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Blairstown

March 15
Brick 46 Restaurant & Bar
Rockaway

April 11
Nico's Kitchen
Newark, NJ

April 12
Porta
Asbury Park

April 25
Pittstown Inn
Pittstown, NJ

May 2
Tavern 5
Pompton Plains

May 16
Daddy O
Long Beach Island

May 17
Gourmet Italian
Galloway

May 30
PJ Whelihan's
Medford Lakes

June 7
Due Mari
New Brunswick

June 21
Grillstone
Scotch Plains

All events begin at 6 p.m.

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Run for Rowan 5K

Saturday, April 21

10 a.m., Student Center Patio,
Chamberlain Student Center

Women's Lacrosse Alumni Day

Saturday, April 21

1 p.m., Richard Wackar Stadium

Dr. Harley E. Flack 25th Anniversary Alumni Reception

Wednesday, April 25

5 p.m., Scotland Run,
Williamstown, NJ

Golden Years Reunion Luncheon

Friday, June 1

Noon, Eynon Ballroom,
Chamberlain Student Center

Phillies vs. Brewers & Pregame Party

Friday, June 8

Pregame party: 5 p.m.

Game: 7 p.m., Citizen's Bank Park

30th Annual Brown & Gold Gridiron Golf Tournament

Friday, June 29

12:30 p.m. shotgun start,
Stockton Seaview Resort
& Golf Club

Rowan Reunion @ Bar A

Saturday, July 28

4 p.m., Bar Anticipation,
Lake Como

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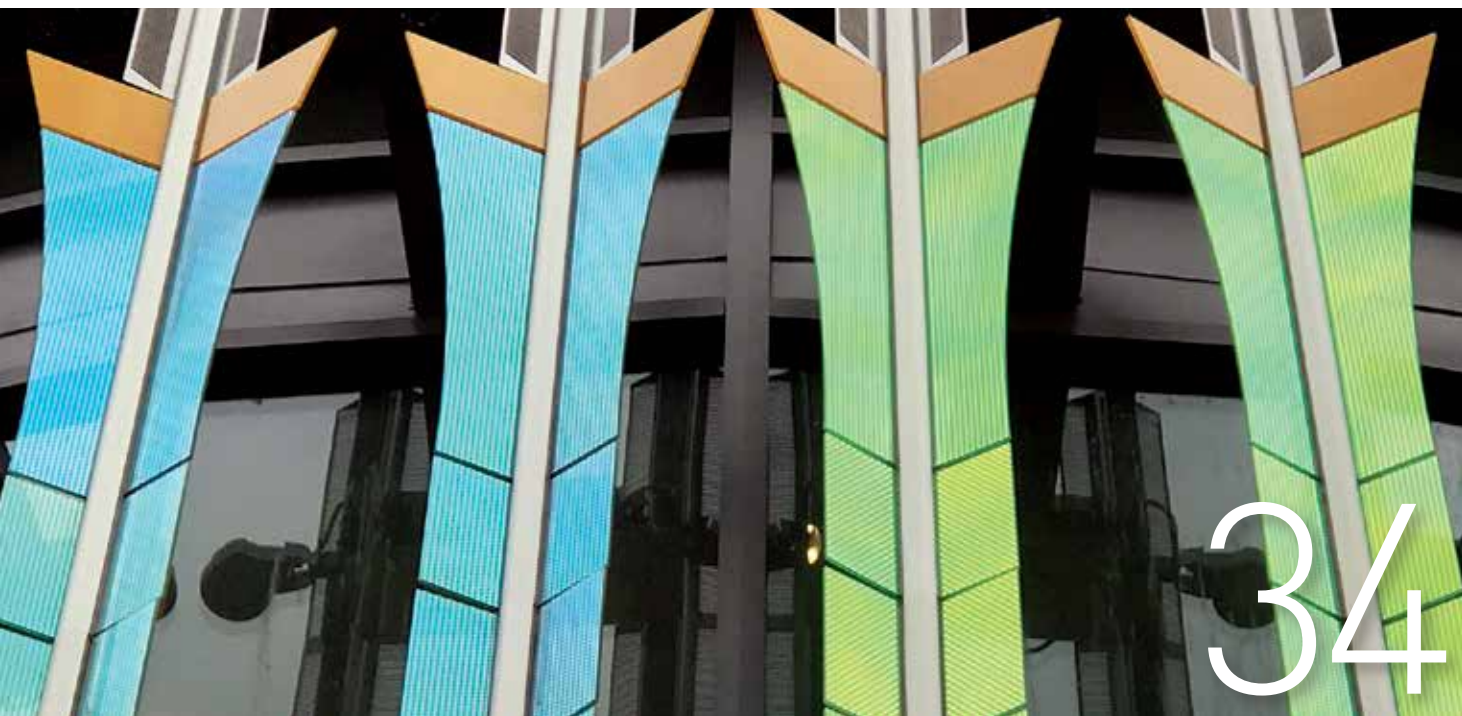


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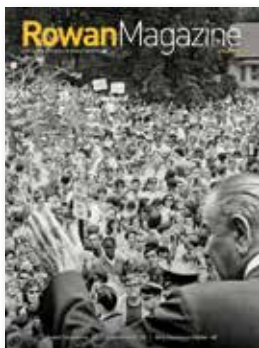
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Backstage at Summit

I really enjoyed the presentation on the Glassboro Summit. It was interesting and very thorough. In retrospect, I noticed that there was no mention that there were very few people living on campus at that

time except for those participating in Glassboro Summer Theatre headed by Dr. Michael Kelly. I was fortunate to be a member of this group for its first four years.

Sherry Worrell DiMeglio '68

Ed note: Thanks to Sherry for sharing her memory and The Philadelphia Daily

News clipping, "where you can just see the back of my head... sitting on the sidelines of history."

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Retro tech

I read with great interest "Sound Engineering" in the Winter 2017 issue. As a second-generation engineer of RCA

Moorestown, I have personal stories and relics from the Apollo and AEGIS eras. Perhaps the museum would be interested in some of these.

Two of my sons are Rowan undergraduates who have heard these stories and were even a part of them as they grew up getting to see some of the work I did. My youngest even got to sit in the captain's seat on the bridge of a Japanese destroyer outfitted with the AEGIS BMD system.

Lawrence J. Caldwell

Rowan-proud papa

My compliments on an outstanding magazine. While my son, Matthew (Gio) Giannotti '08, was a student, my wife and I visited campus to attend many music department events. These are wonderful memories. Our thanks to Rowan for launching Matt on what will prove to be an exciting career.

Joe Giannotti

Who should be in our next 40 Under 40 profiles? Tell us who's on your list and why he or she should be on ours. With your help, we'll recognize more of our most promising, creative and inspiring alumni.

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Summer spectacle

Eyewear fashion took a cue from science style when the solar eclipse drew thousands—and President Houshmand—to Science Hall to see the phenomenon in August. Edelman Planetarium featured eclipse-inspired shows, exhibits, activities and way-back space games including Space Invaders and Asteroids. Rowan's next big eclipse party: April 8, 2024!

PHOTO BY CRAIG TERRY



Rowan earns Carnegie doctoral research status and a national ranking

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THE FIRST TIME,
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RESEARCH
INSTITUTIONS

Since Rowan's first appearance in the *U.S. News & World Report* "Top Tier" ranking in 2001, the University has been recognized regionally as an increasingly dynamic and respected institution, distinguished in the highly competitive mid-Atlantic region.

In mid-2017, Rowan earned status as a Carnegie-classified national doctoral research university and *U.S. News & World Report* magazine now considers the University among the top public research institutions in the nation.


The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education announced its new designation for Rowan last summer based on the number of doctoral degrees the university awards. Largely based on that, *U.S. News* moved Rowan into the more prestigious National Universities category in the magazine's annual ranking.

The *U.S. News* 2018 Best Colleges issue placed Rowan at 90th among public research institutions and 171st overall among 311 national universities.

The magazine ranked the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering 19th in the nation for its undergraduate program, a 14-place improvement since just four years ago.

"We are committed to providing a top-quality education at an affordable price and to making an ever-deeper commitment to world-class research," said Rowan President Ali Houshmand. "These accolades are important because, as benchmarks made by external organizations, they help quantify our achievements and communicate them widely and independently."

Houshmand noted that while Rowan achieved state research status in 2013, the Carnegie doctoral status elevates the University nationally, enabling it to compete for greater funding for research and broadening its recognition, both of which will bolster its ability to attract more of the best and brightest students and faculty.



Research continues to expand at Rowan, providing exceptional experience for undergraduates and increasing opportunities for discovery and application in graduate and professional researchers' projects.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the *2017-18 Almanac for The Chronicle of Higher Education*, **Rowan University was the seventh-fastest growing public doctoral institution** from 2005-2015, with 65.5 percent growth in enrollment.
- Rowan ranks **58th among the top 100 safest colleges** judged from among more than 2,000 institutions by the National Council for Home Safety and Security, which comprises companies and individuals in the home safety and security industries.
- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the School of Osteopathic Medicine **geriatrics program among the best in the nation** for the 16th time. This year, SOM is immediately after Mayo Clinic School of Medicine, the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University programs.

Alan Alda's Rx for better health care

He may only have played the role of a doctor on the television show "M*A*S*H," but Alan Alda knows some of what it takes for good physicians to become great.

Part of it is good communication—an idea he explained at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University during "The Patient Will See You Now," a special "grand rounds" lecture.

For more than an hour, Alda entertained, educated and captivated the audience with vivid, personal accounts, allegories and wisdom he gained throughout his decades-long career as an Emmy Award-winning television and stage actor, author, director and host of the PBS series "Scientific American Frontiers."

During the past several years, Alda has been helping scientists learn to communicate more clearly and vividly with the public through his work with Stony Brook University School of Journalism's Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science, where he is a visiting professor.

Woven through each of Alda's anecdotes was the theme that empathy is the key to having good communication, especially when it comes to science and medicine—two disciplines he labeled "humanity's greatest achievements."

Alda pointed out that knowledge can be a curse if you understand something so deeply and in such detail that you forget what it's like for those not as proficient in the subject. He illustrated this by having a volunteer tap out "The Star Spangled Banner" on a table while the audience tried to guess the song. To the surprise of everyone except Alda, the majority guessed incorrectly.

When you're the person tapping, you hear the melody in your head, he noted. "You unconsciously assume the audience knows the melody, too, when all they really hear is tapping," he added. "How does this relate to communication? The tapping is like the skeleton of what you want to say; the melody is the emotion, the story, the words around the technical words. When communicating, you need to remember to share the melody, not just the tapping, if you want to be fully understood."

CMSRU Dean Annette Reboli invited Alda to lecture and Alda Center faculty to conduct workshops focused on identifying and overcoming common communication challenges in health care.

Reboli, a practicing infectious diseases specialist, said, "This was a memorable and transformational experience that will make us better and more humanistic health care providers."

Once best known as the fictional chief surgeon of television's 4077th M*A*S*H unit, Alan Alda works to help scientists—and physicians—develop empathy and communicate more effectively.





Giving something back so students can move ahead

When philanthropist, entrepreneur and author Robert Carr (above) says thank you, young people benefit in big ways—including those with their eyes set on attending Rowan University.

In November, Carr's Give Something Back (Give Back) nonprofit organization for the second time awarded \$1 million to Rowan University for scholarships. Give Back at the same time presented \$500,000 to Rowan College at Gloucester County, the first gift it ever made to a community college for scholarships.

The latest donations for Pell Grant-eligible students are directed to specific groups facing economic hardships or other challenges.

"This contribution reflects Give Back's new commitment to select students into the program who have been impacted by foster care and/or parental incarceration," said Carr. "This is a population that experiences overwhelming obstacles; many of them never go to college, and very few graduate. Those not in college often wind up in jail, homeless or worse."

The founder and former chief executive officer of Heartland Payment Systems, a Fortune 1000 debit- and credit-card transaction company, started his organization in 2003 in his native Illinois as a way to honor a \$250 gift a local women's club gave him for college.

The funds he awarded Rowan in 2015 enable 50 economically disadvantaged/academically talented students to attend the University at no cost and are part of the \$35+ million in scholarships Give Back has provided more than 1,500 students in seven states. The program also includes strong mentoring programs that start while students are in high school.

Rowan University and RCGC will use the funds to build on several longstanding collaborations. For instance, scholarship recipients can enroll in Rowan Choice, a partnership that allows RCGC students to live on the Rowan University campus for their first two years of college and immerse themselves in Rowan opportunities as they take classes at RCGC at reduced cost.

At Rowan, students supported by Give Back participate in the Rowan First Star Academy, which focuses on creating lifetime networks of support for the students and their families. The Rowan First Star Academy is implemented by the South Jersey First Star Collaborative, a partnership of First Star, Rowan University and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children), and United Advocacy Group, serving foster youth from Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem counties and funded by the Pascale Sykes Foundation.

WGLS EARNS #2 IN NATION

Rowan Radio 89.7 WGLS-FM was named the second best Four-Year College Radio Station of the Year by the Associated College Press/College Media Association at the National College Media Convention.

The honor marks the second time in four years that Rowan Radio was recognized as one of the nation's best college radio stations during the organization's Pinnacle Awards competition. Held in Dallas, the Pinnacle Awards last recognized Rowan Radio in 2013.

WGLS-FM won third place in the competition's Best Special Event Coverage category for "Decision 2016," which featured coverage of the Democratic National Convention and the presidential election.

"Decision 2016" also earned recognition by the Gracies, Communicator Awards, Garden State Journalists Association, Broadcast Education Association and Hermes Awards.

Rowan Radio 89.7 WGLS-FM has won 289 regional and national awards since 1993.

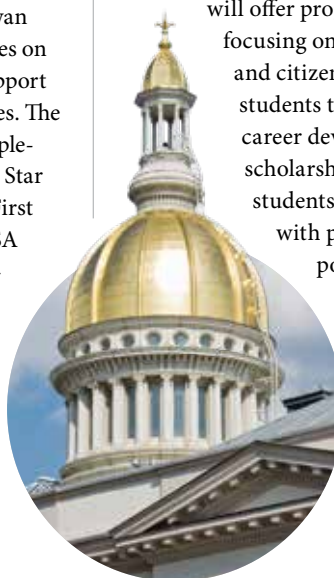
PRACTICAL PUBLIC POLICY

New Jersey's political system—and students' roles as citizens—will take center stage in the new Institute for Public Policy & Citizenship.

Founded in January, the institute is led by Ben Dworkin, one of the state's most astute political analysts.

Under Dworkin's leadership, the institute will offer programs and guest speakers focusing on both the practice of politics and citizen participation; support students through academic and career development, internships and scholarships and connect faculty and students from across the University with public entities to facilitate public policy research.

Dworkin, who widely serves as a go-to nonpartisan commentator for state and national media, previously led Rider University's Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics.





From “Wicked” to Wilson Hall

There was an added surprise for the audience that packed Wilson Hall’s Pfleeger Concert Hall in December to experience Emmy and Tony Award-winning singer/actress Kristin Chenoweth in concert: She welcomed a select group of Rowan students to share the spotlight.

The performance, the final event in the 2017 Marie Rader Presenting Series offered by the College of Performing Arts, showcased 12 students from the department of theatre & dance’s musical theatre program joining Chenoweth for the last two songs of the program, the hymn “Upon This Rock” and “Reasons For Hope,” written by her musical director, Mary-Mitchell Campbell.

“I’m so proud of our students and thankful

for such a special opportunity,” said Christopher Roche, assistant professor and coordinator of the musical theatre track.

“Getting the opportunity to sing with her was both thrilling and humbling,” said senior Abbie Gardner. “It’s amazing to know that such an artist cares so deeply about the performance she gives, whether it’s Carnegie Hall or Rowan University.”

Chenoweth, a Broadway icon and the original Glinda in the landmark musical “Wicked,” has released six solo CDs; played recurring roles on such acclaimed TV series as “Glee” and “The West Wing;” appeared in a variety of special television programs, from the recent 50th anniversary tribute to “The Carol Burnett Show” to last year’s “Hairspray Live” and “Disney’s Descendants;”

and provided voices for “American Dad,”

Musical theatre program students joined Tony Award-winner Kristin Chenoweth at Wilson Hall, a precious opportunity to perform and learn about their craft at once.

“Rio 2,” “The Peanuts Movie,” and the recent animated feature, “The Star,” among others.

The presenting series, supported through a fund established in 2008 by Virginia Rowan Smith in honor of her friend, the late arts advocate Marie Rader, seeks to offer programming that further engages and enriches the cultural life of the University community and beyond. Donations and proceeds from events benefit efforts to bring world-renowned artists to campus, while nurturing educational opportunities as well as faculty and student performances.

For information about contributing to the Marie F. Rader Memorial Fund, contact the Rowan University Foundation at 856-256-4095.



PROFS OF THE CARRIBEAN

Instead of crossing Route 322 last semester, Niclas Grant '17 (left, biology) and Elizabeth Thompson '18 (biology, biomedical art & visualization) crossed the Caribbean. The two joined an ocean research voyage through SEA Semester: Caribbean Reef Expedition, a study-abroad program offered by Sea Education Association (SEA), to explore the human impact on coral reef ecosystems. Along with other students, they conducted guided field research both on shore in Grenada and at sea sailing through the Lesser Antilles to San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Completed southwest of Rowan Boulevard, new accommodations provide academic space, student housing and amenities for campus and community.

Rowan Boulevard's latest opening

The largest phase of the Rowan Boulevard development opened in August to welcome residents, students and businesses in the increasingly busy town-gown corridor. Another piece of the \$400 million project that extends the University's presence downtown, the "A-3" building supports Glassboro economically and furthers the borough's draw as a regional destination.

The 260 Victoria section contains seven classrooms for the College of Communication & Creative Arts, housing

the departments of writing arts and communication studies and further integrating CCCA into Glassboro's downtown after the 2015 relocation to High Street of the dean's office, the departments of journalism and public relations & advertising, and Art Gallery.

The new building's other sections provide student and market-rate housing, parking and retail outlets, plus an extension of the Student Recreation Center (left, above).

Living and learning

The A-3 building's facilities include:

260 VICTORIA STREET

- Six-story structure
- 413 student beds
- 18,000-sq.-ft Rowan fitness center
- 30,000 sq.-ft of office and classroom space
- 14,600 sq.ft. of ground-floor retail space

223 WEST HIGH STREET

- Four-story, 70,000-sq.-ft. building
- 144 student beds
- 14,000 sq.ft. of ground-floor retail space

PARK PLACE SOUTH

- Four-story, 70,000-sq.-ft. building
- 37 luxury apartments for non-students
- 14,400 sq.ft. of ground-floor retail space

MICK DRIVE PARKING GARAGE

- Six-story, 934-space facility adjacent to 230 Victoria, 223 West High Street, and Park Place South

STUDENT DOCTOR OF THE YEAR HAILS FROM SOM

School of Osteopathic Medicine fourth-year student Ashley Sam has been named the 2018 National Student DO of the Year by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents. The award recognizes her superior leadership capabilities, research experience and strong commitment to community service.

A 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Air Force, Sam is the first SOM student selected for this national award. She is a past president of the SOM Student Council and a former delegate to the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Commenting on the award, SOM Dean Thomas Cavalieri said, "Ashley's dedication to serve her fellow students, her community, her profession and her country reflects the values of our school and sets an example that medical students everywhere can follow."



SOM clinical trial may lead to oral cancer remedy

Thanks to Rowan research, a plant used in folk medicine for centuries may become a powerful weapon against a devastating form of cancer.

The clinical trial is slated to begin in 2018, led by Gary Goldberg, of Rowan's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Chinese documents dating back 400 years refer to the medicinal powers of *Maackia amurensis*, a tree native to Eastern Asia. Goldberg's research has unearthed the cancer fighting potential of MASL, a protein in the *Maackia* seeds, through MASL's ability to inhibit the growth and spread of oral cancer cells.

"Cells, including cancerous ones, tend to stay put in their microenvironment," Goldberg explained. "But many types of cancer cells express podoplanin, a receptor that allows them to invade other parts of the body. MASL interacts with that receptor, stopping the cancer cells from migrating."

Goldberg's laboratory studies have shown that, unlike many anti-cancer therapies, MASL can be effective as an oral medication and does not induce side effects caused by other commonly used therapies. Those findings led to successful applications to launch a Phase I clinical trial with human subjects.

"We are working with the University of California-Davis, which has the ability to produce MASL as a lozenge in the strengths needed for human studies," Goldberg said. "Once manufactured there, the lozenges will be administered to people with oral cancer in New Jersey."

Because MASL is non-toxic, a successful clinical trial could lead to expanded research to determine the drug's ability to treat or delay the onset of other forms of cancer and other diseases involving the podoplanin receptor including rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis.



Rowan researchers are collaborating with UC-Davis staff to use a protein in *Maackia amurensis* seeds that may inhibit the growth and spread of oral cancer cells.

SOUTH JERSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS GET BOOST FROM ROWAN PDS NETWORK

Now at nine schools, the College of Education's Professional Development Network is helping improve teaching and learning in Glassboro, Williamstown, Bridgeton, Vineland and West Deptford. In September, West Deptford Middle School became the first middle school to join the network.

Lauren Klipp has seen the power of the PDS Network in action and she knows her involvement in it is making her a better teacher.

"The power of the PDS is the great collaboration that goes on," says Klipp, who is completing her student teaching in a pre-kindergarten classroom at Glassboro's J. Harvey Rodgers School. "My knowledge has expanded so much because I'm in a PDS."

In addition to providing professional preparation to teacher candidates, the flourishing network gives Rowan professors the opportunity to work with classroom teachers to improve students' educational outcomes. Through the PDS collaboration, Rowan faculty serve as professors-in-residence at the schools and, with school-based leadership teams, they facilitate development and

research activities that support the educational goals of the schools and their districts.

For Klipp, that means that her supervisor, professor Gina Heller, is on site, providing weekly feedback on everything from how to make a "read aloud" session with children more engaging to offering resources on how to help children with academic or behavioral struggles.

Klipp, an early childhood education and writing arts major, also has had the chance to sit in on meetings focusing on individualized student improvement plans.

"A lot of the teachers and teacher candidates are learning about different strategies to help kids flourish," she said. "I've seen positive changes in the children."



Rodgers kids join Principal Aaron Edwards, Rowan students Lauren Klipp, Rachel Hofbauer and JoAnna Longo and Education professor Gina Heller to celebrate working together.



The planned facilities will serve students and professionals dedicated to improving health care through research.

Health care education and research progress in Camden

The Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Joint Health Sciences Center took a major step forward in October with a groundbreaking in Camden.

Set to open in spring 2019 at the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Broadway, the Joint Health Sciences Center will be the first of its kind in New Jersey, a 95,000-square-foot facility that will be shared by faculty and students from Rowan, Rutgers-Camden and Camden County College.

To be run by the Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors, the center will play a crucial role in the city's fast-developing "Eds & Meds" corridor. At an estimated cost of \$72 million in state funding, the two-building complex will help prepare

generations of students for careers in health care and biomedical research.

The facility will complement operations at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and other Camden-based medical entities, furthering Rowan's mission to foster hard science research across the health and medical spectrum. Often led by working medical professionals, that research will provide opportunities for graduate, doctoral and postdoctoral students.

\$50 million additional investment

The facility will benefit from a commitment by Rowan's Board of Trustees in December to invest \$50 million over 10 years to enhance medical and bioscience research in the city,

primarily at CMSRU and the Joint Health Sciences Center. Also in December, Cooper University Health Care's Board voted to build a first-rate medical research program aimed at developing breakthrough cures and treatments.

"For the first time in New Jersey, one facility will bring together important functions of two four-year institutions, two medical schools and a county college, all with the goal of providing a continuum of research, education and training opportunities," said Dana Redd, chief executive officer of the Joint Board of Governors.

Profs put fall seasons in record book with post-season play, standout athletes and coaches

The 2017 fall season saw a men's team accomplish something it had not done in 23 years; three squads made NCAA postseason appearances; and a Prof featured on ESPN.



The men's cross-country team unseated rival TCNJ to win the conference championship.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS ON

The men's cross-country team had a memorable year, capturing its first New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Championship since 1993 and snapping a 23-year reign by The College of New Jersey. The Profs went on to finish fourth at the NCAA Atlantic Regional and make their first trip to the national championships since 1993. Senior Kevin Veltre was the NJAC Runner of the Year and placed 13th at the NCAA Championships for All-America honors, the first All-American for Rowan since 1997. Dustin Dimit was selected the NJAC Coach of the Year.

The women's cross-country team took fourth place at the conference championships. Junior Jennifer Klavens came in 12th place to garner All-Conference second-team honors. The Profs were second at the Bill Fritz Invitational and fifth at the Mike Woods Invitational.



Emily Daigle, left, and Shane Doherty, right.

SOCCER SUCCESS

The men's and women's soccer teams reached the NCAA Tournament once again in 2017. The men ended the year with a 17-4-1 record while the women were 12-3-3. Junior forward Shane Doherty was a member of the United Soccer Coaches All-America second team, the second year in a row that he earned All-America accolades. He also was featured on SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays with a goal that he scored versus The College of New Jersey. Scott Baker was the NJAC Coach of the Year. The Profs were entertaining to watch, as they were fourth in Division III with 73 total goals.

On the women's side, junior back Ali Hicks succeeded on the field and in the classroom, chosen to the NJAC All-Conference first team and the CoSIDA Academic All-America third team. Senior back Emily Daigle was a member of the United Soccer Coaches All-America second team and the NJAC Defensive Player of the Year. She was also named the Rowan Woman of the Year. The Profs surrendered just seven goals in 18 games. Rowan had a 0.37 goals against average and 13 shutouts. The team was ranked ninth in shutout percentage (72.2) and 10th in goals against average in the national Division III statistics.

TEAMS IN TOURNAMENTS AND REBUILDING

The field hockey and women's volleyball teams both qualified for the NJAC Championship Tournament. Junior forward Rachel Galante and junior midfielder/forward Julie Johnson received National Field Hockey Coaches Association South Atlantic All-Region first-team distinction. Sophomore outside hitter Megan Jacobi was chosen to the NJAC Women's Volleyball All-Conference second team while sophomore outside hitter/opposite Kailey Gallagher and freshman outside hitter Taylor Modica earned honorable mention.

The football team had some growing pains with a young roster, finishing with a 4-6 record. Junior defensive end Kevin Stokes, senior defensive back Shaquille Lee, senior offensive lineman Darryl Guilford and senior kicker Tyler Knighton all earned All-Conference honors. The Profs are expected to return 16 starters in 2018 (eight offense, seven defense and one special teams).



Committed to Camden

With a half-century of services and education in the city, Rowan continues to invest and see neighbors' lives improved

by Jerry Carey '77

Every option Solanyi Guzman considered to replace the health insurance coverage she lost in 2013 has been “too expensive.” Rather than risk going without the health care she needed, Guzman found access and support at the Cooper Rowan Clinic, a free, student-run health center, located in the Sheridan Pavilion at 3 Cooper Plaza.

“This place is amazing,” she said immediately following a January visit to the clinic. “I don’t know what I would do if this place wasn’t open.”

Since its 2012 opening, more than 400 clinic patients like Guzman have received free primary care, medications for management of chronic conditions, referrals for testing or specialty care and something more—the warmth, sympathy and understanding that make the practice of medicine as much an art as it is a science.

“Our students learn a valuable lesson: to become patient

advocates,” said Dr. Behjath Jafry, who oversees the clinic as a clinical faculty member for CMSRU. “They will often check on their patients outside of the clinic or go with them to appointments with specialists. The clinic experience teaches students how to provide services for a population that faces barriers to many

things the rest of us take for granted.”

Open late afternoons from Monday through Thursday, the Cooper Rowan Clinic buzzes with activity as teams of medical students glide in and out of exam rooms.

Working under a physician’s supervision, each team consists of a first-, second- and third-year student. It’s a system that allows students to follow the same patients for as long as three years, providing the continuity of care that patients would receive in any medical practice. The CMSRU teams are aided by pharmacy students from the University of the Sciences and social work students from Rutgers-Camden.

First-year student Kathryn Bush said the clinic is one of the reasons she chose CMSRU and the experience hasn’t disappointed.

“We have really great physicians here who inspire us to work in an underserved community,” she said. “It’s more than just ‘doing good.’ We get to see how much patients can improve in a short period of time. That’s something that you can’t replicate in any textbook.”

That sentiment is echoed by third-year student Lakeisha Mulugeta-Gordon, one of the 12 CMSRU students who have the added role of serving on the clinic’s administrative board.

“The best part of the clinic is being able to follow patients and watch them get better,” she said. “We do make a difference!”

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CMSRU students serve Camden patients four afternoons each week in the free clinic adjacent to Cooper University Hospital and a couple blocks from the medical school. The clinic provides primary care for the community and distinguishes CMSRU for introducing student doctors to patient care in their first semester.

Rowan's eds, meds and research in Camden

SOM students serve

Four decades ago, the School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM) began in a shared building in the heart of Camden. Although its campus is now in Stratford, SOM students still return to Camden through a variety of health-related initiatives, most recently with the Unity Project, an outreach launched last spring by the student-run Camden Community Health Center.

The Unity Project collaborates with Camden organizations to improve the health of its citizens by providing services like health education programs and screenings along

with donations for emergency funds and communication about services available from member organizations. To date, 20 Camden-based organizations have signed on with the Unity Project.

More education options

Since 1969, Rowan has been providing education services in shared facilities in the city, including precollege programs, undergraduate and graduate degree curricula. With the opening of the University's Camden Academic Building in December 2016, Rowan can double enrollment to meet

demand and increase access to a high quality, affordable undergraduate degree. The new facilities support higher education options including a bachelor's degree in disaster preparedness and emergency management, a master's degree in counseling in educational settings and a doctorate in educational leadership. Students can also take advantage of precollege programs including the Educational Opportunity Fund, English as a Second Language, CHAMP/Gear Up and Upward Bound for English Language Learners.

An evolving "eds and meds" research center, Camden is also

home to a partnership between Rowan and Rutgers-Camden in a developing college of health sciences (see p. 12).

President Ali Houshmand said Rowan's commitment will add momentum to Camden's revitalization and create new economic opportunities for the city and its residents.

"We can turn Camden into a center for educational research and medical delivery," he said. "Rowan will continue to contribute to the city's rebirth while collaborating with the region's research and clinical leaders on the most pressing health care problems."

“When you give to Rowan,
you can see your money at work.”

Linda Rohrer

Trustee, Rohrer Charitable Foundation

Member, Rowan University Board of Trustees

POSITIVE RETURNS

by Barbara Baals

A scholarship from the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation was the reason Antonia Nuzzolo chose Rowan University.

“Without the Rohrer scholarship, I don’t know if I would be at Rowan today,” said Nuzzolo ’18, who, since her freshman year, has received \$2,000 annually through the William G. Rohrer Scholars Program.

“If I hadn’t received it, I think everything would have been different for me. I may not have chosen Rowan. I would have had to have a few jobs. And I know I wouldn’t have been able to be as involved as I am.”

Because of the Rohrer scholarship—and nearly a dozen others she’s received in her stellar undergraduate career—Nuzzolo will graduate debt-free in May from the William G. Rohrer College of Business (RCB).

The enormity of that accomplishment isn’t lost

on her. In fact, she said, it’s what pushes her to excel academically and to take leadership roles in both RCB and in the Thomas N. Bantivoglio Honors Concentration in the Honors College.

“I have friends who went to big schools with flashy names who are graduating \$200,000 in debt. I’m not,” said Nuzzolo, an entrepreneurship and marketing major from Glen Rock. “What I love about Rowan is that there are so many opportunities, mentors and scholarships.”

“Rowan is very unique in that there are many scholarships after your first semester. That demonstrates that the University is fully invested in us. At Rowan, there’s a lot of money to give to students who work hard.”

And thanks to the Rohrer Charitable Foundation, there are even more opportunities now for Rowan business majors who excel academically.

In September, the foundation committed \$5 million to establish a permanent endowment to fund scholarships for business students in the Bantivoglio Honors Concentration. The gift will be a catalyst for attracting more top students through recruitment and retention initiatives and highly selective internship opportunities, according to Dean Sue Lehrman.





From left: Jon Penner, Pete Genovese, Antonia Nuzzolo and Robert O'Leary use the maker space in Business Hall. With a curriculum built on project-based learning and a new academic home designed to encourage collaboration and innovation, students thrive at Rohrer College of Business.

Since 1995, the Rohrer Charitable Foundation has committed \$19 million to Rowan, including \$12 million for business education. The \$5 million gift provides the push that takes business education to an even higher level, according to Linda Rohrer, trustee of the Rohrer Charitable Foundation and a member of Rowan's Board of Trustees. Rohrer was chairman of the board during the past five years, a period of extraordinary growth for the institution.

"Everything is about timing and the timing is right for this because the University has grown so rapidly," said Rohrer. "We need to be more competitive. We have to offer students what they can get at other universities."

The competitive edge is critical, Rowan President Ali Houshmand said.

"As a public research institution, one of our primary responsibilities is to help drive the economy of the region by developing a talented stream of future business leaders," Houshmand said. "The gift from the Rohrer Foundation will help us stem the tide of students going out of state for business education, many of whom do not return."

President and founder of Rohrer Real Estate in Audubon, Rohrer knows the impact committed, gifted business leaders can have on a region. Her late father, William, was a successful banker, car dealer, investor and philanthropist who also served as mayor of Haddon Township for four decades. The Rohrer Charitable Foundation was established to assist local causes in keeping with Mr. Rohrer's dedication to improving the educational and economic prosperity of South Jersey.

Rohrer, who attended Upsala College and earned her teaching certificate at Glassboro State College, learned about business from her father, a colorful, Tiparillo-smoking "people person" who, by all accounts, helped

legions of South Jersey residents. Mr. Rohrer died in 1989 at age 79.

"My father loved South Jersey," Rohrer said. "Even to this day, 28 years later, I hear stories about him. I wish I had a penny for every person who told me he helped them. I love that people remember him."

Mr. Rohrer attended the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He would be stunned, she said, if he saw Rowan—and a 2,000-student business school bearing his name—today. The \$100 million gift from Henry and Betty Rowan in 1992 played an initial role in the Rohrer Charitable Foundation's decision to support the institution, she said.

"For me, it was a catalyst," she said. "It was one of the reasons I considered giving."

A history of giving

The foundation's first gift was \$1 million to establish the William G. Rohrer Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship in the college in 1995. The chair, occupied by Professor Eric Liguori, director of the Rowan Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, was the first \$1 million or greater endowed chair among New Jersey's nine state institutions.

Four years later, another \$1.02 million gift established the William G. Rohrer Scholars Program, which funds scholarships for students, like Nuzzolo, who excel academically and demonstrate entrepreneurial promise. To date, 86 Rohrer Scholars have earned RCB degrees.

In 2005, the foundation pledged \$10 million to establish the William G. Rohrer Fund for Excellence in Business. That year, Rowan's Board of Trustees named the college for Mr. Rohrer. The gift is the third-largest

in University history and is used to support RCB's entrepreneurial curriculum in all disciplines.

RCB is one of a handful of business schools in the nation to be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business and the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. The college offers undergraduate degrees in accounting, entrepreneurship, finance, HR management, management and management information systems, as well as an MBA.

A good investment

The \$10 million gift was the most difficult funding decision—but the right one, Rohrer said.

"It took six months to decide," she recalled. "It was the biggest gift we've ever given—a very large commitment. But it had all the qualities my father valued. It was South Jersey-based. It was education- and youth-oriented. And it was for the business school. It was a good investment."

A University trustee since 2009, Rohrer has been involved in Rowan's transformation and takes pride in its designation as a Carnegie-classified doctoral research institution, its growth to 18,500 students and its integration with the School of Osteopathic Medicine. The integration made Rowan the second institution in the country to have both M.D.- and D.O.-granting medical schools.

To that end, the Rohrer Foundation has provided \$2 million for SOM, including \$1 million to establish the William G. Rohrer Endowed Chair in Geriatrics at SOM's New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging. The endowment provides perpetual funding to support geriatric research, clinical care and education programs

at the institute. Dr. Anita Chopra, the institute's director, occupies the endowed chair.

For Rohrer, the most awe-inspiring transformation at Rowan has been the addition of Business Hall, the four-story home of RCB on Route 322. The building, nearly \$40 million of which was funded through the \$117 million awarded to the University through the Building Our Future Bond Act passed by voters in 2012, was designed with RCB's unique approach to business education in mind. It's an approach that is built upon collaboration, small class sizes, project-based learning, problem solving, teamwork and entrepreneurship.

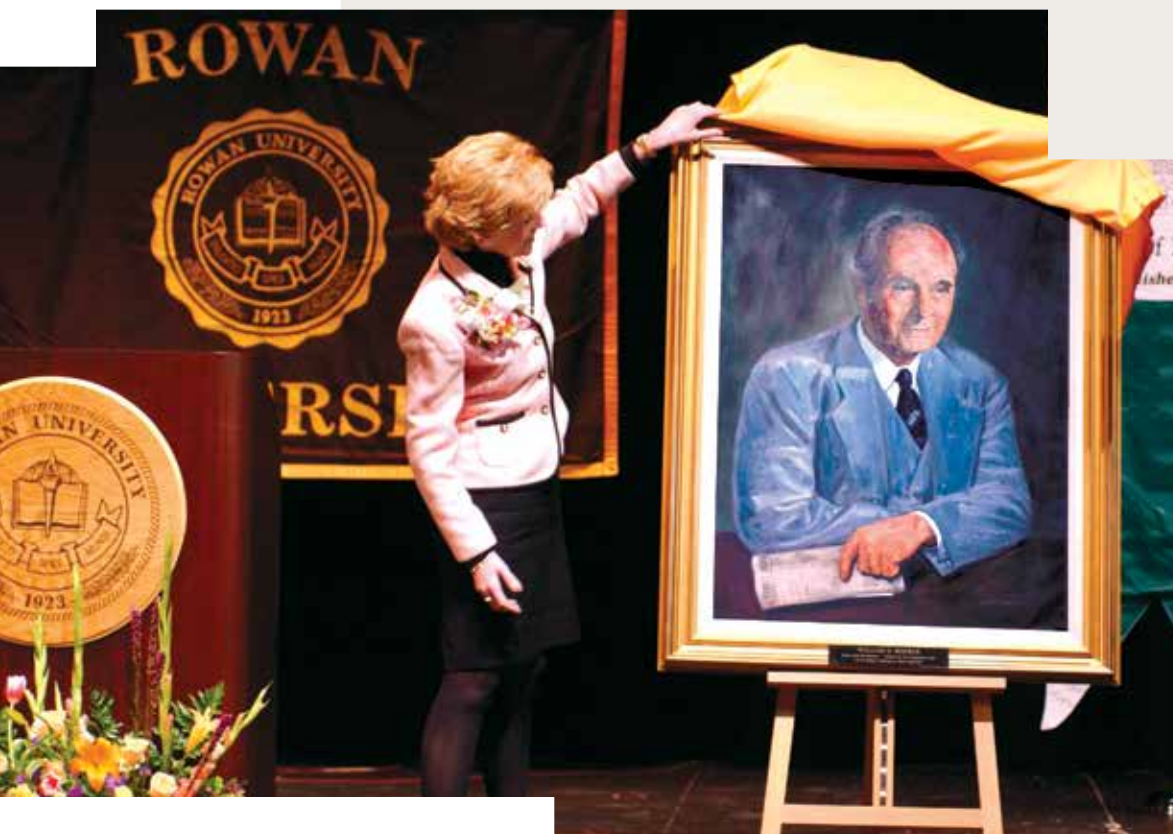
"I get chills when I walk in," Rohrer said. "I never thought that building would happen. When I go to meetings there and I walk through... I'm so very, very proud."

"My father went to Penn. Now, we have Rohrer. He would never ever have dreamed of it."

Business Hall provides the space necessary to implement results-oriented programs that enrich business education at Rowan, Dean Lehrman said.

In addition to hiring 14 new faculty members in recent years, RCB has instituted: a new Center for Professional Development, a valuable resource dedicated to providing students with career preparation skills to make them stand out in the job market; the Rowan Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, which promotes entrepreneurship across all colleges; and the soon-to-open Center for Responsible Leadership, which will focus on research and teaching that emphasize corporate social responsibility.

"The Rohrer gift will ensure that our college will retain its competitive advantage," Lehrman said,



Linda Rohrer unveiled a portrait of her father, William G. Rohrer, just after announcing the \$10M endowment for the Rohrer College of Business in 2005. The gift is one of several the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation has made to support business education, scholarships and geriatric medical education at Rowan, all in honor of the legendary civic leader, entrepreneur and philanthropist.

“We’ve been deliberately growing the number of honors students in the Rohrer College of Business and we’re thrilled about the future growth the Rohrer gift makes possible.”

Lee Talley
Dean, Bantivoglio Honors Concentration
Honors College

adding that the addition of more honors students will elevate the learning experiences of all students—and the teaching experience for faculty.

“Honors students will be very engaged with the Center for Professional Development, serving as peer mentors and role models. I consistently see that our honors students are most engaged. I’m excited to see what having more honors students will mean for all RCB students. It takes only a few students in a class to elevate the entire class and be a catalyst for deeper learning.”

The connection between Bantivoglio and the Rohrer Charitable Foundation goes back decades. Bantivoglio, a longtime partner in the Haddonfield law firm of Archer, P.C. and a friend of Mr. Rohrer, is a trustee of the charitable foundation. In September 2004, Bantivoglio pledged \$1 million to strengthen the University’s honors program.

According to Lee Talley, dean of the Bantivoglio Honors Concentration in the Honors College, the program boasts 562 students, 48 of whom are business majors. RCB enrollment has doubled during the past three years as the honors program has grown.

“We’ve been deliberately growing the number of honors students in the Rohrer College of Business and we’re thrilled about the future growth the Rohrer gift makes possible,” Talley said. “It’s particularly important for us to attract and retain more business students. All honors students are citizen scholars, but our business students in particular embrace leadership. As graduates they will help shape the next generation of business leaders who pursue economic ventures anchored in South Jersey, but with a global focus.”

Moving forward, giving back

Nuzzolo is poised to do exactly that.

President of the Collegiate Entrepreneurial Organization and the Bureau of Business Associations, a board member of the screening committee of the \$5 million Rowan Innovation Venture Fund, president and founder of the Honors Book Club, and creator of the annual Rowan Innovation Venture Fund Idea Challenge, Nuzzolo also serves as a University of Innovation Fellow at Stanford University. In that role, she is among a global community of students

that creates new opportunities for college students to develop entrepreneurial mindsets as they gain skills needed to thrive in the future economy.

She works each day to live up to the investment her scholarship donors made in her education—and in her, she said.

“I have people investing in my education,” said Nuzzolo, daughter of Christopher and Jean Nuzzolo, both ’85. “To not work my hardest... that would be despicable. You can never thank someone enough for donating to someone they don’t know. I want to do well so that I can give money back to help someone else.”

That’s the RCB way, according to Mark Errera ’16, who graduated summa cum laude with degrees in accounting and management information systems. Now a risk assurance associate and CPA for PwC, a Big Four accounting firm, Errera also was a Rohrer Scholar with a concentration in honors.

“I’m impressed by how much the Rohrer Foundation gives back—and to how focused it is on students,” said Errera. “Having Linda Rohrer as a role model has helped me realize the impact I can have by giving back. That’s something that every Rohrer graduate should try to mimic.”

Like RCB, Honors is a unique learning environment, Errera added.

“We’re a very close-knit group in the Rohrer College,” he said. “Our professors care about our success. There is a true tradition of excellence.

“The No. 1 focus for honors students is academics. They understand the value of succeeding academically and what that gives them. They’re also committed to the learning of others as well.”

Through students like Nuzzolo and Errera, Rohrer sees return on the Rohrer Foundation’s investments every day, she said.

“When you give to Rowan, you can see your money at work,” she said. “That’s the real key. You can touch it and feel it and see results.” ■

Barbara Baals is celebrating her twelfth year as assistant director of Media & Public Relations at Rowan University.

At the start of the spring semester, students showed off their internship assignments on a list posted in Business Hall. They placed at firms that included PwC, Morgan Stanley, Subaru North America, Sanofi Pasteur and Amazon.

rowan

West Campus/ South Jersey Tech Park

Athletic
Fields
(2015)



Jones
Innovation
Center
(2009)



CREATES
(2016)



new and renewed, since 1992

9 academic

11 residence/student life

3 athletic

2 administrative

2 research/innovation

Shpeen Hall
(2004)



Int'l
House
(2011)

Rowan
Boulevard
Apts.
(2009)

Holly Pointe
Commons
(2017)

6 High
Street
(2015)

Fitness
Center
(2017)

230
Victoria
(2017)

260
Victoria
(2017)

301 High
Street
(2015)

Enterprise
Center
(2013)

220 Rowan
Boulevard
(2015)

Whitney
Center
(2011)



Academic



Administrative



Athletic



Residence/
Student Life



Research/
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transformed

How the Rowan Gift Changed the University Forever

"It wasn't always like this." These five words begin a video that celebrates the 25th anniversary of the 1992 Rowan gift—the pivotal moment at which Glassboro State College began to transform from a well-respected state school into one of the fastest-growing research universities in the nation.



Considering Rowan today, it's easy to take for granted the University's seemingly limitless momentum and capacity for innovation. But it wasn't always like this—or even a possibility—until Henry and Betty Rowan's historic \$100 million commitment to GSC. The Rowan gift forever changed the institution, our region and countless lives.

The Rowans had no ties to Glassboro State, but they wanted to make a difference with their investment in education. They asked only that the already well-regarded GSC develop a first-rate engineering program and use the gift prudently.

At the time, GSC was a small, state school that, since its 1923 founding, was best known for education. Although it developed other solid programs, GSC was like many other institutions in the state college system—reliable and affordable, but dependent on state appropriations for growth and improvement.

With the gift, everything changed, including the name, in honor of the institution's unassuming benefactors. By 1997, Rowan College of New Jersey became the first state school besides the venerable Rutgers to earn university status.

"It is difficult to know what Glassboro State would be like today had it not been for the gift," Rowan President Ali Houshmand mused. "Would it have ever become a university? Maybe, but maybe not."

What we do know is that virtually everything since 1992 started with that gift.

stats are just part of the story

Houshmand believes the Rowan gift both strengthened Rowan's central role in the region and helped distinguish it.

"Our number one mission is to enable as many students as possible to obtain their bachelor's degree with excellence and without crushing student debt. The Rowan gift has enabled us to do that," Houshmand said. "The Rowans' generosity helped us to physically expand our presence in southern New Jersey in ways that would have been unimaginable previously, and success begets success."

The 1992 gift was the largest ever to a public college or university and triggered similar higher education mega gifts across the country. At Rowan it was followed by millions more in private giving.

"We've had many other significant donors who've seen what we're doing and who wanted to be a part of it," Houshmand said. "The Rowan gift created momentum, and it's been growing ever since, extending our capacity for research, for driving the regional economy and improving countless peoples' lives."

Longtime Glassboro Mayor Leo McCabe believes it's inconceivable that the Rowan Boulevard project, as well as tens of millions of dollars in additional commercial investment along Delsea Drive, would have happened had it not been for the Rowan gift and the momentum it created.

He said the gift, and all of the expansion that followed in its wake—a real-life build-it-and-they-will-come scenario that was accompanied by a doubling of Rowan's enrollment—fostered private investors' belief that a major redevelopment project could work.

"Today we're the envy of not only the region but of college towns well beyond our state's borders," the mayor said. "They see what we've done here and want to emulate it."

Since 2000, Rowan has strengthened ties with its neighbors and

9,200

\$108M

rowan by the numbers since 1992

1992

enrollment of 9,500



home of **Henry M. Rowan
College of Engineering,**
started in 1996 and ranked

TOP



evolution and expansion

0 colleges
4 schools
2 campuses

8 colleges
5 schools
4 campuses

\$19M

18,500

1 of only 3

\$787K

7th-fastest-growing
national public research school

enrollment of
18,500



\$1.23B

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20

in U.S. undergrad
engineering



endowment
growth



\$787K

\$208M

NOTABLE

since 1992
just a few highlights



STEM research at
Edelman Fossil Park,
a destination for **scientific discovery,**
education and **"citizen science"**

a powerful driver of
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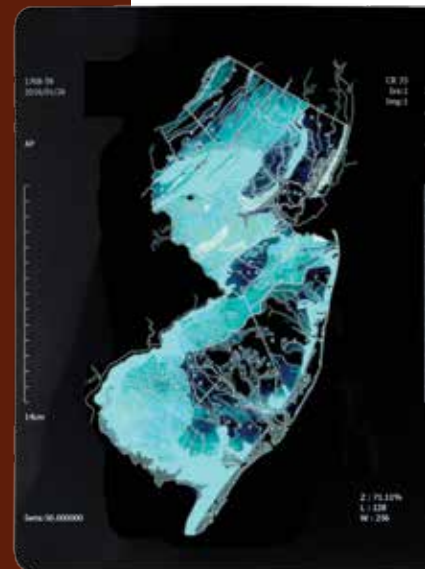
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public-private partnerships with the
Borough of Glassboro and private investors
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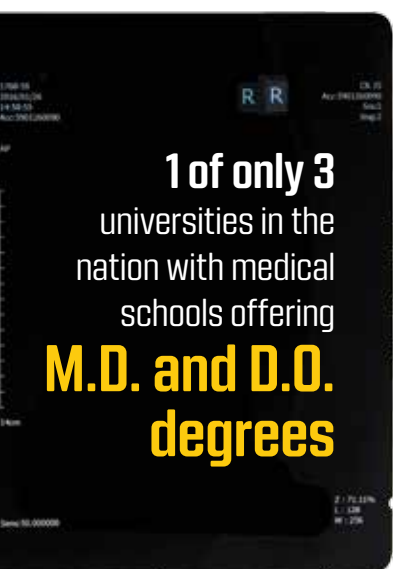


88,000



home of **William G. Rohrer**
College of Business,
 accredited by both **AACSB** and **ABET**

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community leaders and further expanded its presence in Glassboro, Camden and Stratford. It has enhanced and expanded numerous programs and attracted donations from more than 22,000 supporters for scholarships, academic programs, facilities and more. And it has created community college partnerships in Gloucester and Burlington counties to increase access to and lower the cost of a four-year degree—all of which has further expanded the University's draw to students and continued its vital momentum.

expectations exceeded

Debra DiLorenzo '76, M'87 leads South Jersey's largest and most influential business organization, Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey, and observes her alma mater's progress with pride and high expectations. "As a professional, I'm confident in encouraging interactions between our members and Rowan because I know the University is committed to excellence and to innovative partnerships with a thriving business community," she said. "As Rowan graduate, I know the value of a Rowan education. I'm proud to see the University's influence extend throughout the state."

Student Government Association President Lauren Bitzer said today's students are drawn to Rowan for a number of reasons, most of which stem from the gift and all the ways it has enabled the institution to become what it is and will be.

"The programs and affordability are huge draws, but one of the most interesting things is that Rowan is never the same," she said. "Rowan is not the same place it was last year, last month, even yesterday."

A management/marketing dual major from Cherry Hill, Bitzer said some students are drawn to Rowan for its engineering and science programs, but she said others, like herself, come for other well-regarded programs in business, communications, education, social sciences and fine and performing arts.

Bitzer believes one of the best things about Rowan is that, despite its growth in so many areas, it still has a hometown feel and is accessible. "Rowan is nothing I expected but everything I needed," she said.

tradition and transformation

In some ways, Rowan always was like this: a place to be challenged and nurtured. A campus central to the region's identity and economy. An academic community dedicated to help aspiring students redefine their identity and reimagine their future. A launch pad for anyone with dedication and vision to change the trajectory of their careers and improve the world around them.

When he was considering making the historic gift in 1992, Henry Rowan wondered, "Where would my money have the most impact? Where would it actually change people's lives?" He saw enormous potential and promise in the small college he called "a place to roll up your sleeves and get down to work."

Because of the Rowan gift, the University is just as its benefactor saw it 25 years ago—and fundamentally, fantastically transformed as he expected it to be. ■

Steve Levine, assistant director of Media & Public Relations and award-winning former journalist, has been with the University for more than 10 years.



HOT SAUCE

FOR A

GOOD CAUSE

by Patricia Quigley '78, M'03





The 15 contestants were hot to win the January cook-off on National Hot Sauce Day.

They showed up with old family favorites and new concoctions and served them to a panel of judges and then to a full house of Rowan students, employees, alumni and friends at Landmark Americana, near the Glassboro campus. The only thing their appetizer, dessert and entrée recipes had in common: Houshmand's Hazardous Hot Sauce, the signature condiment created by University President Ali Houshmand.

Five cook-off judges, including the president and Pop Shop restaurateur Bill "Stink" Fisher '98, tasted their way through slow-roasted pork, jambalaya, spring rolls, Styke's Veggievicious Dip, My Aunt Chilada's Enchiladas and more, scoring each dish in six categories. Then it was the public's turn to taste and vote for the Fan Favorite.

Amid the excited crowd, Rowan track and cross-country coach Ringo Adamson '83, captured the



celebrity judges' first place and the Fan Favorite title for his Ringo's Island Surf and Turf. Chetna Macwan, a friend of the University, took second with her Hot & Fiery Butter Chicken. Student Rebecca Bradshaw won third for her Hot Chocolate Lava Cake.

Guests raved about the food. They also raved about its purpose.

In true Houshmand fashion, the cook-off wasn't just about fun. It was about benefitting students, in this case by showcasing the hot sauce that may help keep some of them in school thanks to all profits from the sauce and related swag—as of February nearly \$19,000—going to the Rowan University Emergency Scholarship Fund. That fund provides up to \$500 to full-time students meeting certain qualifications to alleviate hardships that cannot be offset by traditional financial aid.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
Hot sauce fans found 15 fiery cook-off entries ready to taste, courtesy of the talented competitors.

Winners Rebecca Bradshaw, Ringo Adamson and Chetna Macwan celebrate with President Houshmand.

Houshmand's Hazardous Hot Sauce comes in three intensity levels: Ali's Nasty, Nastylicious and Nastyvicious.

Most work days, Houshmand dresses in a suit and tie, Rowan pin on his left lapel. His day may include speaking with legislators in Trenton, meeting with union or student leaders about campus needs, and collaborating with administrators and elected officials on the future of the University and region. Such is the work of a president at a burgeoning institution, the champion of more than 18,500 students. Most days.

But throughout this past humid Jersey summer into the beckoning crispness of fall, the president was just as inclined to get to work in jeans or running shorts and a beige bucket hat, grommets shiny, brim barely shading his eyes. Work in this case meant peppers.

Houshmand spent many early morning hours tending a 40-by-40 plot of ghost, Bishop's Crowns and Carolina Reaper peppers—along with more than a half dozen types of their tamer cousins—on Rowan's West Campus. Sometimes after a morning run, sometimes enroute to his office in Bole Hall, he'd water and weed the garden. Just before school started, the colorful fruits were ready for harvest.



This initiative, inspired by his pepper-growing hobby and started with seeds he planted in Sangree Greenhouse near Bunce Hall, was about more than cultivating produce for lunchtime salads. This was about providing for students, something that comes naturally to the man with a reputation for promoting innovative ways to keep down the cost of a four-year degree. “Sometimes what it takes for students to complete their education is a relatively small amount of money. But that still can feel insurmountable,” said Houshmand, who provided the bulk of the private funds needed to get the project started. “Our hot sauce can help offset the indirect costs of an education for some of these students.”

Kitchen help

People aren’t inclined to toss the leader of Rowan out of a room. However, Farah Houshmand is not just anyone, and said room was not just any room. It was the kitchen she shared with her husband as he created early batches of his secret-recipe hot sauce from an overabundance of homegrown peppers. The aroma, the aura, the near-tangible taste in the air permeated their whole home after he whipped up a batch. Fond of breathing and not a fan of hot sauce, she exiled him—and his cooking gear—to the garage.

“The scent during the cooking process was so strong

that I coughed, got tears in my eyes and, on multiple occasions, I could not breathe and had to leave the room. It took four days for the scent and the sensation of hot sauce to dissipate,” she said.

Last year, Dr. Houshmand introduced his creation to those outside his inner circle when he donated six jars to be auctioned off during the student-run Holiday Helper fundraiser. That auction triggered a demand that led to an immediate wait list of more than 50 people.

That was good news for the president, who started to toy with the idea of mass producing the hot sauce to raise those scholarship funds. And that was good news for Mrs. Houshmand, too: her husband soon would take the process professional, moving out of their house into a commercial kitchen in Cumberland County.

“Although I appreciated my husband making gifts for our family and friends at the start, I am so proud that he found yet another creative way to use his talent to support Rowan students. This is no longer just another hot sauce; this is truly a labor of love,” Mrs. Houshmand said.

“And I am eternally grateful that his hot sauce is being made professionally 20 miles away from our home. This is the best of both worlds: he helps students and I have my kitchen—and garage—back.”

“This is no longer just another hot sauce; this is truly a labor of love.”

OPPOSITE: Having transplanted seedlings from the Sangree Greenhouse near Bunce Hall, President Houshmand tended the flourishing pepper crop in the West Campus garden.

LEFT: The three varieties of hot sauce feature different combinations of super-hot peppers.

BELOW: At the end of the production line, sophomore Brandon Ward (left) checks jars of freshly made hot sauce before labeling.





ABOVE: At the debut of Houshmand's Hazardous, Cindy Lewandowski '08, M'13 purchased a jar and donated extra to the scholarship fund to have the president autograph the label.

RIGHT: Cos Alexakos takes a breather after clinching the Wing Wars title, while junior Lauren Bitzer finished in second place and senior Joey Bertheau took the heat representing Tau Delta Phi.

There is hot. And then there is "pour-some-milk-down-my-throat-before-I-die" fire.

The three versions of Houshmand's Hazardous Hot Sauce span the Scoville scale, which measures the intensity of peppers. Ali's Nasty, Nastylicious and Nastyvicious include jalapeño, Thai, serrano, habañero, long hot, Beaver Dam, Scotch bonnet, devil's tongue, scorpion moruga and scorpion butch.

When the president opted to mass produce his creations to raise scholarship funds and raise awareness about students' needs, he knew he would have to bring in the big guns, in this case the culinary professionals at the Rutgers Food Innovation Center in Bridgeton, Cornell University Food and Brand Lab and New Mexico State University Chile Pepper Institute.

Today a Rowan team, including student staff, oversees production. The process vaguely mimics physicians prepping for surgery, with sanitation procedures vigorously enforced (although some wear masks and gloves as much to protect them from the peppery fumes that plagued Mrs. Houshmand).

The work is methodical. The team washes, destems and chops the peppers, then puts them in a kettle with other ingredients to cook to 195 degrees. The concoction gets funneled into 6 ½-ounce jars and labeled with photos of an astonished-looking Houshmand, some with cartoon steam exploding from his ears and faux sweat pouring off his temple.

"No doubt this is an unusual way to raise funds for students," said Chad Bruner, chairman of the

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Rowan University Board of Trustees. "But it's also very 'Ali.' He's entrepreneurial by nature. He's willing to take calculated risks. And he's willing to shake off that presidential image if

necessary to get something done. This is just another take—and a tasty one at that—on his spirit and commitment to Rowan University."

Making headlines

The president and Rowan introduced Houshmand's Hazardous in the fall, with the official kickoff a Wing Wars challenge held in October at Chickie's & Pete's on Rowan Boulevard in Glassboro. Constantine "Cos" Alexakos, director of Chamberlain Student Center & Student Activities, won in a field of 10 faculty, staff, students and Glassboro first responders battling in a "celebrity" round, which was followed by 10 challengers in an "open" round won by Adamson.

The fiery fun at Wings Wars drew a crowd at Chickie's & Pete's and gained attention for the hot sauce project from more than 230 media outlets in the U.S. and abroad. With headlines in print and online across the country and appearances on Philadelphia television news shows, the hot sauce attracted customers from coast to coast and even from Japan.

Taking the project from "what if?" to reality educated the president and his team on entrepreneurship from planting seeds to promoting the product. Now, business and communication students are tak-

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Visit rowan.edu/hotsauce to purchase Houshmand's Hazardous Hot Sauce, along with aprons, mugs, t-shirts and more (or simply donate to the scholarship fund). Buy the sauce on Rowan Boulevard in Glassboro at Chickie's & Pete's and Barnes & Noble, at Botto's in Swedesboro or at the Owl's Nest on campus.



ing advantage of opportunities to learn from the president's initiative, developing sales plans and public relations and marketing models as class projects.

Making a difference

Student Government Association President and Wing Wars competitor Lauren Bitzer said, "Dr. Houshmand's initiative shows his passion and dedication for Rowan University. Tuition is no easy cost; that said, the president goes above and beyond to support students in any way he can. Taking the time and energy every morning to grow and harvest peppers himself for the sake of helping students financially proves that he is committed to student achievement."

Houshmand is realistic about the contribution his hot sauce can make. "I know that this will just be a very small part of the \$30 million we plan to award in scholarships this year. In fact, the money we raise is just for emergencies, a reserve students can apply to when something unexpected has hit them—an accident, a lost job, an empty refrigerator," he said. "But, for some of our students this money may keep them enrolled, and that's important for us all."

A committee reviews applications for funds from the Rowan University Emergency Scholarship Fund, which until the hot sauce included just \$64,000. As hot sauce sales expand the fund, the University will be able to advertise it more broadly and assist more students.

And that will make a difference.

As one scholarship recipient noted, "Due to financial problems that I was facing, I didn't know if I was going to be able to finish school and receive my degree. I was a recipient of the Emergency Scholarship Fund, and I am most thankful for being blessed with the funding (that) helped me in a great time of need." ■

Patricia Quigley '78, M'07 is an assistant director of Media & Public Relations at Rowan. Unfortunately, she can't eat hot sauce.



Hot sauce is health food

Meagan Vermeulen loves spicy food, including hot sauce. She'll add it to her chili, splash it on scrambled eggs, and sneak it into healthy stuff she wants her family to try. "I love that added oomph hot sauce provides," she said.

Vermeulen, an assistant professor and associate program director for the Family Medicine Residency program at the School of Osteopathic Medicine, knows there are health benefits as well.

"The chemical that makes spicy foods, well, spicy, is known as capsaicin. Chili peppers in particular are a prime source of this compound. There are a number of studies showing the benefit of capsaicin, including reducing inflammation," she said.

Dr. David Friedman a North Carolina-based doctor of naturopathy, clinical nutritionist, chiropractic neurologist and author of *Food Sanity, How to Eat in a World of Fads and Fiction*, said capsaicin and other components in hot peppers relieve pain (by releasing endorphins), improve heart health (by reducing bad cholesterol and potentially fighting inflammation), ease depression and anxiety (there are those endorphins, again) and more.

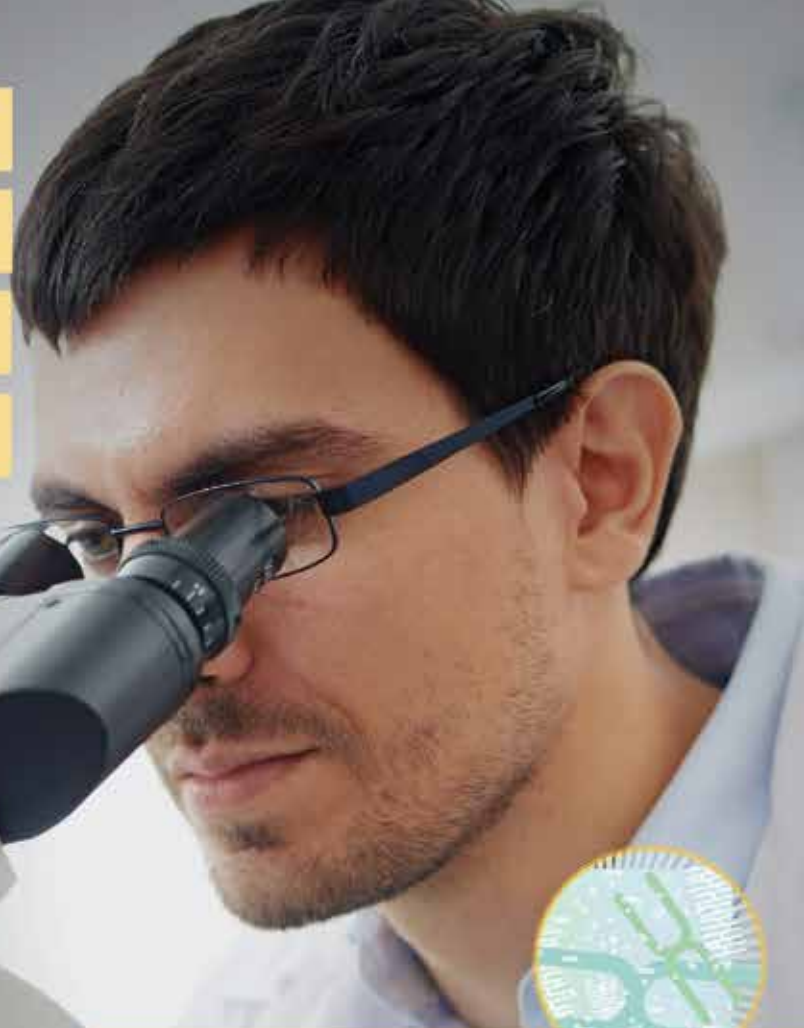
"Research suggests that capsaicin has anti-bacterial, anti-carcinogenic, analgesic and anti-diabetic properties," said Friedman.

"Fresh chili peppers offer an excellent source of vitamin C; vitamin A; and flavonoids like β -carotene, α -carotene, lutein, zeaxanthin and cryptoxanthin. These antioxidants help protect the body from free radicals generated during stress and also help strengthen the immune system. Chili peppers contain essential minerals like potassium, manganese, iron and magnesium. These minerals are essential for healthy bones, nerves and muscles. While people may have a stressful look on their faces after they bite into a hot pepper, it's actually helping lower their stress levels. Chili peppers contain the 'stress-fighting' B-complex group of vitamins such as niacin, pyridoxine (vitamin B-6), riboflavin and thiamin (vitamin B-1)."

- The American Chemical Society notes capsaicin can, in high doses, kill prostate cancer cells.
- A Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health study states those who eat spicy foods nearly every day are 14 percent more likely to live longer than people who eat spicy foods less than once a week.
- University of Connecticut research published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences indicates chili peppers have a component that may calm the gut and reduce inflammation.

Vermeulen notes an added benefit: "Making hot sauce a part of a healthy diet may indeed help you achieve your weight loss goals by boosting your metabolism."

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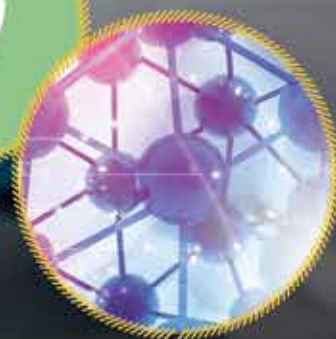
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1. Light Wave

Ray King, 1995
Campbell Library

Among the art commissioned for the construction of the library, this 46-foot-long piece features four helixes of laminated glass wings twisting through the space above the reading room. The Philadelphia-based artist described it "like a mirage of liquid color."

2. Sodzo—Compassionate Promise

William Butler, 2016
CMSRU, Camden

The CMSRU Class of 2016 commissioned this as a gift to commemorate the graduates' commitment to compassion and healing and their work in Camden. The acrylic's layers of imagery incorporate typography; a Camden map; texturing to represent urban landscapes; and symbols including the CMSRU flame, a diagram of the human heart and the Rod of Asclepius, associated with healing and medicine. It is one of two paintings at CMSRU by the Camden-based artist.

3. Diana, Goddess of the Hunt

Artist/year unknown
Camden Academic Building

Thought to be a reproduction commissioned for the historic building in the early 20th century, the marble Diana stands in what is now Rowan's urban education center, part of the city's protected architectural heritage.

4. Opticks

Beth Nybeck, 2016
Engineering Hall

Selected from among proposals submitted from across the nation, the design for Opticks represents the forming of knowledge. At 23 feet tall, the figure of a human head is made of stainless steel tubes and aluminum panels that feature reproductions of notes and equations the artist collected from Rowan engineering faculty and students. Nybeck said she designed it "to let light and air pass through but also to represent the flowing, ever-changing nature of thought."





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5. Glassboro Kaleidoscope

David Wilson, 2005

James Hall

Inspired partly by Glassboro's glass history, this piece consists of two installations in James Hall: a two-story window on the south facade and the other in the second floor atrium. Changing light makes the grid of dichroic, beveled and textured glass a dynamic focal point.

6. Endeavor

Marvin Creamer '43 and John Collins, 2015

Esbjornson Gym

This to-scale monument built of natural materials reimagines former geography professor Marvin Creamer's sail around the world without instruments. Ever the teacher, Creamer chose the locales for the signpost (where the sailboat mast would have been) and calculated the great circle distances to inspire and educate about the world in an outdoor classroom near the heart of campus.

7. Mobilus Vita

Clyde Lynds, 1995

University Education Center, Stratford

In the midst of medical students and researchers learning to understand the human body, these inanimate, static pieces invite the eye and the mind to take a closer look. Future physicians and campus visitors will see male and female forms subtly animating the stone pillars.





DANIEL MURPHY M'97

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8. Dreams Take Flight

David Boyer, 2015
Holly Pointe Commons

Soaring above the residence hall lawn and taking direction from the wind, the diverse metal figures suggest a metaphor for students' purpose in education, dreaming and driving toward their ideals.

9. The Test of Time

John E. Bannon, 2017
Crossroads at Robinson Green

This 21.5-foot-wide bronze sculpture appears to hover in the redesigned north campus quad that features green infrastructure for effective stormwater management and native plants that support the local ecology. The artist created the piece with an open profile to invite visitors along to interact with it.



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10. Threshold

Ed Carpenter, 2016
Business Hall

Evoking the decorative structure of a welcome gate at the west end of the main campus, *Threshold* casts prism-like reflections inside as sunlight crosses the second-floor lounge. Outside, the sculpture's dichroic glass, stainless steel and aluminum span the three-story ellipse at Business Hall, which glows like a lantern at night.



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11. Return to Grover's Mill

Cork Marcheschi, 1994
Student Recreation Center

Decievingly whimsical on the surface, this piece was inspired by the tripod alien machines in the science fiction novel *War of the Worlds*.

12. Vector Space

Carolyn Braaksma and Brad Kaspari, 2016
Engineering Hall

Spanning most of the first floor commons, the vibrant terrazo contains tributes to College of Engineering namesake and electrical engineer Henry M. Rowan: Faraday's Law of induction and the Ohm's Law wheel. The tile and metal inlays illustrate engineering concepts and equations, as well as fundamental themes of dynamics and innovation.

13. Growth #50

John Ottiano, 1974
Chamberlain Student Center

Commissioned to commemorate the institution's 50th anniversary, *Growth #50* is significant for

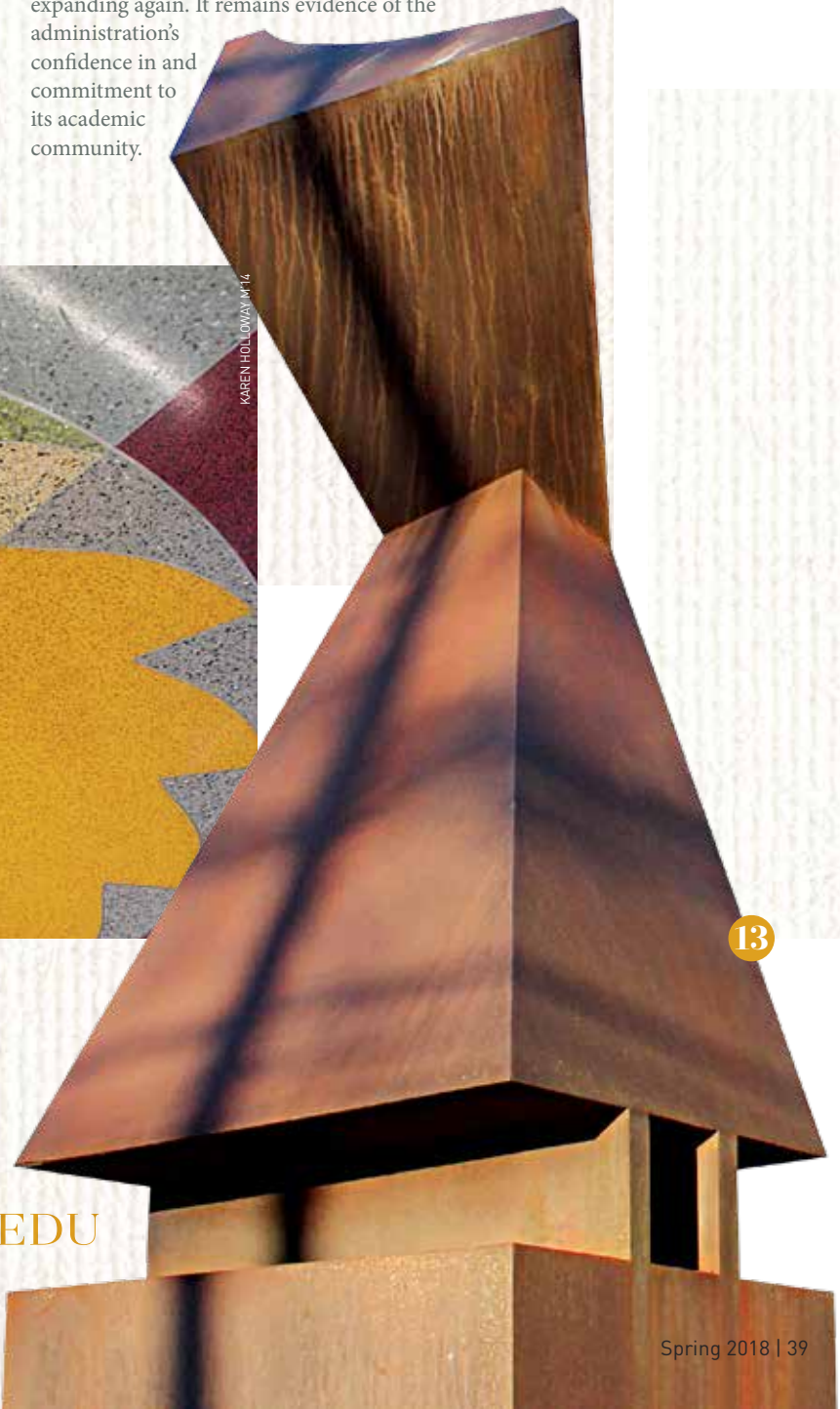
reasons that remain meaningful decades later.

The institution was changing and growing during the transition from President Thomas Robinson to President Mark Chamberlain and from largely teacher education curricula to more liberal arts programs. Newly gained student autonomy and faculty activism began to shape the academic community. In a powerful symbolic gesture, the president and Board of Trustees commissioned art professor John Ottiano and students (instead of an outside artist) to create the art to be displayed prominently at the new building. The now-weathered abstract was meant to symbolize intellectual journey—developing, focusing and expanding again. It remains evidence of the administration's confidence in and commitment to its academic community.



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class notes

60s

Margaret Penny Haines '60 retired from owning Graces' Academy Early Childhood Learning Center, being an adjunct for Burlington County College and consulting for a local school program. Before choosing to stay at home to raise her three children, she taught in public school sixth and eighth grades for eight years. She enjoys being a grandmother, traveling, kayaking and gardening.

Mildred Pincus Bethmann '62 and her husband, **Dave Bethmann '62**, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August.

Teresa Balliro Casazza '62 and her husband, **Lou Casazza '65**, have been married for 55 years.

Delia Senttanni Fugaro '62 and her husband, Tony Fugaro, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

Janet Rulon Holdcraft '62, M'68 received the Distinguished Educator Award from the New Jersey Council of Education. The award recognized Dr.

Holdcraft for her significant and outstanding contributions to public education in New Jersey.

Mel Moyer '62 and his wife, **Beth Kelly Moyer '63**, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August.

Mary Olive Gillespie '63 and her husband, **Jack Gillespie '63, M'69**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a visit to Newport, R.I. Mary is a co-founder and board member of the Hammonton Cancer Foundation and a board member of the South Jersey Cancer Fund. Both are all-volunteer groups that raise funds to help cancer patients pay medical and other expenses. Jack is vice president of the South Jersey group and corresponding secretary for the Preserving Italian Heritage Foundation, which raises funds for annual scholarships for high school students. He is also associate editor of *Rowan Magazine*. The Gillespies have two



Visiting friends in Ireland

Richard Klimek '63, **Mary Cocove Lamey '63, M'83**, **Mai** and **Brendan Worsfold '63**, reunited in Ireland near Bunratty Castle in County Clare, where the Worsfolds live. Rich and Brendan were GSC roommates and soccer team members.

children and four grandchildren. They live in Hammonton.

Linda Maron Reinmas '64 is enjoying retirement and occasionally tutors students in mathematics. She lives in Monmouth County.

Beverly Bocchetta Callaghan '67 and her husband, **Michael Callaghan '66**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2016.

Philip F. Sidotti '67 retired from Rowan's Office of Field Experiences in 2006. Before coming to Rowan,

he was on the child study team at Clearview Regional High School in Harrison Township for 26 years and taught in Vineland for three years.

Mary Ann Centuolo Silvers '67 and her husband, Harry Silvers, have been married for 50 years.

Dan Baker '68 was inducted into the Camden County Sports Hall of Fame in October.

Jo-Ann Liptak '68 retired as mayor of Raritan Borough after three four-year terms.



Memories bring '62 back to the 'Boro

To honor its 55th reunion anniversary, the Alumni Association welcomed back the Class of 1962 for a special dinner reception held in the Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for Alumni Engagement.

1. Beth Kelly Moyer '63, Mel Moyer '62, George Renwick '62, Deila Settanni Fugaro '62, Anthony Fugaro, Robert Kirkbride '62, Cy Dunn '62
2. Dexter Forbes, Catherine Forbes '62, John Wursta, Kathleen Bowman-Wursta '62, Jim Jannarone, Dorothy Kirby Jannarone '62



Golden Days for Clas of 1967

Members of the Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th reunion in October. This special milestone celebration included a series of events over Homecoming weekend.

1. BACK:(all '67) Linda Quarnstrom Landers, Sally Greulich Durham, Carol Grieves-Dette, Susan Sudy Vreeland, Gloria Hill, William McBride, Michael DiDomenico, Keith Wylde, Robert Ramberg, Fredrick Sisbarro, William Zeltman, Paula Doak Lee, Edwin Mitchell, Kathleen Merkel-Reichert
MIDDLE: Sandra Scotch Quairoli, Beverly Bocchetta Callaghan, Theodora Kroll Goldberg, Paula Falkenstein Lerch, Gerrie McNelis-Medica, Mary Hensel Krokos, Marcia Possenti LaForest, Cora Ramberg, Bernadette Longobardi, Beverly Crymes Davis, Karen Levering, Ginnie Mitchell, Barbara Ciarlo Civitillo.

FRONT: Barbara Allen Leahy, Shirley Monastra, Marie Kozuhowski Morris, Sandra Cocking Tonielli, Maryann Comparri Tamagni, Anna Giusti Garcia, Mary Ann Centuolo Silvers, Judith Hawk Williams, Carol Sobolewski, Paulette Banks, Paul Lucas, Phillip Sidotti, L. Bruce Smith.

2. Carol Sobolewski '67, Paulette Banks '67, Karen Levering
3. Marie Morris Kozuhowski '67, Ann Sisbarro, Fred Sisbarro '67, Monika Shealey, Susan Sudy Vreeland, Shirley Monastra '67

70s

Anthony DelDuca '70 and some of his classmates reunited at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, 47 years after graduating. Other 1970 graduates were **Charles Sutter**, **Rusty Venner**, **Gerrie Wolley Venner** and **Dewey Slayton**. **Carol Gabel Sutter '71** also attended. Photo, p. 44.

Thomas Paul Figlio '71 is enjoying retirement.

Kathleen Rhoads Carpenter '72 published *Amanda: A Life of Love*. The book is about Amanda Clark Rhoads, who was born on a farm in Virginia in 1871, attended a seminary and taught in a one-room school. In 1912, she and her husband were founders and deacons of the Village Baptist Church, the only church where Billy Graham served as pastor. The book is available online.



Reunion routine: longtime friends and LBI

For a couple of days every summer this group of '70s #RowanPROUD alumni gather at the beach.

FRONT: Joe Lenart '75, Ted Clarke '77, Beth Padian Clarke '77, Lou Detoro '76, Teri Mackiewicz Detoro '76
MIDDLE: Suzanne Bedell Frey '75, Sue Clark
BACK: Tim Frey, Bonnie Koll Rizzetta '77, Mike Clark '76, Anita Demarco Hoffman '75, Paul Hoffman

Linda Solomon Coppinger '73 retired in February 2017 from the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter where she served as executive director South Jersey for 10 years. After retiring, she created Senior & Special Needs Solutions LLC, a consulting firm that works with individuals, families and organizations to provide them opportunities for enrichment, empowerment and education.

Deborah Steward Emley '73 and her husband, Bill, rescued a historically significant quilt and returned it to where it was made. The Emleys, who collect antiques, bought the quilt for \$45 at an auction house in Pembroke, Ga., not far from their home in Statesboro. The quilt contained some 400 hand-embroidered names and the words "Catonsville Methodist Church, April Circle."

Deborah, a retired library assistant, learned that the church is located in Catonsville, Md., a suburb of Baltimore. She contacted the church office and arranged to return the quilt. Although the church offered to pay shipping charges, the Emleys opted to deliver the quilt in person. Their meeting with the church members was an emotional one, as older people recognized their families' names. Nancy Hobbs, head of the church's history and records committee, saved all the data on the quilt to her computer. She spent months checking records and was able to establish that the quilt was probably stitched in either 1936 or 1937, possibly as a project to raise funds for a mortgage during the Great Depression.



Celebrating—before the Superbowl

During an Eagles away game last fall, the Rowan alumni crew got together with **Cheryl Williams Henley**, who celebrated her 25th year working with the Eagles. ABOVE: **Anthony Phillips '84**, **Diane Frank '91**, **Michelle Hickson '92**, **Cheryl Williams Henley '98**, **Sonya Kelly**, **Sorina Haddock '98**, **Melanie Burney '84**. See note, p. 50.

Suanne Snyder Carroll '74, M'86 has published *Trenton Takes*, a Joe the Plumber Mystery, the first volume in a planned



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Each year, the New Jersey Education Association hosts a convention that brings together teachers and administrators from across the state. The event represents a great opportunity for the Alumni Association to exhibit and reconnect with our proud Rowan education alums.

1. Islah Dillard-Mostafa, Denise Jones Ed.D. '13.
2. Ashley Salerno '14, Michael Hoover '11.

series about a plumber turned sleuth set in 1980s Trenton. She has also written *The Mysterious Things Trilogy: On the Edge of Dangerous Things, In an Awful Way* and *With the Tonic of Wilderness*, along with the stand-alone novel, *Click... Kill*. Carroll also published *A Passion for Teaching* and *Canal Poems*. Previously, she taught English in Trenton and Pennington, was a consultant to the Princeton University teacher preparation program and an advisor to the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation poetry festivals. She was also a writer/consultant for a Bill Moyers poetry series. She lives in

Florida and in her spare time, she runs marathons with her husband, Joe.

Joe Conte '74 retired from his business, Conte's Corvettes, after 42 years.

Jay Dugan '74 is vice president of curriculum, instruction, and professional development for CSMI, a charter school management company. He has been a Rowan adjunct faculty member since 2004 and was inducted into the New Jersey Council of Education in 2015.

Tom Bruce Haydon, '75 left *The Star-Ledger* and *NJ.com* after 32 years as a reporter. Tom was part of a team of reporters and editors that won a Pulit-

See story
on page 26!

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zer Prize for coverage of Gov. Jim McGreevey's resignation. He also covered Hurricane Sandy as it hit New Jersey in 2012. Tom's newspaper career covered more than 40 years. He still remembers writing for *The Whit*.

Larry Josephs '76 has a son, **Samuel Josephs '18**.

Debra Edelman Kain '77 retired in June after 40 years as a teacher in Mantua Township.

Donald A. Errera '77 is a professor in Rowan's law and justice department.

Eric Newman '77 has been a book editor for 40 years, the last 10 as managing editor of Fordham University Press in New York City.

Robert Castaldi '78 retired from the Gloucester County Probation Department.

Patricia Quigley '78, M'03 and **Brian Ayscue '70** wed on Sept. 30 at Incarnation Church in Mantua, with a reception following at Auletto Caterers in Almonesson. Bridal party members included **Tobi Schwartz Cassell '78** and **Lillian Bonser '85**. Patricia is an assistant director of media and public relations and adjunct professor at Rowan and Brian is a career counselor for Camden County One Stop. Photo, p. 53.

Peter Scazzero '78 is the founder of New Life Fellowship Church in New York City; a large, multi-



Almost 50-year friends

FRONT: **Charles Sutter '70**, **Carol Gabel Sutter '71**, **Gerrie Wolley Venner '70**, **Rusty Venner '70**.

BACK: **Tony DelDuca '70**, **Ginny Slayton**, **Pat DelDuca '70**, **Dewey Slayton '70**. Note, p. 42

racial church with more than 73 countries represented. After serving as senior pastor for 26 years, he is a teaching pastor/pastor-at-large. He and his wife, Geri, are the founders of Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, a global ministry active in

over 25 countries. He's the author of *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, Updated Edition* and *The Emotionally Healthy Church*. He holds a masters of divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass., and a doctor of ministry in marriage and family. The Scazzeros have four children.

Deb Baldassarre '79 retired after 36 years of teaching.

David Cairns '79 is a financial advisor.

80s

Richard Kell '80 retired after a career as a teacher and principal in Westville.

Earl Quenzel '80 owns and operates Quenzel & Associates, a marketing agency in Fort Myers, Fla. The firm was named 2017 Best Advertising Agency & Best Web Design Firm by *Gulfshore Business Magazine*. For more information, visit quenzel.com.

Sandra Orlofsky Zalinsky '81 won the 2017 Elite North



Alumni Dig Day

Rowan grads and their families dug deep into the past with Rowan researchers at the Jean and Ric Edelman Fossil Park in September.

1. Charlotte Woodhull, Adam Woodhull '03 and Jack Woodhull
2. Amy-Beth Glass '92, Stephen Glass, Zachary Glass, Elizabeth Glass and Sarah Glass
3. Sarah Fecteau '09 and Stephen Fecteau
4. Joal Tallant '97 and Luise Reichert

America Pageant and was Mrs. Elite New Jersey 2017. While at GSC, she was Miss Gloucester County 1981 and competed for the Miss New Jersey title in 1981 and 1983.

Barbara Reeves DePasquale '82 retired from teaching math for 32 years at Lower Cape May Regional's Teitelman School. She learned to play golf and moved to The Villages, Fla. She spends summers in Cape May and is a part-time jewelry maker/artisan.

Jack Heath '83 has written *Browning Ross: The Father of American Distance Running*. Ross is Gloucester County's only two-time Olympian, competing in both 1948 and 1952. Ross, who coached Heath's Gloucester Catholic High School cross-country and track team, also won a gold medal in the 1951 Pan American Games. He was inducted into many halls of fame. Heath was a member of both the GSC cross-country and track teams. The book is available online.

Derick "Ringo" Adamson '83 is helping raise funds to provide longtime Rowan track coach Oscar Moore with vision therapy. To help, visit gofundme.com/oscars-vision-therapy-fund. Moore, who retired in 2003, was named the NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year five times and is in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Southern Illinois University Hall of

Fame and the Rowan Sports Hall of Fame.

Jean Marie Day Malzone '83 began a family tradition continued by her niece, **Nicole Galvin '08**, and her daughter, **Jenna Day '20**.

Mel Hedum '85 retired as detective first class for the Lower Township Police Department. He is

a school resource officer in the township's elementary schools.

Marianne Karpinski '85 is studying karate.

Mary Trout Lickfeld '86 and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary

Anna Paglione '86 is in her 31st year of teaching

second grade in Gloucester Township. She has two grandchildren.

Doreen Buda Danko '87 is a marketing and advertising executive.



Steve Levine '87, M'07, will publish his first novel, *Bad Rabbi*, this summer



Black Alumni & Friends Reunion

As part of the Homecoming festivities, the Rowan University/GSC Black Alumni Reunion Committee hosted an elegant jazz soiree reception on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning, the committee brought alumni together for a morning of fellowship at the Paul A. Hilton Fellowship Breakfast.

1. Joi Allie Hopkins '86, Audreen Pittman '84
2. Anthony Phillips '84, Linda Sistrunk '94, Derek Jones '01, M'02
3. Angelique Hilton '15, Linda Linen '93, Tamika Anderson '94
4. Pauline Butler-Bittner '89 and Keith Butler '83
5. Michael Fowlkes '81 and Michele White-Fowlkes '02
6. Keisha White '97, Melanie Burney '84, Felicia Clemons '99, Zelda Davis '80, Linda Johnson '80, Amanda Koon '78



Homecoming 2017

Thousands of alumni, students, family and friends participated in what was a ProfHistoric Homecoming! Highlights of the weekend's festivities included the ProfHistoric Block Party, the Alumni Tent and Beer Garden, and College Corner. During halftime of the game vs. TCNJ, the Rowan University Alumni Association presented the Alumni Ambassador Award, which is given to an alumnus of Rowan University who positively represents Rowan and its mission through service to the University and the surrounding community. This year's recipient was Robert Palmer '88. Alumni football players from the 1980s were also recognized at halftime. Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2018: Saturday, October 20!

1. Tamilla Estrin '12, Sam Pisano '12
2. Matt Soslow '12, Jason Selvaggio '11, Charlie Kuski '11, Lauren Kuski '11, M'13, Sabrina LoBue '12, M'15
3. Samantha Michielli '04, Thomas Kline '03
4. Rowan Proud in the 'Boro contest winners: Wally Funk '78, Kristen Funk '93, Lianne Benevento '14, Brian Maloney '11, Dan Benevento '12, Dawn P. Benevento '83, M'14
5. BACK: Kay Gibson Matuszewicz '76, Toni Finizio Fordyce '76, Jean Parra Richards '76, Ann Carney Mayo '76, Sue Smith Anderson '76 FRONT: Nick Hart '76, Linda Taper Vacca-D'Amico '76, Beth Patey Whealin '76, Jeff Weber '75, Donna Lodato '76



6. 2017 Alumni Ambassador Award recipient Robert Palmer '88 is surrounded by friends and family as he accepts his award during the halftime ceremony.

7. John Canderan '77, Merle Canderan '78

8. Felicia Lott '14, Julia Osadchy '14, Cara Kaplan '15

9. Michelle Cuffee '85, Irene Jones '84, Sanora Hines

10. The Brown & Gold Gridiron Club recognized teammates from the 1980s during the Homecoming halftime celebration. This era of Rowan football saw 104 All-Conference selections and set 32 school records that still stand today

11. Caitlin Farley '14, Becky Fawkes '15, Diana DiNapoli '14

12. Joanne Verile '81, Joe Verile '21

13. Marissa Straccialini '03, Ava Straccialini, Marco Straccialini, Mario Straccialini

14. William Keith Wylde '67, Tom Schmidt '67, Adam Drapczuk '67, Gino Battersby '67

15. Ashley Higginbotham '15, Diego J. Delgado '16

16. Nancy Sharp M'80, Steve Sharp '72

17. Al Goetze '85, Devon Goetze '18, Maritza Goetze '86

18. Lindsay O'Neill Minton '06, Katie Vasta Moughan '05, Monica Marroletti '05, Jolyn Alessi Naylor '05, Emma Moughan.

through independent publisher Unsolicited Press. Steve, an assistant director of media and public relations, has been with Rowan since 2007. Previously, he was a reporter with *The Press of Atlantic City*, the *Times-Leader* in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and the *Courier-Post* in Cherry Hill.

Irene Cioffi Donnelly '88 has a daughter, **Megan Donnelly '17**, a lacrosse team member who was

named to the IWLCA/Zag Sports Academic Honor Roll. To be eligible, student-athletes must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or greater. Megan was also inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society.

Hedwig Hadley '89 is a teaching assistant at Rowan College at Gloucester County.

90s

Brad Scull '90 is a seminary student at Liberty University. He was a teacher and coach for 29 years.

Mary Frances Tureman Kulpa '91 retired after teaching for 15 years at the Wiggins School in Camden.

Jennifer Auge '93 was named Education

Support Person of the Year at the Emma C. Attales Middle School in Absecon, where she is a teacher's aide for special education students in fifth and seventh grade.



Jonathan Retano '94 (Delta Chi) launched his second business, Pharmafusion, a pharmaceutical analytics company. He also co-owns Fun Fieldz, a



SOM Reunion

The School of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Association held its biennial Reunion Dinner in November—the largest gathering of SOM alumni—honoring graduates from the classes of 1981, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2011 and 2012. This milestone event was held for the first time at the historic Nassau Inn in Princeton, providing the perfect backdrop to reconnect and reminisce for more than 150 alumni, students, faculty and friends. The evening featured a reception and dinner, a video presentation of the Reunion Class Yearbooks, and a special greeting from Dean Thomas Cavalieri.

1. Ann Gershon, Anna Collado, Catherine Schiano, Michelle Tomlinson, Sara Stacey, all DO'87
2. Megan Reilly, Chetan Amin, Robin Figliola, Sapna Jain-Bhalodia, Geeta Kumar, Sonia Deora-Bhens, all DO'97
3. BACK: Tricia Morino DO'06, Christina Fitch DO'06, Ayana Siebles DO'06, Andrea Tochev DO'06, Brian Kloss DO'08, Marco Funciello DO'06, Athena Theodosatos DO'06, Mary Beth Salmonsens DO'06, Mini Mathew DO'06
FRONT: Ime Essien Lewis DO'06, Carol Penn DO'07, Lesley Lewis DO'06, Tracy Levy DO'06, Ralynne Maitland DO'06, Jill Farmer DO'06, Soraya Kernizan DO'06
4. BACK: Thomas Janus DO'81, Neil Mitnick DO'81, Martin Scott DO'81, Robert Werner DO'81
FRONT: Philippe Desplat DO'81, Ellen Waldman, Peter Waldman DO'81

Bad Rabbi

STEVE LEVINE

Levine book

Writing for fun as well as work, **Steve Levine '87, M'07** finished his first book. Note, p. 45.

mobile sports-themed entertainment company, which has begun offering franchises throughout the U.S. (pharamafusion360.com and ownafunfieldz.com). Jonathan and his wife, **Melissa Garrison Retano '99**, live in East Norriton Township, Pa.



Vicki VanArsdale '94 earned a master's

degree in health communication and a graduate certificate in visual and digital health communication at Boston University in May. She works in marketing communications at the National Association for Home Care & Hospice in Washington, D.C.

Lynn Orrick Shute '95 and her husband have two children. One of them is **Cody Shute '22**.

Linda Rogers Lehman '97 has been a counselor for 15 years at the Center for Family Services, Inc.

Alumni Board Members lead with experience and excitement

The Rowan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is an advisory board made up of 34 alumni volunteer leaders with varying backgrounds and experiences. The mission of the board is to inspire pride and engagement throughout the alumni community. As ambassadors for the University, Board members volunteer their time and energy to enhance the Rowan alumni experience and build an alumni network that will support Rowan students and graduates in the years to come.

The newest president of the Rowan University Alumni Association Board of Directors is Suzanne Smalley Beers '02. Suzanne follows in the footsteps of Tobias Bruhn '98, M '99, Ed.D. '16 who served as the president from 2015-2017.

Suzanne graduated from Rowan University in 2002 with a dual bachelor of arts degree in communication, specializing in public relations, and music. Graduating Magna Cum Laude, Suzanne was involved with Rowan Radio 89.7 WGLS-FM and the Public Relations Student Society of America. She was also a member of the percussion and wind ensembles as well as the concert band.

With 10 years of progressive experience across a wide range of development functions, she currently serves as the director of development for Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. "As a fundraiser, I understand the amazing opportunity the board has to build relationships with our alumni," said Suzanne. "Meaningful relationships are the foundation to success for the University."

Suzanne's broad goals for her presidency include communication, education and involvement. And she is especially excited about the potential of growing the relationship between alumni and their specific school or college. "By better connecting alumni to their schools and colleges we can create more opportunities for engagement," she said. "Alumni can give back by connecting with current students and sharing their experience and talents."

Tobias also serves on the executive committee in the past president role. Professionally Tobias is the vice president of advancement and executive director of foundation & alumni relations at Bucks



Alumni executive board members dropped in at the Houshmand's Hazardous Hot Sauce Cook-Off in January. From left: Melanie Burney, Suzanne Smalley Beers, Michael Coletta, Tobi Bruhn, Joe Akinskas, Adam Woohull and Angelo Pinti.

County Community College. "My two years as president were filled with many fond memories," Tobias noted. "From Homecoming weekend to ribbon cuttings marking the continued expansion of our great University, to Commencement week which allowed me the opportunity to congratulate each and every graduate and welcome them to our alumni family—the innovation and growth at Rowan has been amazing to witness."

Additional members of the Board of Directors executive committee include Joe Akinskas '70, M'73, vice president of events & programming; Melanie Burney '84, vice president of communication; and Angelo Pinti '05, vice president of committees and membership. With careers in music education, journalism and wealth management respectively, their unique perspectives provide direction to the overall Alumni Board. The three have 15 years of combined service to the Alumni Board.

The Alumni Board also welcomed four new members this summer with the addition of Michael Coletta '12, M.D.'16, Daniel Errera '12, Jon Vogel '11 and Adam Woodhull '03. "My short time with the Alumni Board has opened my eyes to the incredible things being done by the students and faculty of Rowan University, both locally and throughout the region," said Adam.

Suzanne echoes Adam's sentiments, "Being a part of our growing, changing, expanding and exciting University is the best part of being involved in the work of the Alumni Board."

Members play an active role in guiding the efforts and initiatives of the Office of Alumni Engagement and serve as Rowan University ambassadors throughout the region and nationally. Those interested in getting involved in the work of the board should submit an application online at alumni.rowan.edu/boardapplication.

Paula Lucas '97 has two sons, **Peter Raftery '12** and **Michael Ross Raftery '22**.

Cynthia Fair Thompson '97 was named the 2016 Gloucester County School Counselor of the Year.



Angela McKinsey Brown '98 was recognized as one of the 25 most influential African Americans in New Jersey by the *South Jersey Journal*. Angela heads Loving Our Cities, the community engagement arm of Perfecting Ministries in Atco where she mobilizes people and partners in service of its mission to enhance the quality of life where

people live, work, serve and worship. Previously, she established and led OmniMedia Consulting, a public relations firm and served as director of marketing and public affairs for a leading nonprofit. She serves on the Winslow Township Community & Economic Development Council, the Philadelphia Mayor's Commission on Aging and the Urban Affairs Coalition's Community & Economic Development Committee.

Cheryl Williams Henley '98 celebrated her 25-year anniversary with the Philadelphia Eagles. A GSC cheerleader captain, she was an Eagles cheerleader for nine years and in 2000 was the first

woman of color to represent the Eagles in the Pro Bowl. She represented the Eagles on an All-Star team of six women from NFL teams in Japan in 1999. She is a concierge supervisor in the Panasonic West Lower Suites at Lincoln Field. Photo, p. 42.

Dolly Guzman '99 has started a consulting firm after 21 years as an elementary teacher. She works with Spanish-speaking parents and students and also consults fellow educators on current educational practices to meet those students' academic, behavioral and social/emotional needs.

Ryan Hughes '99 and his wife, Kelly, announce the July 28 birth of Benjamin, whose middle name is Fritz in honor of longtime GSC/Rowan coach, Bill Fritz. Ryan is in his 14th year as head cross-country /track coach at Rowan College at Gloucester County. Photo, page 59.

to teach at the new Dominican Institute.

Thomas Kline '03 and his wife, **Lori Soldano Kline '04**, celebrated 10 years of marriage.



Liv Nielsen Carter '04 works in the South Jersey Middle Market Banking Group at Wells Fargo. She develops new business for the bank, focusing on companies generating from \$30 million to \$1 billion in revenue.

Yolanda Jimenez Colon '04, who leads Latino relations for Gateway Health's community engagement and growth department, was named one of the Delaware Valley's Most Influential Latinos for 2017. As a community relations leader, Jimenez Colón provides outreach to the Hispanic areas of the Delaware Valley, helping to educate community members about the importance of preventive healthcare and available healthcare services. In addition to supporting communities in the Delaware Valley, Jimenez-Colón also acts as Gateway's bilingual communications liaison in Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Delaware and Pennsylvania. She also serves on the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging Latino Advisory Committee, the American Heart Association's Multicultural Leadership Committee, Latino Golden Age Committee and Congreso's Neighborhood Advisory Committee. Photo, p. 56.



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Natalie Wethey Jewell '01 works on productions at the Ritz Theatre in Haddon Township but stays home during the day to raise her four children.

Kevin Montgomery '01 and his wife, Allison, announce the October birth of Stephen. Photo, page 59.

Joseph Wetterling '01 is an instructional designer at Temple University Health System. He was one of seven professors selected

Scholars and sponsors

The annual Scholarship Reception & Dinner provided an opportunity for donors with endowed scholarships to meet their new scholarship recipients.

1. Maureen Perkins, Marissa Ciocco, John Caltabiano, Dorothy Wilson Harris '62
2. Megan Jacobi, Tony Galvin '89
3. Sarah Knapp '17, Dr. Antoinette Libro '60, M'67
4. Lois Miller, Teresa Balliro Casazza '62, Louis Casazza '65, M'68

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Kevin Buttari '16

Edward McGerty '96

Dylan DeSimine '16

Drew Mueller '17

Grace Dollarton '16

Jason Kellum '17

Ric Edevane '89

Dana Pasqualone '11

Michael Gibboni '10

John Peters III '15

Cheryl Williams Henley '98

Michael A. F. Raiker '99

Melissa Knott '85

Stephen Romanchik '15

Sean Kucenski '07

Richard Schuh '16

Dennis Gerber '04 is president and CEO of Catholic Charitable Fund, a faith-based, donor-advised organization based in New York City. The fund provides donors with cost-effective and tax-advantageous strategies to further their giving while ensuring that their assets are managed consistent with Church teaching and disbursed in accordance with Catholic moral guidelines.

Jessica Pingitore Lockwood '04 (Sigma Sigma Sigma) and her husband, Paul Lockwood, announce the Nov. 13 birth of Vivian.

Walter Olt '04 is one of 10 Rowan graduates employed at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Lakehurst in science, engineering and business positions. The facility is responsible for maintaining fleet support and infusing modern technology across the entire spectrum of equipment needed to launch, land and maintain air-

craft from ships at sea. Photo, this page.

Ameer E. Hassan DO'05 has a breakthrough article in the January 2018 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* titled "Thrombectomy 6 to 24 Hours after Stroke with a Mismatch between Deficit and Infarct." Dr. Hassan is a dual board-certified neurologist who specializes in stroke, neuro critical care and endovascular surgical neuroradiology. He is head of the neuroscience department and an associate professor of neurology and radiology at the University of Texas School of Health Sciences. He is also director of endovascular surgical neuroradiology and clinical neuroscience research at Valley Baptist Brain and Spine Network, Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas.

Becky Norton Woods '05 is the sales and marketing manager for Hard Rock Cafe in Atlantic City. It is scheduled to open in May. Becky and her husband,



PROF Academy

Athletics alumni gathered at the closing ceremony of the inaugural PROF Academy, a special program aimed at enhancing overall well-being, mental health practices and professional development among 40 senior student-athletes. Chrissy Buteas '04, president and CEO of the Home Care & Hospice Association of New Jersey, served as the keynote speaker for the event.

Farid Syed '08, Christine Buteas '04, Craig Rawles '09, Karlee Henderson '15, Rebecca Dantonio '17, Morgan Mende '15

Dale Woods, have been married for three years. They live in Brigantine.

Amanda Eby Hahn '06 married **Greg Hahn '06** in July. **Lou LaCugna '06** officiated. Photo, p. 53.



Zachary Hayworth '06 is a master's degree candidate at Duke University.

Daniel Cooley DO'07 is chairperson of the osteopathic manipulative medicine department in the NeuroMusculoskeletal Institute at SOM.

Ashley Kalena '07 manages strategy and content production for YouTube at National Geographic.

Thomas P. Kelly III '07 works for Edmund Optics, which recruits Rowan grads and gives STEM presentations. He has been married for two years and has a daughter.

Elyse Kozlowski '07 earned a Ph.D. in genetics at Boston University and moved to Washington, D.C.

Daniel Marks '07, M'12 has a daughter, **Caitlin Marks '18**, who is the Rowan cheer captain.

Amber Titherington O'Conne M'07 is an instructor in the Rowan Early Childhood Demonstration Center.



Rowan grads on duty at Lakehurst

Among the science, engineering and business professionals serving at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division are **William J. Pappas '17**, **Ric-Rey Vergara '17**, **Melissa Cirner '13**, **Brett Jacobs '12**, **Todd Tornari '09**, **Xavier Rose '08**, **Eric Skibbe '05**, **Dana Kaminsky '05**, **Danielle Baldwin '04** and **Walter Olt '04** (see note, above).



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Weddings

1. Rosie Braude Esposito '08, M'09 and Gregory Esposito M'10, D'12; note, p. 54.
2. Samantha Wharton Robertson '16 and James Robertson '16; note, p. 60.
3. Renee Marchand Wagner '10 and Ryan Wagner '09; note, p. 56.
4. Amanda Eby Hahn '06 and Greg Hahn '06 with officiant Lou LaCugna '06; note, p. 52.
5. Patricia Quigley '78, M'03 and Brian Ayscue '70; note, p. 44.
6. Dana Bender Singh '09 and Karna Singh; note, p. 56.
7. Caitlin Berry Fagan '12 and Richard Fagan '13; note, p. 57.
8. Deborah Dunn Cendo '13 and Daniel Cendo '13; note, p. 58.
9. Adam Requa '12 and Christina Vogt Requa '12; note, p. 58.



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Barrymores honor Rowan thespians

Alex Stawski '16 and Nick Ware '16 (left photo) and Dane Eissler '14 (right); were among several Rowan grads honored by the prestigious Barrymore Awards for achievement in Philadelphia area theatre in October. They were part of theatre professor Lane Savadove's EgoPo Classic Theatre production of Chekhov's "The Seagull," which included assistant director Katie Kiessling '16 and stage manager Lauren Ackermann '16. Among the theatre's three wins (of 11 nominations) was the award for Outstanding Overall Production of a Play. EgoPo regularly invites Rowan students and alumni to work with the professional company on stage and behind the scenes.

She also supervises clinical practice candidates and will teach courses in the early childhood education department. She completed a graduate early childhood education program at Montclair University and is a certified preschool through third grade teacher and taught preschool for 11 years.

Melissa Tonna '07 is a professional makeup artist for weddings and special events throughout New Jersey.

Rosie Braude Esposito '08, M'09 and Gregory Esposito M'10, D'12 married on July 29 at Abington Art Center in Jenkintown, Pa. The wedding party included

Susie Mariduena Barrett '08; Nicolas Esposito '05; Cindy Lewandowski Finer '08, M'13; Sarah Braude McGovern '03; Amy Ovsiew Recine '08 and Lindsay Taylor '07, M'09. Patrice Leonetti '86 is mother of the groom and Lynda Leonetti '74 was a reader during the ceremony. Rosie is an assistant director of media and PR at Rowan and Greg is a school psychologist in Clayton Public Schools. Photo, p. 53.

Matthew "Gio" Giannotti '08 earned a master's degree in music composition at NYU and is working on a doctorate in the same subject at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. One of his compositions was performed at the

Queens Gallery in Buckingham Palace and another at St. Martin-in-the Fields and at Westminster Abbey. Matthew credits professors John Pastin and Harold Oliver with providing him with the skills to develop as a composer. His music has been performed in U.S. and European venues, and he was composer in residence with the NYU Symphony Orchestra and the Rowan Symphony Orchestra. In 2015, he won the Emre Aracı Composition Prize at the University of Edinburgh.

Alexander Habib '08 is the regional public affairs leader for Johnson & Johnson's consumer business, where he manages public policy communications,

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1. Alyce Parker '74, Linda Kowalski Burgin '91
2. Debra Kain '77, Richard Kell '74, Susan Kell '77
3. Joe Walsh '01, Keith Jacobson '00, Michael Connallon '00
4. Arlene Gaona '80, Sean Hartmann, Daniel Litevsky '89, Debra Martin '76
5. BACK: Devv Newman, Jaclyn Schaffer '14, April Newman '95
FRONT: Terry Halter '68, Joan Halter '67

6. Brian Eachus '15, Dana Baglivo '15, Brian Weiss '15, Jennifer Bitz '16
7. Erin Colling '97, Jennifer Anderson '94
8. Mark Milan '90, Nicholas Trent '88, Bill Vierbuchen '87
9. BACK: Alfred Cacnio, Chris Mueller '03, Atlerik Wilburn
FRONT: Ramona Tribbett '00, Larry Blake '00, Wilhelmina Tribbett '91, Syreeta Primas '99, M'02
10. Lois Halleck, David Halleck '74



Leading Latinos

Yolanda Jimenez Colon '04 earned recognition as one of the Delaware Valley's Most Influential Latinos for 2017, note p. 52.

stakeholder engagements, and lead advocacy efforts on business critical issues throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Crystal Olivero Hackett '09 and **Keith Hackett '06** announce the August 23 birth of Colin. Photo, p. 59.



Nicole Cosgrove Newgas '09

is a travel agent specializing in Disney Destinations for Key to the World Travel, an authorized Disney vacation planner. Previously, she worked in the nuclear power field for a few years. She and her husband, **Michael Newgas '08**, have two children.

Dana Bender Singh '09 married Karna Singh in September. She will be presenting for the fourth time at the National Wellness Conference in June in Saint Paul, Minn. Photo, p. 53.

10s

Jason Kreyling '10 and his wife, Bryanna, announce the Oct. 9 birth of Colette. Photo, p. 59.

David Lester '10, a show programmer with Walt Disney Imagineering, was part of a four-person team whose entry, "Avatar Flight of Passage" took top honors in the

Visual Effects Society's 16th annual awards program in the Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project category. The entry was one of only five nominated. "Avatar Flight of Passage" was also nominated for Animated Effects in an Animated Production in the 45th Annie Awards, where it competed against "Cars 3," "Coco," and "Despicable Me 3." The nomination was significant because it's unusual for a project like the Disney attraction to compete against feature films.

Jaclynne Nimon '10 and **Steven Huster '10** got engaged in May.

Renee Marchand Wagner '10 and **Ryan Wagner '09** were married in April at Clarks Landing Yacht Club in Point Pleasant. Photo, p. 53.

Lisa Benedetti '11 works at the Larc School, a non-profit special education facility in Bellmawr. She is engaged and plans to marry in October.

Samantha Tsang Butler '11 (Theta Phi Alpha) married **Andrew Butler '11** (Tau Kappa Epsilon) in April in Tinton Falls.



Jeanine Chiaffarano DO'11 is a board

certified cytopathologist at Rowan SOM and



Ten years for Class of 2007

After the Homecoming game, the Alumni Association celebrated the Class of 2007 by hosting a reunion reception at Chickie's & Pete's on Rowan Boulevard.

1. Katie Pusz '07, Kristie Quigley Brown '07, Julie Allen Hofacker '05, Allison Graf Burns '05
2. Chelsea DiCarlo '07, Ashley Kalena '07, Elyse Kozlowski '07
3. Chris Corozza '07, Ian Rezi
4. BACK: Jeremy Burke, Amanda Del Cora '07
FRONT: Wayne Scott '07, Andy Shingle, Joe Colon '07

Kennedy Health System in Cherry Hill.

Gabriel Lerman DO'11 is an associate professor of clinical medicine at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Adam R. Necelis '11 is a supervisor in Belfint,

Lyons & Shuman CPA's tax & small business department. He provides tax planning and compliance services to individuals and small businesses and specializes in state and local tax issues. He is a member of the PrimeGlobal State and Local Tax Special Interest Group. He lives in Wilmington, Del., one of the firm's locations.

Casey Roselle Roth '11 bought her first house with her husband.

Jaynine Vado DO'11 is board certified in internal medicine and hospice/palliative medicine.

Eric Carr '12 is in the percussion section of "The Commandant's Own," The United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, stationed in Washington, D.C.

Caitlin Berry Fagan '12 and **Richard Fagan '13** were married in September at Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant. Richard is on active duty with the Marine Corps and Caitlin works in a regional school district. They live in California. Photo, p. 53.

Brighid Burgin Hoempler '12 presented a paper titled "STEM Warriors:

Leveraging the Resiliency of Military Spouses" at the Society of Women Engineers' annual conference in Austin, Texas, in October. Her presentation noted that military wives have strong resiliency skills but need support during deployment and

in overcoming harmful stereotypes. She also outlined the advantages businesses would gain by hiring military spouses, a community facing uniquely high unemployment rates. The conference drew 12,000 attendees and is the world's largest event for

organizations, individuals and supporters of women in engineering. Hoempler is a technical advisor for commercial vehicle lubricants at ExxonMobil Products Technology in Spring, Texas.

Erika Knorr '12 is working in Pittsgrove Twp. as a kindergarten teacher.



Women's Soccer Alumni Night

Women's Soccer alumni returned to campus in September for a pregame reception and to watch the PROfs take on William Paterson University.

BACK: Stephanie Allocco '01, Jessica Surovick Long '00, Jennifer Mueller Kociuba '00, Maxine New '17, Danielle Macey '16, Lisa Cella '17, Maria Dorris '13, Alicia Kavlanas '12, Sarah McCourt Adachi '00, Shay Adachi, Carolyn Beismann Sherman '02. FRONT: Aubrey Long, Megan Carchidi '17, Kristina Fragoso Martorana '13, Diane Brownell Bonanno '00, Lexi Bonanno, Rebecca Davis McGowan '05, Nikki Gambino Graham '02



Baseball Alumni Game

Baseball alumni returned to campus in October for the team's annual alumni game.

1. Marc Magliaro '13, Ryan Kulik '14, Ryan Pavlik '17, Mike Rucci '05, Rob Grilli '17, Brad Machinsk '17, Casey Grimes '15, Evan Hughes '16, Greg Myers '16, Corey Feigenbaum '16
2. Coaches Mike Rucci '05, Mike Dickson '02, Ryan Kulik '14

Adam Requa '12 and **Christina Vogt Requa '12** married in May. Photo, p. 53.

Deborah Dunn Cendo '13 and **Daniel Cendo '13** married in October 2016. They met in Rowan's chemical engineering program. Photo, p. 53.

Waldy Diez '13 is a reporter for *The Press of Atlantic City*. Previously, she worked for a TV station in New York state. She lives in Hammonton. Editor's Note: In the last issue, we referred to Waldy as he rather than she. We regret the mixup.

Julia England '13, M'17 was named Teacher of the Year at Westampton Middle School. England teaches special education and is also student council adviser.

Nicole Leach '13 was named Teacher of the Year at the Broad Street Elementary School in Greenwich Township. Leach, who teaches fifth grade, joined the school district in 2013 and has taught at the Broad Street school since 2016.

Michele Applegate '14 is a student services generalist at Rowan College at Burlington County, help-

ing new students transition to college.

Justin Berkowitz DO'14 will begin a critical care fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in July after completing an emergency medicine residency at SUNY-Downstate/Kings County Hospital in New York City.

Magdala Chery DO'14, an assistant professor of medicine at SOM, was selected as a 2018 Fellow of the New Jersey chapter of the New Leaders Council. The council trains and supports those who are leading industries and build-

ing institutions for a robust civic and political life in a global America.

Diana DiNapoli '14 works at the Edelman public relations agency.

Caitlin Farley '14 teaches at the Strathmore Elementary School in Aberdeen.

Paula Lonney '14 is a sales representative for Sherwin-Williams. She looks forward to her daughter attending Rowan.

Adrienne Novak '14 is a financial controller at JPMorgan Chase in Newark, Del.



Beach fun at Bar-A

The Alumni Association's annual Rowan Reunion at Bar-A drew more than 500 Profs to Lake Como, including members of the Class of 2012 who celebrated their five-year reunion!

1. Nadia Abdalla, Alison Sasso '14, Jacqueline Hader '14
2. Gregory Scillitani, Hugo Riveros '15, Jason Vergara '15
3. Lindsey Russo '14, Kaitlyn Borowski '14, Dana Lefkowitz '14, Rachel Degraw '14
4. BACK: Joseph Quinn '12, Jessica Howery '12, Matt Ganz '12, Brian Hirt '12, Caitlin McGarrity '12, Melissa Deickmann '12, Joe Horn '12, Caitlin Fagan Berry '12, Kara Ohlson '12
MIDDLE: Cara Rothenberg '12, Gabrielle Gelchion '12, Jamie Sivertsen '12, Michael D'Esposito '12 FRONT: Salvatore Bua '12
5. BACK: Antoinette Leo Maccherone '76, Donna Meyer Milley '81, Madeline Russo '78, Barbara Arnesen Schetter '80, Christina Quatrano '80, Patricia Jennings Weber '78, Donna Rathsmith Degnan FRONT: Marie Gregorie Canonico '76, Robin Claypool MacDade '76, Barbara Leobold von dem Hagen '76, Marianne Glynn '78, Lynn Shenloogian '77, Kathleen Stiefbold VanBenschoten '78, Janet Perry Swierc, Donna Panto May '79





Babies

1. Colin, son of **Crystal Olivero Hackett '09** and **Keith Hackett '06**; note, p. 56.
2. Benjamin, son of **Ryan Hughes '99** and wife Kelly; note, p. 50.
3. Stephen, son of **Kevin Montgomery '01** and wife Emily; note, p. 50.
4. Colette, daughter of **Jason Kreyling '10** and wife Bryanna; note, p. 56.

Bilal Rice '14 was one of 13 young professional's featured in Billy Penn's "Who's Next" feature, which recognized Philadelphians shaping the city's political future. Rice is deputy finance director for U.S. Sen. Bob Casey.

Ashley Collier Smart '14 has begun working on a Ph.D. in marine ecology at the University of California, Davis, where she is a National Science Foundation graduate research fellow, which gives her three years of graduate research support. She worked for two years at the marine ecology lab at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, Md. She credits her research

experience at SERC with Rowan's Michael Grove and Courtney Richmond with helping her to obtain that position.

Megan Walsh Yanefski '14, who earned a master's degree in library and information science at Drexel University, is the librarian at the Deptford Free Public Library. She and her husband, **Peter Yanefski '15**, met at Rowan.

Andrew Scipione '15 is a senior audit associate at BDO, an accounting firm in Philadelphia.

Laura Ferguson '15 is in her second year of teaching in Logan Township. Previously, she taught middle school social studies in Cranford. She lives in Glassboro.

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Fashion forward

Bionic model **Rebekah Marine '09** keeps leading progress for the differently-abled community, this time modeling and helping promote Tommy Hilfiger's adaptive fashion, featuring magnetic closures and one-handed zippers.

Emily Kofman '15 is assistant director of student activities at West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

Erin Callahan '16 teaches fourth grade in Baltimore County, Md.

James Case '16 is a mechanical engineer at the Department of Defense in Philadelphia and is enrolled in Rowan's MBA program

Paul Dortona '16 will graduate from Saint Joseph's University in May with a master's degree in biology and plans to attend veterinary school in the fall.

April Gumburdella '16 is a Rutgers Law School student.

Steve Mitropoulos '16 was the 2017 National Physique Committee

Collegiate Bodybuilding Overall Winner in July.

Samantha Wharton Robertson '16 and **James Robertson '16** married in September. Photo, p. 53.

Christopher L. Waldron '16 works at AXA, a financial services firm in Secaucus.

Eva Buggy '17 is working on a master's degree in social work at Rutgers University.

Kevin Jacome '17 is a student at the School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Victoria Kuhnel '17 is in a forensic science master's degree program at Drexel University.

Allison Randall '17 is an ABA therapist, working with autistic children and others with developmental issues at Sunny Days in Manalapan.



Manuel Rodriguez '17 is a staff

accountant

at Wheeler Wolfenden and Dwares, CPAs in Wilmington, Del. The firm offers a broad range of tax, accounting and advisory services to individuals, businesses and nonprofits.

Holly Vanderbergh '17 completed a three-month occupational therapy internship in Australia.

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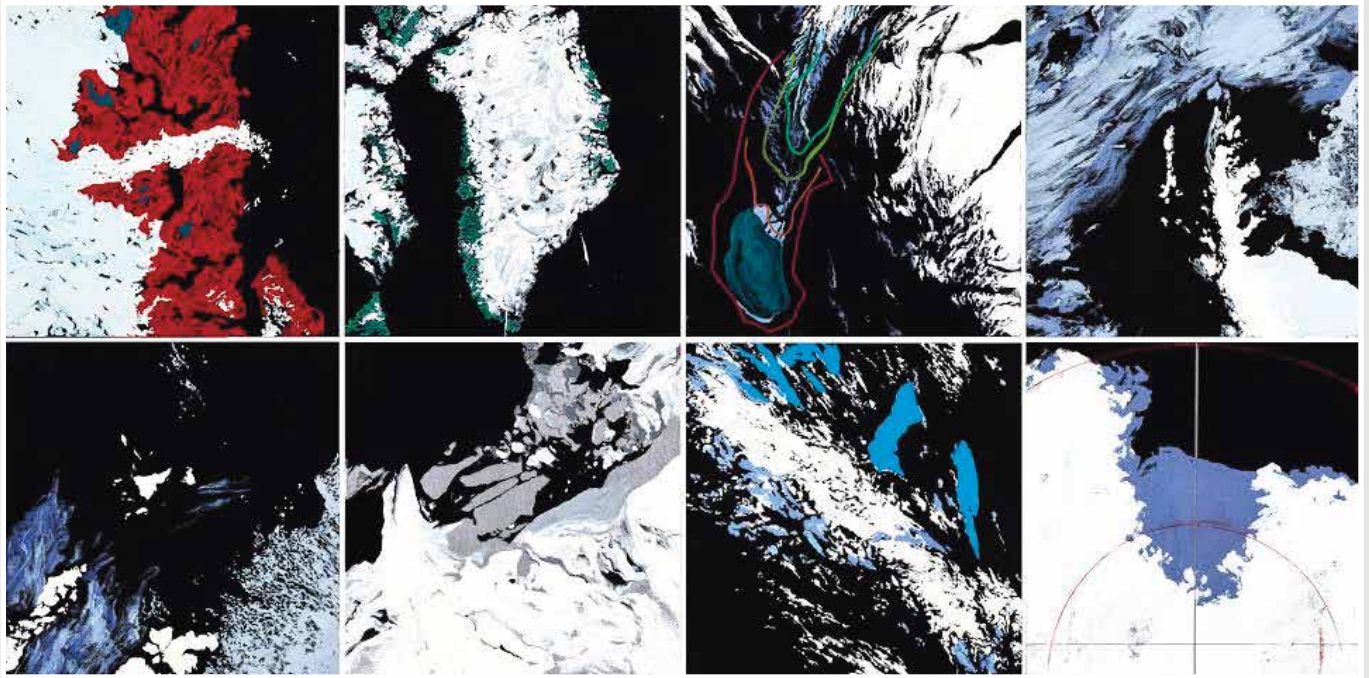
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Andy McLaughlin '91, M'94



A proud Rowan alumnus and one of the Alumni Association's longest tenured Alumni Board members, Andy McLaughlin '91, M'94 selflessly served his local and professional communities as well as the individuals he worked so closely with.

Andy, 48, passed away suddenly on Nov. 15 while on business in Hawaii. He leaves behind his loving wife, Doris '93, and sons, Alex and Ryan. A two-time graduate of Rowan University, he used his communications and public relations background to found PaperClip Communications, a specialty information company that provides online and printed resources for higher education and K-12 administrators. Under Andy's leadership, the company continually grew, including an acquisition of The Parent Institute in 2016. As CEO of PaperClip Communications, he spoke at more than 300 colleges—working directly with students and administrators to address issues such as leadership, training and campus programming.

Since 1999 Andy served on the board of directors of the Specialized Information Publishers Association (SIPA). During his time on the board, he chaired multiple committees and served as president from 2011-12. He also served on the board of directors at Connectiv, the Business Information Association, and volunteered as a court appointed special advocate (CASA), Essex County Judiciary.

In 2012, Andy joined the Rowan University Alumni Association's Board of Directors and provided valuable insight to the alumni engagement staff as they expanded student philanthropy initiatives. A regular volunteer at Homecoming and regional events in North Jersey, Andy also returned to campus to give advice to current students.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Andy's name to the Rowan University Foundation, giving.rufoundation.org or Essex County CASA, www.casaforchildren.org.

Remembrances

Fond eulogies of campus friends offered by AFT colleagues

Donald Gephardt *Dean, Fine & Performing Arts*

Don served as dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts for 19 years, from 1990 until 2007. He was interim provost for two years, from 1994 to 1995, and remained a professor in the department of music until his retirement in 2009.

He was a clarinetist as well as an educator and performed with the Lyric Wind Quintet. He was president of the International Conference of Arts Deans and led the development of K-12 standards for integration of arts education in schools.

He is survived by his wife, Zenaida Otero Gephardt, a professor in the department of chemical engineering, and her two daughters; daughter, Lisa Sheerin (Bill), son Frank (Ann-Marie), brother Dick (Jane), and several grandchildren.

A celebration of Don's life was held Oct. 22 at Chandler Funeral Home, Wilmington, Del.

The family requests donations to The Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement, by mail to Tammy Cavarretta, director of development for university initiatives, Campus Box 1060, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63130-4899, or at gephardt@wustl.edu.

Estelle Brown *Reading Professor*

Estelle Julia Brown, 84, (nee Woodland), died Aug. 24. A Glassboro native, she also lived in Atco and more recently in Philadelphia. She was a member of Local 2373 as well as the AFT Retirees Chapter.

A faculty member of the reading and speech correction department, she taught reading and the use of technology in literacy from 1962 to 1992, when she retired.

Estelle held a B.S. and M.A. from Glassboro State College and an Ed.D. from Temple University.

Following her retirement, Estelle traveled with colleagues to Guatemala in support of literacy through the Nassau Reading Council's Guatemala Literary Project, going there twice annually to facilitate train-the-teacher events. She was honored by the council in 2016 at a special ceremony.

Dr. Brown also taught at Bethune-Cookman University, an historically black college in Daytona, Fla. She played the piano and organ at Mt. Zion Baptist Church for some 20 years.

Predeceased by her husband, Blair, Estelle leaves behind a loving extended family of nephews and nieces and their spouses and many other family members.

A service was held at the McGuinness Funeral Home, with interment at Gates of Heaven Cemetery, Mount Royal.

Donations in Dr. Brown's name may be made to the Nassau Reading Council, 174 Nassau Blvd., West Hempstead, NY 11552.

Lawrence Gurst *Elementary Education*

Lawrence Gurst, 86, of Cherry Hill, died Dec. 23.

He was a member of the elementary education department at then-Glassboro State College from 1966 to 1993, when he retired.

Lawrence held an M.A. and M.Ed. from Temple University.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; his son, David (Andrea) and their two children; and his brother, Allen (Marlene).

Funeral services were held Dec. 29 at Platt Memorial Chapels Inc. of Cherry Hill.

Contributions in his name may be made to the Animal Welfare Association at www.awanj.org.

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Connecting, then and now

By Anthony Marino '02, M'03

Anthony Marino is a systems engineering manager at Lockheed Martin in Moorestown. He leads engineers in the development of AEGIS Ballistic Missile Defense System and other projects. He lives in Glassboro, where he has served on the school board. He returns often to Rowan as a mentor and volunteer to promote STEM education.

It's fair to say that, when it comes to figuring out my career, I've needed some help connecting the dots. They were always there, but sometimes I didn't see them or see where they could lead. Thanks to my family and Rowan, I've made the connections and I'm proud to be able to help the next generation do the same.

When I was a kid, my dad had an electronics repair shop in our basement. My grandfather was an engineer. I was good at math and I had good models in my family of how a knack for engineering could develop into a career. But I didn't have a long-term plan or expectations to motivate me. I was a good student and planned to go to college, but as a commuter student of average means, I had few options: community college, that engineering school across the river and Rowan.

I confess: I was apathetic about Rowan.

Its new engineering program hadn't earned the accreditation, national rankings and research status that we're so proud of today. I was just hoping to earn a degree so I could land a decent job. So I took the leap of faith and found that this was not going to be as easy as high school.

With a crippling self-awareness of the challenge I faced, it took a few semesters for everything to click. (My dear wife, Dana, can attest to my stress during my first several semesters—Sorry, my love.)

I forged friendships with Pat, Mark, PJ and many others to find our way through the early struggles. Professors like

Dr. Mandayam, Dr. Schmalzel and Dr. Krchnavek were able to see our potential before we could. They created a family-like environment and challenged us because they knew we were capable. Their belief in me enabled my success and visiting them today is like a warm welcome home. The engineering program is bigger than ever now, but it has the same positive culture.

By my senior year, I learned I'd have the opportunity to do sponsored research as a graduate student. I hadn't expected my Rowan journey to lead to work I'd be passionate about. But we're all colored by those moments when everything becomes clear—when we can connect the dots. Rowan provided those moments for me, powerful moments. As a two-time Rowan grad, now I count myself among the many who are #RowanPROUD.

Nearly 20 years after those days when my professors worked to keep me in line, found me tutors and encouraged me when things were difficult, I proudly sat with my wife and son awaiting the ribbon cutting ceremony for Engineering Hall. One after another, distinguished speakers lauded our great University's achievements. I found myself transported back to my freshman year in 1998 when I chose Rowan without passion or inspiration or any idea of how that choice would change my life.

Now I choose to be an alumni ambassador and I'm excited to help cultivate the next generation of students who are developing in our talent pipeline, even though they may not see their potential yet. I am proud to share these Rowan moments with my family and to share my Rowan story with anyone willing to listen.

Rowan helped mold who I am today. I am not positioned financially to lend my name to a building but I am fortunate to give back in other ways. And I've learned I'm not the only one grateful to Rowan for helping make connections, then and now. ■





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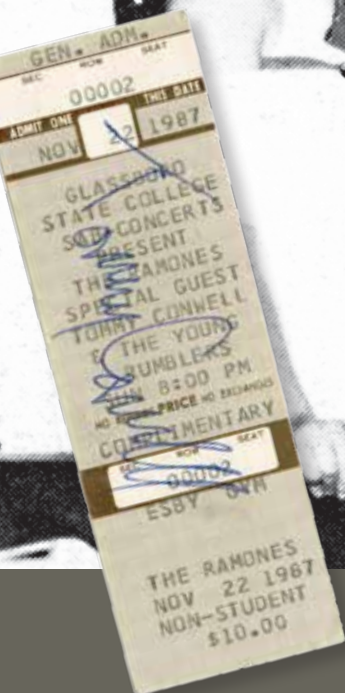
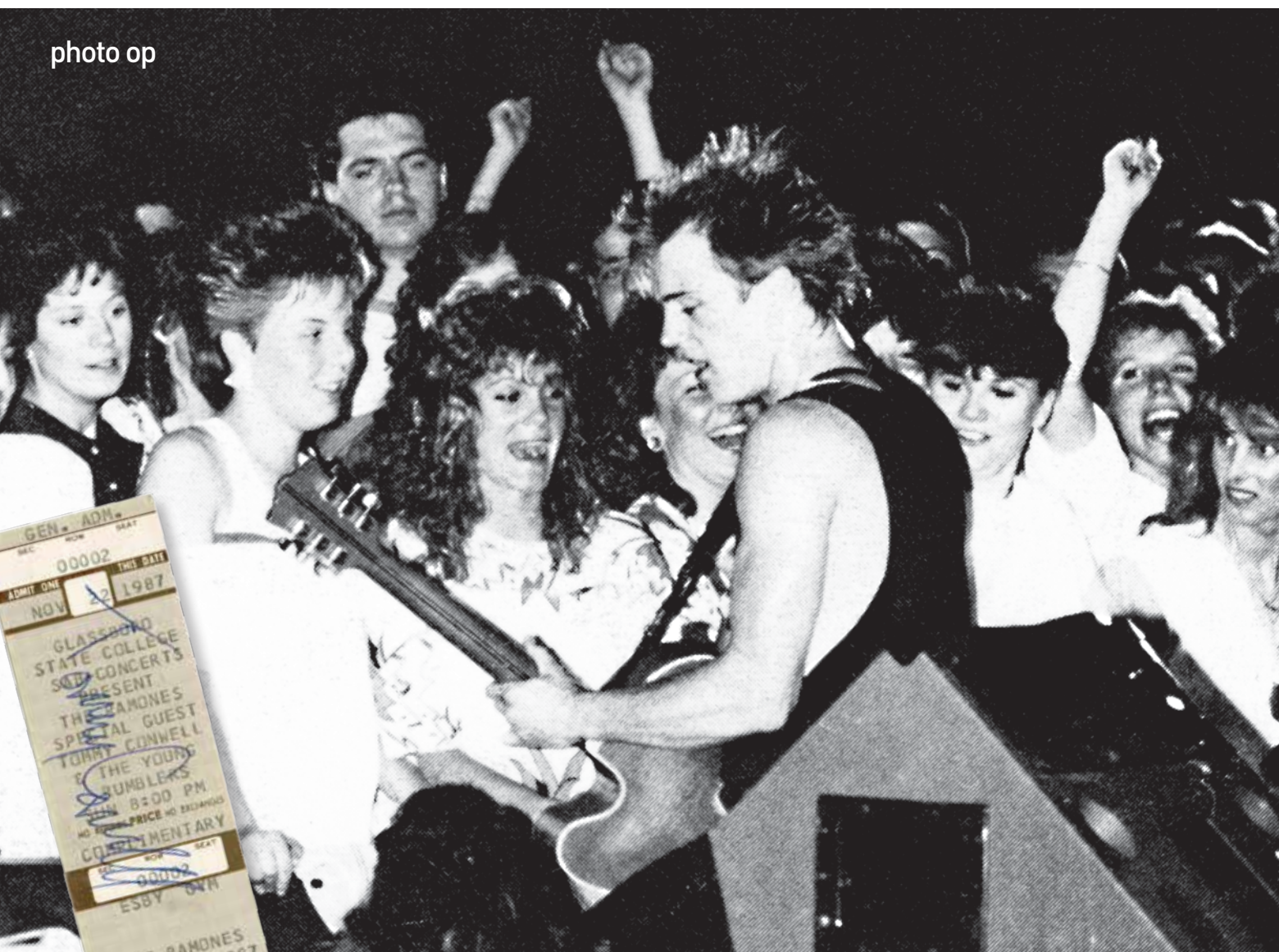
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Who didn't rock Esby in '87?

We have photos, posters, tickets and memories, but they don't add up: For Festival '87, the Student Activities Board booked The Ramones for a return to campus (after their '82 visit), with Tommy Conwell and the Young Rumlbers.

The '88 yearbook shows a poster

promoting The Ramones but also says that Conwell's band put on a show-and-a-half in Esby, filling in for the double-bill no-show, The Smithereens.

So who rocked Esby on Nov. 22, 1987? All we know is that Tommy Conwell fans got their fill. Did the '88 *Oak* get The Ramones and

The Smithereens mixed up? The yearbook reported, "From the first song to their last, the crowd went wild...The Young Rumlbers had to pull out all the stops and perform longer than expected."

Who didn't show? Smithereens? Ramones? Tell us what you remember: editor@rowan.edu