboro State College in 1968 and was the college's founding director of industrial education and technology. He retired in 2011 as an associate professor in the Computer Science Department.

In retirement, his dynamism, curiosity and sense of adventure fueled an immersion in a life-long love of sailing and his involvement developing and preserving farmland through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He will be remembered for his positive energy, kindness, optimism and sense of humor and his uncanny ability to understand and explain all things technical.

Donations may be made in his name to Appel Farm Arts & Music Center in Elmer.

Thomas Osler

Mathematics

Thomas "Tom" Osler, 82, of Glassboro, died March 26.

A professor in the Department of Mathematics, he began teaching at Glassboro State College in 1972.

Rowan University celebrated his 70th birthday in 2012 by hosting a two-day national math conference dubbed "Oslerfest."

His research involved fractional derivatives, complex variables and special functions and he published 16 papers on fractional derivatives that are still cited. He published more than 100 papers in mathematics and physics, some jointly with Rowan students, and received the Gary J. Hunter Excellence in Mentoring Award from the AFT in 2008.

Osler also won three national Amateur Athletic Union running championships and the 1965 Philadelphia Marathon. A long-distance runner since he was 14, he ran thousands of races and was a founder in 1958 of the Road Runners Club of America.

Demetrius A. Poles '14

Women's Basketball

Women's basketball head coach

Demetrius Poles, 50, died May 20.

Poles was the starting center and leading rebounder on Rowan's 1996 NCAA championship team. He went on to a playing career spanning seven years overseas and was a head coach in Sweden and Italy for 10 seasons.

He returned to Rowan in 2013 as an assistant coach with the men's team and joined the women's basketball staff in 2016.

Poles became head coach of the women's basketball team in 2019 and guided the program for four seasons, leading the Profs to two NJAC Championships and two berths in the NCAA Tournament. He was named NJAC Coach of the Year twice.

In 2021, after a season canceled due to the pandemic, Poles led his team to the NJAC Semifinals and 17 victories. In 2022-23, he took the Profs to the NJAC Championship and made another trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Over three seasons, Poles led the Profs to a 62-22 record, the second-highest win percentage in the program's history.

A Glassboro basketball legend who played for Delsea Regional High School, he was named South Jersey Player of the Year as a senior. He was inducted into the South Jersey Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017 and, in 2020, Delsea retired his uniform number (44), making him the first athlete in school history to receive that honor.

Michael Donovan *Radio, Television & Film*

Robert Michael (Mike) Donovan, 75, of Mount Dora, Florida, and formerly of Pitman, died July 6.

Donovan was adviser to Rowan Radio 89.7 WGLS-FM from 1973 to 1988. He oversaw many technological advancements for the station and co-authored the Student Operations Manual, which is recognized as a model for student radio stations nationwide.

Donovan also established the Radio, Television & Film Association, a student organization for media majors; he was inducted into the WGLS-FM Hall of Fame in 2018.

As director of marketing and educational coordinator for the National Association of Television Program Executives (NATPE), he established and supervised educational initiatives for Rowan students through the NATPE Educational Foundation.

Appointed educational director of the Charles & Lucille King Family Foundation, he was instrumental in securing \$1 million to establish an endowed chair within RTF and was its first chair holder in 2002.

In 2006, the Broadcast Education Association recognized Donovan with the Distinguished Education Service Award for outstanding contributions to electronic media education.

Donations may be made in his name to the ASPCA or North Shore Animal League.

Barbara Chamberlain '88 *Board of Trustees*

Barbara Chamberlain, 74, of Williamstown, died July 19.

Chamberlain was a career nurse and educator who served in critical care with Kennedy Health System for 28 years.

In addition to Rowan University's Board of Trustees, Chamberlain served with various college, school and association boards. She was active in her church, St. Mark's at the Crossing in Williamstown, and Friends of the Monroe Township Public Library. She loved theater and Zumba.

Chamberlain was married to Dr. Mark M. Chamberlain, Rowan's fourth president, who died in 2014. She became a trustee in 2015 and was reappointed in 2020.

She was past president of the New Jersey State Nurses Association and, for more than a decade, served as a senior nurse for the United States Air Force Reserve, retiring as captain.

Chamberlain's philanthropy supported Rowan students studying chemistry and biochemistry as well as those involved with the student-run Emergency Medical Services squad. She was a devout patron of Rowan arts programming and established medallions in performing arts, music production, honors and the MBA program.

A student in Rowan's Community Music School, she performed in a piano recital this spring. As she did for many years, Chamberlain in May represented the Board of Trustees at every ceremony during Commencement Week, marching—and often dancing—up the aisle in her doctoral regalia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Drs. Mark and Barbara Chamberlain Scholarship Fund at Rowan University.

Anthony Sommo *Sociology & Anthropology*

Anthony (Tony) J. Sommo, 75, of Glassboro, died suddenly on August 12.

Tony served Glassboro State/Rowan University for 30 years, from 1992 until his retirement as associate professor emeritus in 2022.

Tony held a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut, and an M.S.W. from Syracuse University. He taught courses in social inequality, minority relations and disability studies, among others. He also served as departmental advising coordinator, developmental academic advisor and mentor to students.

A dedicated advocate for students with disabilities, he founded the Rowan Chapter of Delta Alpha Pi, an international honor society for high-achieving students with disabilities.

He also founded a faculty/staff mentoring program for students with disabilities. He received a Dedicated Faculty Award for services to students with disabilities.

A strong advocate of disability and human rights, Tony rose above his own challenges as a visually impaired person and set an admirable example in coping with disability for his students and the institution. A memorial service was held on campus November 15.

Andrew Prieto *Biological Sciences*

Andrew (Andy) A. Prieto, 80, of Glassboro, died September 4, 2023, while vacationing in Prague, where he contracted a sudden illness. He and his wife, Karol, had been enjoying a River Cruise on the Rhine at the time.

Andy served in Biological Sciences from 1971 to 2008, when he retired as Professor Emeritus. Known for his engaging smile, kindness and ease with people, he often checked on students' progress informally (especially when making time to tend his iguanas in the Bosshart Hall exhibit) and offered help, sometimes with on-the-spot quizzes and tutoring. During many spring breaks, he took students on ecology trips.

He held a B.A. from Rutgers University; an M.S. from New Mexico State University; and Ph.D. from University of Missouri.

Andy's family and close friends celebrated his life at a ceremony on Oct. 21.

Donna Hathaway Cook *Special Education*

Donna Sue Hathaway Cook, 73, of Sewell, passed away on October 3, 2023.

Donna was a dedicated faculty member who trained her students to be the best special needs teachers that they could be, while serving as a teacher, mentor and advisor, and eventually retiring as Professor.

She held B.A. and M.A. degrees from Glassboro State College and her Ed.D. from Lehigh University. After retirement Donna and her husband divided their time between their homes in Florida and Sewell.

A celebration of her life was held on her 74th birthday, October 14, at Living Faith Alliance Church in Vineland.

Those wishing to honor Donna's memory and her lifelong concern for special needs children may make a memorial contribution to Tanalian Bible Camp in Port Alsworth, Alaska. Her great nephew and niece work at this camp in the Alaskan bush, where there is an urgent need to increase accessibility for children with disabilities.

Our sympathies

Because of the lapse between this issue and our last in 2021, our sympathies list is unusually long. Also, with improved records and research, we are finding more alumni obituaries. We are sad to share such an overwhelming list of friends lost. We trust that each name brings to mind a precious person who will be remembered with thanks and who inspires us to live life well and for the good of others.

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Beyond the Brown & Gold podcast delivers a dose of nostalgia and alma mater pride by highlighting the lives and memories of Glassboro State College and Rowan University alumni.

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It's the iconic symbol of our collective collegiate memory: gleaming cupola and towering pillars, halls echoing with generations of students and faculty moving forward together. Even if we never took a class in its historic halls, it is part of our lives—an elegant, bricks-and-mortar constant amid change and progress, dreams and memories.

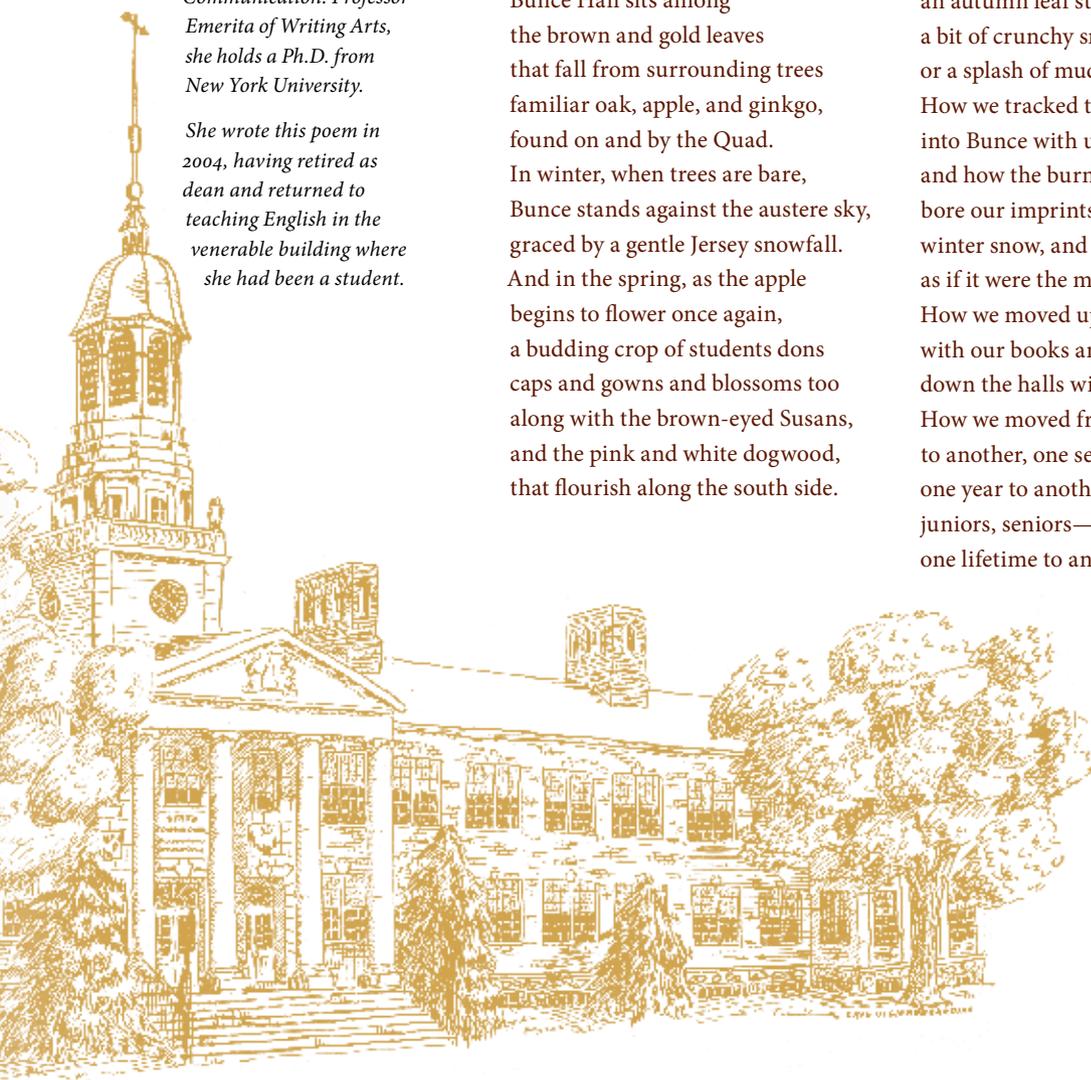
Antoinette Libro '60, M'67, is an award-winning poet who was an English education major when Bunce Hall was the only academic building and the heart of campus life. A student co-founder of Avant, the campus literary journal, she became a faculty member, director of the creative writing program and founding dean of the School of Communication. Professor Emerita of Writing Arts, she holds a Ph.D. from New York University.

She wrote this poem in 2004, having retired as dean and returned to teaching English in the venerable building where she had been a student.

Homage to Bunce Hall

The stately building stands throughout the seasons
spring and summer, fall and winter.
At the beginning of the school year,
as fall gradually sets in,
Bunce Hall sits among
the brown and gold leaves
that fall from surrounding trees
familiar oak, apple, and ginkgo,
found on and by the Quad.
In winter, when trees are bare,
Bunce stands against the austere sky,
graced by a gentle Jersey snowfall.
And in the spring, as the apple
begins to flower once again,
a budding crop of students dons
caps and gowns and blossoms too
along with the brown-eyed Susans,
and the pink and white dogwood,
that flourish along the south side.

But the image that lingers most
is all of us entering Bunce Hall
with the seasons underfoot—
an autumn leaf stuck to the bottom of a shoe,
a bit of crunchy snow clinging to a boot,
or a splash of mud dripping from a heel—
How we tracked the seasons
into Bunce with us, one semester after another
and how the burnished marble floors
bore our imprints and wore the autumn leaves,
winter snow, and spring mud
as if it were the most natural thing to do.
How we moved up the steps
with our books and papers
down the halls with our hopes and dreams.
How we moved from one life-changing classroom
to another, one season to another,
one year to another—freshmen, sophomores
juniors, seniors—and finally, into the real world,
one lifetime to another.



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March of time

Instruments silent and marching paused, it's still easy to imagine how the 1972 band would sound and look in action: drumline and winds dominating the autumn air, musicians and twirlers in formation on the field—the stuff of college fanfare and memories. The '70s band wasn't the first on campus, and, fortunately, not the last.

With a modest start in 1940, the Glassboro State College pep band

roused boosters at basketball games and, after its World War II hiatus, eventually reorganized and grew into the institution's first marching band in 1958. It performed regularly during the football season and presented a spring concert. It marched down High Street on its way to Homecoming festivities. It was part of pageantry and parades that raised town-and-gown spirits.

Between then and now, the band revived in the '90s after a long absence, reformed as a rowdy pep band in the aughts and returned with this year's debut as *Pride of the Profs*. More than 130-strong, the already-accomplished and applauded musicians and guard are back at Rowan because a great friend gave generously to restore the tradition (see p. 5) and share the pride.