





Dear Friends,

Just a few days before the magazine deadline, we received tremendous news: the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation committed \$15 million to endow the College of Engineering. With such a significant story to tell, we revised this issue to add coverage of this generous gift that benefits our engineering program and the entire Rowan community.

Please see the article that begins on p. 18 for details. The reverse side of this cover and p. 2 share some greetings from alumni and friends that we received upon the announcement. This is another proud moment for everyone associated with the University.

I trust you will join me in committing to honor the Rowans' great confidence in us and their transformative investment in education.

Best regards,

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Ali A. Houshmand President

PS: The attached snapshot is from Mr. Rowan's visit to campus last fall: Mr. Rowan with (from left) professors Eric Constans, T.R. Chandrupatla, myself, chemical engineering major Gina Tierno '15 and Dean Tony Lowman.

Thank you, wan:

When the University announced the most recent Rowan Family Foundation gift, alumni and friends sent notes of appreciation. Here are a few (see more on p. 2):

What a tremendous endowment to Rowan University—thank you, Rowan family. The contributions the Rowan family continues to make further enhance the reputation of the University and enhance our pride.

Virginia Nelson '78 Emily Nelson '11

M r. Rowan, your generosity is overwhelming. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Rowan University—my wonderful alma mater.

Robert P. Sobol '82

Thank you to the Rowan Family Foundation for its donation of \$15 million. Rowan is a fine institution and has tremendous faculty and staff. Donations like those mentioned allow Rowan to continue its reputation of excellence.

Melissa Fletcher '14

I simply wanted to let you know that your philanthropic endeavors are inspirational! Rowan has transformed and its continuous evolvement is a testament to the commitment and generosity of your family.

Suzanne Schwester Sloan '04

am continually amazed, thrilled and proud of the growth and development of Rowan University.

I have been talking with friends of college-age kids, regaling them with my stories of having four internships while at Glassboro State. Under the guidance of professors Fulginiti, Bagin and Resnick, communications students were pushed to get experience and the faculty and staff were connected to professionals who could guide us and hire us. This has served me well all these years later and I'm passing the "real life" values to my own children. Much success to the school and many thanks to Mr. Rowan! Paula Rosica DiLeo '85

Thank you so much to Henry Rowan's family. I'm so proud to see how much the University has been changing. Every time I drive by the school, I see something new. Sometimes, I find myself lost because of the new buildings and even the new streets. May God bless the Rowan family with good health and happiness. *Thuy (Cindy) Kwan '98, M'oi*

The Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation and the Rowan family have changed the course of education at Rowan University and in the state of New Jersey, as well as regionally, nationally and internationally.

Our growth and development into a research institution over the past 20+ years begins with the generosity of the initial gift and the ongoing support of the Rowan family. Thank you!

Carol N. Welsh

G reat news! Mr. Rowan comes through, yet again. The University is making great strides with financial boosts like this. Keep up the good work.

Terry C. Van Zoeren '79, M'86

I am writing to thank Henry Rowan and his family for their continued generosity to Rowan University.

I work as a teacher at the secondary level here in Gloucester County. As a community member and alumnus, I am proud of the contributions Rowan University makes to southern New Jersey and the Philadelphia region.

I am excited about the opportunity

provided to our young people. My daughter participated in the AWE (Attracting Women to Engineering) program during the summer of 2014 and I have had students participate in the program. Rowan University has been transformed because of the

kindness of the Rowan family. Dolores "Lori" M. Nogrodes

Bathurst '95

As a graduate of Glassboro State College, I am thrilled that my alma mater has become a first class university. Thank you, Mr. Rowan. Judith A. Gauntt Scull '75

I would very much like to join in thanking the Rowan family for their continued support in engineering education as well as their dedication to the advancement of the profession of engineering. Their generosity renews my commitment to the same.

John Kerchner '02

Thank you, again, for all that you have done for education in Glassboro, South Jersey, New Jersey and the U.S.

It is an honor to be here during the time you have made all your gifts. I have seen the results to this point and can only imagine what will occur going forward!

James A. Henderson, Jr.

Congratulations. As the first woman chair of the Board of Trustees at what was then Glassboro State College, I continue to be thrilled with all the fine achievements at Rowan University since New Jersey established boards of trustees at state colleges. This contribution is well deserved. Keep up the good work. *Ann B. Ward*

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Alumni Comedy Night Friday, February 20

Make reservations now for our 12th annual comedy night. Ticket includes dinner buffet and access to a cash bar. \$35 per person, firstcome, first-served seating, limit 10 tickets per alum.

8 p.m., Eynon Ballroom, Rowan University

Music Department Showcase and Pfleeger Rededication Sunday, March 8

Alumni from the music department in the College of Performing Arts are invited back to campus for a special performance and alumni reception. For tickets, please visit *alumni.rowan.edu* or contact Rick Dammers at *dammers@rowan.edu*.

3 p.m., Pfleeger Concert Hall, Rowan University

3rd Annual Alumni Wine Mixer Friday, March 13

Ease into spring with a night out in the Boro. Alumni from all generations are invited back. Special room rates will be offered at the Courtyard by Marriott Glassboro-Rowan University. Tickets are available at *alumni.rowan.edu/WineMixer*. 7 p.m., Kopenhaver Center for Alumni Engagement, Rowan University

Ned Eckhardt Scholarship Dinner Friday, April 17

Join alumni, faculty and staff from the College of Communication & Creative Arts and the radio/tv/film department to honor longtime professor and mentor, Ned Eckhardt. All proceeds from this scholarship dinner will directly benefit the Ned Eckhardt Television Production Scholarship. To purchase tickets, please visit *alumni.rowan.edu/Eckhardt*.

6 p.m., Eynon Ballroom, Rowan University

Class of '65 50th Reunion Brunch Thursday, May 14

Class of 1965 alumni are invited back to campus as special guests for Commencement 2015. Prior to the ceremonies, reunion attendees will enjoy brunch and campus bus tours. Alumni interested in attending or assisting with planning are kindly asked to contact the Alumni Engagement office at 856-256-5400.

10 a.m., Kopenhaver Center for Alumni Engagement, Rowan University 2 p.m., Commencement Ceremony, University Green

Phillies vs. Rockies Friday, May 29

Rowan alumni will take over Citizens Bank Park again this summer when the Phillies take on the Colorado Rockies. Prior to the game, the Alumni Association will host a pregame party at McFadden's at the ballpark. Ticket price includes pregame buffet, happy hour specials and a Rowan Alumni giveaway. 5 p.m., Pregame party; 7:05 p.m., Game Citizen's Bank Park, Philadelphia

Foundation Golf Tournament Monday, June 1

Alumni and friends of the Rowan University community are invited to join us on the greens for the 27th Annual Brown & Gold Classic Golf Tournament. Proceeds benefit the Collard and Harris memorial scholarships. Registration is \$225 and includes lunch, dinner and cart fees. For more information, please contact Kathy Rozanski at 856-256-5405.
1 p.m., Laurel Creek Country Club, Mt. Laurel

Golden Years Reunion Friday, June 12

Graduates from 50 or more years ago are invited back to campus for this annual tradition. The Classes of 1935, 1945, and 1955 will be recognized at this celebration, along with the 2015 Lifetime Service Award recipient. Invitations will hit mailboxes soon, and online registration begins on March 1 at *alumni.rowan.edu/GoldenYears.* Noon, Eynon Ballroom, Rowan University

Tour the Shore with the Alumni Association Summer 2015

Join us this summer as the Alumni Association visits some of your favorite shore points. In addition to our annual Rowan Reunion at Bar A, we will host more events for #RowanPROUD alumni along the New Jersey coast. Keep an eye out for more information regarding this exciting new initiative later this spring!

stay connected

We have many ways to help you stay connected with the Alumni Association:

E-mail

The Alumni Engagement office sends a monthly e-newsletter to help you catch up on all things Rowan. We also send e-mails that address the needs and intrests of our alumni reunions, events and programs, networking receptions, professional development opportunities and more.

If you're not receiving Rowan Alumni e-mails, write to alumniupdate@rowan.edu or visit alumni.rowan.edu/update to be sure we have your e-mail address and preferred contact information.

Social media

Contests, breaking news, event announcements, alumni profiles and more. Join the conversation with:

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If you'd like to volunteer as a "digital ambassador" for the Alumni Association, please e-mail Dana Benjamin, Alumni Engagement program assistant at: **benjamin@rowan.edu.**





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Can it be 20 years already?

n fall 1995 President Herman James introduced Rowan Magazine as evidence

of "alumni pride in the rich past and promising future" of their alma mater (remember our daring first cover, at left?).

> Two decades later we're still proud, we still see a bright future and we're still eager to tell all about it.

But before we move on, it makes sense to say thanks for the first 20 years.

Thank you to faithful readers, thoughtful critics,

creative contributors and generous supportersfrom Normal School, GSC and Rowan days, far more friends than I may name here—you're why we do what we do.

Thank you to those who got the ball rolling in 1995: Kathleen Matteo '56 (Alumni Association president then), and administrators Ed Ziegler M'72, Ron Mattocks M'79 and Phil Tumminia M'69.

Thank you to dedicated staff, especially Daniel Murphy M'97 and freelance photographer Craig Terry, who've been with us since the beginning. Thanks to Kathy Rozanski '89 for being a cheerful liaison with our grads for so long.

Thanks to the scores of professional writers, photographers, editors and artists who've done exceptional work for us.

Thank you to dozens of students who braved their first real deadlines and worked like pros.

Thanks to alumni, faculty and friends who've allowed us to tell their stories and share their work with our readers. You have inspired and educated us. You have made us proud.

By the time this issue is in your hands, we'll be in 2015, another year with boundless opportunities and beckoning challenges. We're eager to report on all of it for decades to come.

Thank you for reading.

Lori Marshall M'92 Editor

Corrections

Mistaken identity #2 We stand corrected again! We got a bum steer twice (and published an error twice) with the caption for this photo.

Thanks to Harriet Goess Lawson '43 for setting us straight. She posed, at right, with classmate N. Jane Barron Hirt.

Number check

In the last issue's story about growth and goals, p. 18 shows a chart comparing today's stats and 10-year projections. While building the table, we transposed the last two figures for 2023. The goal numbers should be \$100M in research and sponsored projects and \$500M for the endowment.

More kudos on the Rowan Family Foundation gift

(continued from special edition cover)

Alumni and friends are welcome to send Mr. Rowan thanks and reflections via e-mail: officeofthepresident@ rowan.edu or via regular post: Office of the President Rowan University

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note to express my Aappreciation, added to those of the Glassboro State/Rowan University alumni and family: What a wonderful gift! My thanks and appreciation also to Rowan University for doing such an outstanding job taking effective advantage of this generosity, creating a valuable and needed educational opportunity.

This additional gift is evidence and endorsement of the good use the University has made and continues to make of the trust, confidence and treasure gifted through Mr. Rowan.

Norm Mayall '63, M'67

Ongratulations to the Rowan family, President Houshmand and Dean Lowman for helping move engineering education forward in southern New Jersey. This will help open avenues of education to the residents and

young individuals in this region. This is an outstanding opportunity. Brenden Rickards

dd my name to the list of Athose thanking Mr. Rowan for his continuing support of Rowan University and the College of Engineering. His generosity has been unbelievable. And

equally unbelievable are the accomplishments of the Rowan faculty and staff as they continue to use the money to create a high quality university and college for the betterment of the State of New Jersey and especially South Jersey.

As founding dean of the college, I was a direct recipient of Mr. Rowan's generosity, so I am especially proud of his donations and what has been accomplished as a result.

James H. Tracey

his is truly an amazing gift and L a stunning advancement in the field of engineering at Rowan. Ann C. Campbell

any thanks to the Rowan family for this generous contribution! Making our youth stronger in STEM Education (Science Technology Education Math) will have a global impact for generations to come!

Michelle Bruner

Thad the unique pleasure of working with Mr. Rowan about 50 years ago at General Electric's High Power Laboratory. He was testing his first induction heater for a steel mill called McCleod Steel.

Because of this experience I feel even more proud of the fact that I work at Rowan University.

Gerald A. Votta



Thank you,

Mr. Rowan and Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation, for generously investing again in exceptional engineering education, talented young engineers and promising, practical research.

As the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering, we will continue to honor your confident vision, intrepid drive and resolve to make a difference every day.

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Gift of inspiration

Donated by a lifelong educator, a new sculpture at James Hall honors the powerful life of the mind and what great thinkers may inspire in all of us. Story on page 8.

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New home for Rohrer College of Business

DESIGNED WITH THE ROHRER APPROACH TO BUSINESS EDUCATION IN MIND, THE BUILDING INCLUDES AREAS TO ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MORE. A lexcia Mazahreh won't likely still be a Rowan University student when a new \$63.2 million academic home for the Rohrer College of Business (RCB) is dedicated in spring of 2017.

But the junior finance major understands that Rowan's expansion of academic programs and facilities impacts her future as an alumna.

"To me, it represents an increase in the value of our degrees in the future," Mazahreh said just minutes after Rowan leaders and state, county and local officials broke ground on Dec. 12 on the new business building in the heart of Rowan's Glassboro campus.

Located on the site of the former Parking Lot A next to Westby Hall on Route 322, the four-story, 96,500-squarefoot building will allow RCB to double enrollment to 2,000 students and to play a key role in supporting the business community of South Jersey, Rowan President Ali A. Houshmand said at the groundbreaking. "With vital support from the state, this building will allow us to improve our ability to fulfill our responsibility to attract the best students and professors to Rowan," said Houshmand, who has laid out an ambitious plan to increase Rowan's enrollment to 25,000 students within a decade. "It's a spectacular facility by any measure."

The building is funded in part by \$117 million awarded to the University through New Jersey's Building Our Future Bond Act. Passed by voters in 2012, the referendum is funding nearly \$46 million of the project. The bond act awarded Rowan the second highest funding amount in New Jersey.

The referendum also is providing \$40.4 million for a \$71 million, three-story, 90,500-square-foot addition to Rowan's College of Engineering and funds for an addition to the Academic Building in Camden, among other projects.

The business and engineering projects are expected to create more than

LEFT: An architect's rendering shows the new home of Rohrer College of Business as it will appear from the end of Meditation Walk, just west of Westby Hall.

BELOW: Dignitaries kicked off construction in December.



550 construction jobs, generate more than \$180 million

in economic activity and create more than 100 permanent positions in Glassboro, officials said. Just as importantly, the building will allow Rowan students and business leaders to collaborate on entrepreneurial ventures to benefit the region, Houshmand said.

"It will couple business leaders with faculty and students, helping us improve the quality of our offerings as well as provide solutions to the business community," Houshmand said.

Designed with RCB's unique approach to business education in mind by KSS Architects of Princeton, in cooperation with Goody Clancy of Boston, the building includes common areas to encourage collaboration among students and business leaders; a "hatchery," where students can develop their own entrepreneurial ventures; and the Center for Business Professionalism, where students will sharpen their job search skills and where employers can conduct interviews with job seekers.

RCB's approach to business education is built upon collaboration,

small class sizes, project-based learning, problem-solving, teamwork and entrepreneurship, Interim Dean Daniel J. McFarland noted.

Board of Trustees Chairman Linda Rohrer, a trustee of the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation, which gave the College of Business a \$10 million gift a decade ago, said the University's changes, even in the past five years, have been impressive to see.

"Rowan has surpassed—beyond belief—anyone's expectations," Rohrer said, noting that the Rohrer Charitable Foundation has seen an incredible return for its initial investment.

The new building supports the University's four pillars, which, Houshmand said, guide every decision made at Rowan. The pillars include: increasing access, improving quality, maintaining affordability and serving as an economic engine for South Jersey.

"It will enable us to graduate some of the best business students in the region, which will have a far-reaching impact on all sectors, whether it's education, engineering, medicine or the arts," Houshmand said.

CEREMONY AND PLAQUE HONOR WORLD WAR II STUDENT-VETERANS

More than 70 years after they left the Glassboro campus to serve in World War II, Harriet Lawson '43, Herbert Gansz '48 and Leroy Bright '50, returned to unveil a cast bronze plaque in Bunce Hall recognizing the 165 alumni who served in World War II.

The plaque ceremony capped six days of campus events honoring veterans in November. The program included a brief address by Lee Kress, professor emeritus in the department of history, about the ways in which the demands of the war decimated and almost closed the college, music by the Pep Band and a presentation by the ROTC Color Guard.

Lawson, of West Deptford, served in Naval communications during the war helping to track codes used by the Japanese Merchant Marine. On her return she completed a degree in library science and helped found the West Deptford Public Library where she became director.

"What I enjoyed most was the historic perspective," she said of the unveiling program. "I was impressed by the service. It was beautifully done."

A Glassboro native, Bright was an infantryman with the Army in Germany during the war who, on his return, became an educator in Philadelphia schools.

"It was an important time in my life," Bright said of the war. "It really was nice to be honored for it."

Addressing the veterans, President Ali Houshmand spoke briefly, but from the heart.

"For someone like me who was born in a foreign land and is now a citizen of this great country I am very, very proud," he said. "And I thank you for your service."

WWII veterans Harriet Goess Lawson '43, Leroy Bright '50 and Herbert Gansz '48 unveiled the plaque in Bunce Hall.



New sculpture inspires learners

Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, Anne Frank, Harriet Tubman, Socrates, Gandhi, Beethoven and 24 other icons of science, history, mathematics and the arts have a new home—so to speak—on the Glassboro campus.

Knowledge is Power, a 1,500-pound bronze sculpture by world-renowned artist Zenos Frudakis, now stands outside James Hall, thanks to the determination of a spirited octogenarian with a keen commitment to education.

Dr. Francesca Cottone Shaughnessy, 89, who dedicated her 35-year professional career as a school psychologist serving inner city children in Philadelphia, commissioned Frudakis to create the \$1 million sculpture to honor the teaching legacy of her brother, Sebastian Charles Cottone, a longtime history professor at Villanova University.

Shaughnessy asked Frudakis, also the artist who created the Henry Rowan statue that stands outside Savitz Hall, to create the public sculpture to inspire generations to pursue knowledge and use their educational gifts to serve others.



At eight feet high and 12 feet long, the sculpture, four years in the making, is a tribute to intellect and creativity. With a large book as its centerpiece, Einstein strides out of the right side of the piece, while, on the opposite page, Darwin is the central figure.

Both figures are surrounded by depictions and quotations from famous icons of knowledge, thought, history and learning. Two additional figures, a man and a woman, hold the book. They represent Shaughnessy and her brother, but the figures also represent all educators who open up opportunities for students to discover the power of learning.

Shaughnessy said she shares Henry Rowan's values and believes in the University's mission, making Rowan the perfect place for Knowledge is Power. The sculpture

Amid students at the unveiling, President Houshmand, Dr. Shaughnessy (white hat), Dean Shealey and sculptor Zenos Frudakis.

was cast at Laran Bronze in Chester, Pa., the same foundry that cast the Rowan statue.

"When they see all of these icons there each day, I hope it will inspire students to use their knowledge," said Shaughnessy, who was on hand for the sculpture's November dedication. A quartet of College of Education students had the privilege of unveiling the sculpture.

"Every day, those walking by the sculpture will receive a powerful, visible reminder that they live and study among a community of scholars," said President Houshmand, "and that they stand on the shoulders of giants."



Rowan's Woodrow Wilson Fellows include (from left): Bethany Fowler, Daniel Klehamer '14, Jeffrey Chiusano, Lesley Tolentino, Drew Favat '14, and Matthew Zachariades.

WOODROW WILSON TEACHING FELLOWS FOCUS ON STEM

As the members of the Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellows, six graduate students embody the College of Education's mission as they study to become highly qualified science, technology and mathematics teachers in high-needs districts.

Members of the state's first cohort of Wilson Fellows, the students are enrolled in the college's new Master of Arts in Teaching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Simultaneously, they are completing a critical, year-long classroom teaching experience in Vineland or Millville.

The highly competitive fellowships were established to attract the best candidates to teaching, particularly in high-needs schools, cut teacher attrition and transform University-based education.

"This is work we are deeply committed to in our college," said Dean Monika Shealey.

Each fellow receives \$30,000 to complete the fellowship. In return, they've committed to teaching for three years in their schools, where STEM educators are most needed.

The fellows receive ongoing support and mentoring, working beside a master teacher.

"Teaching for the entire year under a mentor teacher is invaluable to me as I begin my career," said Daniel Klehamer '14, who is in Vineland. "I have the time and support to try new teaching techniques to reach my students."

Geriatric medicine excels and endows chair with \$1 million Rohrer pledge

T hirteen selections by U.S. News & World Report as one of America's best schools for geriatric medical education and more than \$28 million in grant funding is an impressive legacy. But at a Sept. 30 event celebrating the School of Osteopathic Medicine (SOM) new department of geriatrics & gerontology, Dr. Anita Chopra, the William G. Rohrer Endowed Chair in Geriatrics, said the work has just begun.

The William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation pledged \$1 million in 2012 to establish the endowed chair. Combined with two previous gifts, the pledge bolsters an SOM fund of more than \$2 million from the foundation.

Nearly 200 people gathered on the Stratford campus for the official launch of the new department and to celebrate Dr. Chopra's appointment as the second endowed chair in SOM's nearly 40-year history. The new Department of geriatrics & gerontology establishes the medical school as just the 13th in the country—and the first in the state—to have a distinct academic department in geriatrics.



Chopra said that the new department is ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of the "silver tsunami" of retiring baby boomers now reaching society's shores.

"We have set high standards for geriatric care, educated thousands of health care professionals and garnered millions of dollars of grant funding to support geriatric education and research," she said, adding that elder care is projected to be the fastest growing sector in the health care industry.

Linda Rohrer, trustee of the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation and chair of the Rowan University Board of Trustees, said the funding will help ensure continuity of top medical care for seniors in South Jersey.

"Patient care for seniors must remain among our highest priorities," Rohrer said. "This endowed chair will impact students and patients as we train the next generation of top geriatricians." Representing the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation, Linda Rohrer, left, accepts a commemorative medallion from Dr. Anita Chopra and President Ali Houshmand



A LITTLE HOLIDAY SPIRIT FOR EVERYONE

Freshmen Abigail Lubin and Alicia Scott stopped for a gingerbread decorating break in Chamberlain Student Center during the Student Government Association's first Holiday Week celebration. The December festivities included a Toys for Tots drive, Christmas, Hannukah and Kwanzaa events, a tree lighting and more.

Plastic from trees—a twist on being green



Call Dr. Joe Stanzione an environmentally friendly alchemist.

Rather than turning lead into gold, however, the Rowan University assistant professor of chemical engineering is conducting research on turning trees into plastics.

Funded by the Army under a five-year \$2.1 million cooperative agreement, Stanzione and 11 engineering students are focusing on renewable resources from trees to parent the next generation of plastics. They are looking to convert cellulose, hemicellulose and lignin into materials that could be fashioned into soldiers' water canisters, helmets or firearms as well into parts for military vehicles.

Stanzione's team primarily is studying lignin. A component of the cell walls of trees and a natural polymer, lignin is a major waste product of the pulp and paper industry, which primarily uses it as a lowvalue, solid fuel.

One of the primary chemical building blocks derived from lignin is vanillin, the

Stanzione (center) with his team at Rowan's South Jersey Technology Park.

major component found in the extract of vanilla. The Rowan Engineering team is strategically modifying vanillin to make sustainable plastics—sustainable both environmentally and economically.

"We as scientists and engineers see lignin's chemical potential and would like to use it for higher-value applications, instead of primarily burning it for energy," he said.

The research supports the Army's goal of becoming less dependent on others.

"They want to get away from using foreign oil. They want to explore all avenues to develop the newest and most advanced plastics," said Stanzione, who is collaborating on the work with researchers at the University of Delaware, from which he earned his Ph.D.

"Nature gives us everything," he said. "We just need to be able to use it sustainably and in an environmentally friendly fashion."

STOCKTON DUAL-DEGREE

A five-year dual-degree program announced Thursday by Stockton College and Rowan University will allow students to receive bachelor's degrees from both institutions, spending three years at Stockton and two at Rowan.

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey would award a bachelor of science degree in chemistry, mathematics or physics after the student's fourth year, which would be spent at Rowan. After a fifth year, Rowan University would award a bachelor of science in engineering.

"Stockton's strengths in the sciences align well with our engineering programs to the great benefit of students and the region," said Rowan President Ali Houshmand. "This joint venture will increase access to prominent programs, enabling some of the best and brightest college students to stay here to earn degrees that open doors for them in highdemand fields. With two degrees, they will be uniquely prepared to work for leading technologydriven companies in New Jersey."

The dual-degree program is limited to combinations that can be completed in five years; Stockton's programs are chemistry, math and physics, while Rowan's are biomedical, chemical, civil, mechanical and electrical and computer engineering.

Incoming freshmen apply to Stockton and select the engineering dual-degree program, without an additional application.

CURTAIN'S UP ON NEW PFLEEGER

A long-anticipated renovation of Wilson Hall's main auditorium produced a better looking and better sounding Pfleeger Concert Hall, with acoustics to beat the band, so to speak. "Everyone is thrilled," said Rick Dammers, music department chair. "The hall sounds phenomenal." At the ribbon cutting in October at left: Performing Arts Dean John Pastin, David Pfleeger, Lucile Pfleeger, President Houshmand and facilities chief Donald Moore.



Rowan ranking bests Rutgers and Harvard

As the University's programs—and the public's perception of them continue to grow, rankings organizations are taking ever-greater notice.

While it comes as no surprise that Rowan receives high marks in established college rankings, a new survey placed the University second in the nation for, perhaps, the single most important metric of all—the graduates' ability to improve their standard of living, find jobs and prosper.

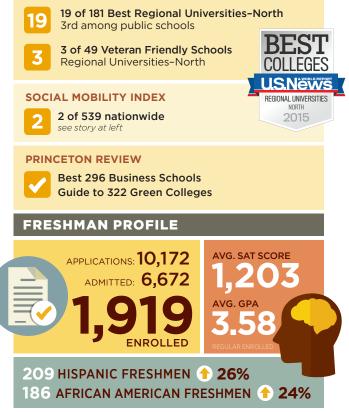
The first Social Mobility Index (SMI), released in October by CollegeNet, a Portland, Ore., company, and PayScale, a salary, benefits and compensation information firm, compared five sets of criteria tuition, percentage of low-income students, graduation rate, median early career salary and the size of each school's endowment.

Measuring those criteria among 539 colleges and universities, the survey found that Rowan students earn well within five years of graduation, ranked at #2 in the country, ahead of such schools as the University of California-Berkeley (#9), Rutgers University-New Brunswick (#33) and even Harvard (#438).

"The ability to prepare students to be upwardly mobile, especially students from disadvantaged economic backgrounds, is a very important benchmark and a longstanding part of our mission," said Rowan President Ali Houshmand.

ROWAN RANKS

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT



Autism research project trains families at home for success everywhere

One in 88.

That's the number of American children diagnosed on the autism spectrum, according to Autism Speaks—10 times more than 40 years ago.

Mary Louise Kerwin, chair of Rowan University's department of psychology, is on a mission to help parents and guardians maximize their children's potential for success in school, in social situations, in life in general—right in their own homes.

Under a two-year, \$395,000 grant from the New Jersey Governor's Council on Autism, Kerwin; co-investigator Michelle Soreth, an associate professor of psychology; and 17 undergraduate and graduate students and graduate alumni are in the second year of a pilot study the Rowan Autism Parent Programresearching parent-implemented treatment for autism in young children.

"It is important for parents of children with autism to learn strategies with which to help their children. The goal of our program of research is to maximize parental involvement in providing interventions for their children and to improve the quality of life for these families," said Kerwin.

In part, team members are assessing a treatment on the market that parents and school districts already use but which never has been evaluated. They also are evaluating a second recognized approach to parental involvement. They have worked with 35 South Jersey families with children ages two to six years old on all levels of the autism spectrum.

Families attend 16 individual in-person,

in-home sessions with a parent-training therapist, each 75 minutes long, during the course of 12 weeks. The team accepts participants, who are compensated for their time and effort, on a rolling basis.

After the training sessions, the parents work on treatment with their children in their homes. While study leaders randomly place participants into groups, those in a control group can opt to receive treatment from Rowan graduates in their home after they have completed their involvement in the research.

Kerwin expects to develop a manual for parents, plans to apply for federal funding for a trial phase of the research and hopes the research impacts policies and procedures related to autism.

For more information, call 856-256-4846 or visit rowan.edu/abacenter.

STATE FARM GRANT HELPS TEEN DRIVERS AND PARENTS

Shari Willis knows parental involvement can have a huge effect on the safety of teenage drivers.

To that end, she's heading up a program, funded through an \$18,175 grant from the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, that educates teens—and their parents—about being safe on the road.

"The lack of parental involvement in helping teens develop safe driving skills, values and habits is a critical contributing factor in the mortality rate," said Willis, a health & exercise science professor and facilitator of the Parent/Teen Driving Orientation Program, founded in 2011 at Rowan.

Last year, the program trained and surveyed 2,655 students and 368 parents. Outcomes thus far show that after the program, parents were significantly more likely to believe they could influence their teens' driving behaviors and had a better understanding of the proven principles of Graduated Driver Licensing. Teens, in turn, demonstrated a greater understanding of motor vehicle laws and acknowledged their importance, Willis said.

"We believe increased parental involvement will lead to a decrease in the number of motor vehicle violations and crashes by teen drivers, as well as an increase in adherence to the laws," she said, noting that parental involvement in teenage driving is an under-researched area in the United States.

"The State Farm grant will help us to begin to develop a body of data in New Jersey upon which we can build, reaching more parents and more schools in the state and, hopefully, beyond."

Rowan researchers survey the parents before and after they participate in sessions.

Hungry students, more options



From the earliest days at Rowan, a student meal plan meant dining at pretty much just one place on the main campus—the cafeteria in Bunce or Memorial or Chamberlain. That has changed over the years, but never so much as this year—and it's good news for anybody who's hungry at Rowan.

For 2014, new vendor Gourmet Dining improved eating on campus in a big way, starting with a makeover of the Marketplace cafeteria in Chamberlain.

The company also reinvented the Food Court, Owl's Nest and other Student Center options and added lots more, including a roving food truck offering comfort foods like fresh hot soups, meatloaf and French fries.

"I love it," said freshman Evan Brody in September, just days after the truck rolled onto campus. "I spend time going between classes and can't always get over to the Student Center to eat and this is really easy."

Roughly 18 new, expanded or reinvented food outlets are coming to the Glassboro campus alone. The vendor also services Camden and Stratford.

New offerings on the main campus include a pizza restaurant/convenience store near the Townhouses, a Muscle Maker Grill in the Rec Center, and Au Bon Pain, a "fast-casual" café bakery, coming to Science Hall in spring 2015.

The new Marketplace offers a variety of dining options including carving stations, sushi and N.Y.-style pizza.

"Our goal is to make Rowan dining the standard by which others want to be judged," said Gourmet Dining Vice President George Kuzma. "We're trying to strike a balance between comfort foods and new experiences, like duck or pork belly."



TEAM ROWAN FIGHTS MS

Rowan professors and administrators used their two-wheeled talents to raise \$5,700 to fight multiple sclerosis during the Bike MS: City to Shore Ride in the fall. The team included (from left) Joseph Stanzione (engineering); Bill Freind (English) President Ali Houshmand, Elisabeth Hostetter (theatre and dance), Patrick Chadd (SOM), Carla Lewandowski (law and justice studies) and Lori Getler (university retention systems). Not pictured are SOM Professor Stephen Scheinthal (team organizer), Anthony Hostetter (theatre and dance), John Zaruba (facilities) and Jason Marx. Chadd raised \$1,065 to lead the team.

Outside Savitz Hall, students grab a bite between classes.

Rader Fund concert benefits Rowan arts

A near-capacity crowd filled Pfleeger Concert Hall in December to celebrate the holiday season and enrich the cultural life of the University and surrounding community at the Third Annual Marie F. Rader Fund benefit concert, "Golden Days of Yore."

The evening of seasonal music and popular song featured film and pop music favorite Frankie Avalon, as well as Rowan's Jazz Band and Concert Choir plus faculty and guest performers.

While the gathering of talent entertained those in attendance, it also raised awareness of and contributions to the University's Marie F. Rader Memorial Fund.

Established in 2008 by Virginia Rowan Smith and other friends of the late arts advocate Marie Rader, the fund is a catalyst for expanding College of Performing Arts programming. Rader's passion for the arts included volunteering with the Philadelphia Orchestra for more than 20 years, as a member of the New Jersey Committee for the Philadelphia Orchestra and chairing numerous committees and

fundraisers. As an orchestra docent, she visited schools each season to prepare children for their first visit to orchestra concerts. Proceeds benefit efforts to present world-renowned artists, enhancing the cultural life of the Rowan community and the region, while also supporting faculty and student performances.

"An evening like this enables us to bring in outstanding professionals to interact with our students, as well as entertain our audiences," notes John Pastin, College of Performing Arts dean. "We hope to make the name of Marie Rader synonymous with the finest in cultural programming." In that vein, the college's newly-



Frankie Avalon sang for a packed house with a band including Rowan's own Brandon Dixon '16 and faculty Ed Vezhino, Denis DiBlasio '79 and George Rabbai '79.

named Marie Rader Presenting Series debuts in January 2015 with four evenings showcasing groundbreaking performers in music, theatre, dance and more. Additionally, series programming includes educational opportunities through master classes, clinics, adjudication sessions and workshops for students from Rowan and beyond.

For more information on these events, email arts@rowan.edu. Tickets for public performances are available at rowan.tix.com.

ON THE BOULEVARD

Construction continues on Rowan Boulevard across from the Enterprise Center and Barnes & Noble with a six-story, 315,000-square-foot. structure expected to be complete in 2015. It will accommodate street-level medical/professional suites, retail and restaurants and market-rate housing for residents and students. Becoming more of a draw for students and the borough community, the boulevard development project has already won a Smart Growth award from NJ Future, a statewide policy and research group that promotes responsible planning—walkable communities with street-level shopping and upper level housing.



MD students mentor at CAMP

Students at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University are motivating dozens of Camden and Pennsauken high school students to achieve their goals through a mentoring program developed and launched last year.

The Cooper After-school Mentoring Program (CAMP) involves more than a dozen medical students who meet weekly with the teens, helping with schoolwork and one-on-one mentoring to keep them on the path toward success.

Eight CMSRU students developed CAMP in 2013 as part of a curricular mandate for community service. They worked with high school guidance counselors and science teachers to identify students with an interest in science and medicine who would benefit from a fun extracurricular activity to enhance academic excellence. Last year, 42 students participated in the program, which continued this fall.

Jocelyn Mitchell-Williams, associate dean for diversity and community affairs, said the program's impact was immediate.

"The program's been a huge success," she said. "Our medical students are becoming positive role models for teens—encouraging them to work hard in school, be accountable and avoid risky behaviors."

CMSRU is mission-driven, focused on developing highly skilled and socially conscious physician leaders who value a patient-centered team approach to health care. The curriculum includes 40 hours of service in Camden per student each academic year. During the 2013-2014 academic year, CMSRU's 114 students completed

more than 5,000 hours of D community service.

Daniel Lefler MD'16 reviews advanced math concepts with mentees at CMSRU.





TOP THIS

At the historic entrance to campus approaching Bunce Hall, a new arch tops the original brick pillars funded by GSC students, alumni, faculty and friends more than 50 years ago. Students donated to the provide the arch and others supported its design and construction, including the College of Engineering.

PROFS PRIDE

THREE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

Congratulations to coaches Jay Accorsi M'97 (football), Penny Kempf (field hockey) and Deana Jespersen (women's volleyball) on setting career win marks. Get the details on all Rowan fall seasons and follow winter and spring teams at **rowanathletics.com**

ROWAN SPORTS ON YOUTUBE

Profs fans can get a taste of the action in Athletics videos produced throughout each sport season. Search for Rowan University Athletics on YouTube to view the videos for your favorite Profs teams. The segments feature game highlights,

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ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS USA

Whether he's in another country or in North Philadelphia's Uber Street Garden, Walt Walker '05, M'06 loves using his environmental engineering talents to help people. The Philadelphia Chapter of Engineers Without Borders-USA, led by Walker, has worked with another EWB chapter to establish the community garden on a former abandoned city lot.

Walt Walker: All in

by Barbara Baals

In the village of Apatut in the Philippines, Walt Walker '05, M'06 and his Engineers Without Borders (EWB-USA) team had been up all night, working side by side with community members on a water supply project.

For a week, they drilled, cased and grouted a 300-foot well. Crunch time was upon them. An eight-hour, overnight continual flow test would determine the well's water yield. If the water kept flowing, the village of 800 would have its own precious water supply.

That would be an absolute game changer for the residents of the village, where obtaining and transporting water is a labor-intensive process often left up to children.

At 4 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19, the test reached the critical eight-hour mark. The water flowed steadily, consistently.

Pay dirt.

"We looked at each other and said, 'Man, we have water,'" said Walker, an environmental engineer. "There was sufficient water for 800 people. The community members assisting us started waking the others up to see the water. It was emotional.

"We take a holistic approach to these projects. We stay in the village and work with community members side by side. They take us in as family. It was a great moment for all of us."

Walker lives for those moments. It's been that way since his senior year at Rowan, when he joined civil and environmental engineering professor Kauser Jahan on a senior clinic water treatment project in Bangladesh.

"That planted the seeds for what I wanted to do," said Walker, who handles municipal engineering and construction management at Cardno BCM in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. "The trip to Bangladesh was culturally eye-opening. I realized I wanted to make a social impact. I've been an 'allin' guy since my first taste of EWB."

EWB-USA is a nonprofit humanitarian organization that partners with developing communities to design and build sustainable engineering projects, specifically in the areas of water supply and sanitation/public health. This year alone, Walker has worked in El Salvador, the Philippines and Guatemala.

President of the Philadelphia Chapter of EWB-USA, Walker also is involved heavily in community service work, organizing neighborhood cleanups and urban green development. There are 280 EWB-USA chapters in the United States, but not all work locally, noted Walker, who credits civil and environmental engineering professor Yusuf Mehta with getting him involved in EWB-USA as a professional.

"Our local work provides an opportunity for our 40 or so members to roll up their sleeves and make an impact in their communities," Walker said.

His EWB-USA leadership has made him a better engineer at Cardno, he noted.

"Because of EWB-USA, I'm a much better-rounded professional. I feed off the energy of my fellow engineers. They also believe in the vision and mission of making a global impact.

"I'm really thankful I'm able to relate my work during the day to work in developing countries—and vice versa. I consider the work intertwined."

His Rowan experience also is critical to his success, Walker said. In August, he received the University's Distinguished Young Alumnus Award during the President's Welcome and Picnic for the Class of 2018. He urged the freshman class to get involved, embrace—and take full advantage of—the changing, growing University.

"Your Rowan experience will help lay the foundation for what you want to do and what you want to be," said Walker, adding that his career really focused when he completed his master's degree in environmental engineering after earning his bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

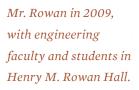
"Nothing is better than aligning your work with your beliefs and passions."

Barbara Baals is entering her ninth year as assistant director of Rowan's Office of Media & Public Relations. Though #TempleMade, she's exceedingly #RowanPROUD.



Walt Walker's EWB-USA work takes him around the globe as he works alongside community residents in developing countries on clean water initiatives. This year, he taught proper sanitation techniques to elementary schoolchildren as part of his work in the village of Apatut in the Philippines.

To support Rowan's chapter of Engineers Without Borders, visit giving.rufoundation.org/engineering



ESTABLISHED TO ENDOWED TO HONNOR

Another historic gift ensures exceptional engineering education and research at the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering

BY PATRICIA QUIGLEY '78, M'03



they weren't born yet when

Henry Rowan and his late wife, Betty, donated \$100 million to their school in 1992—the vast majority of students who are studying thermodynamics in the College of Engineering building, conducting virtual reality research at

the South Jersey Technology Park or interning in any number of industry offices or government labs throughout New Jersey and beyond.

But they are here now, 1,100 strong, and they are about to benefit even more from the generosity of the South Jersey industrialist and his family. In December, the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation committed \$15 million to establish an endowment at the University that bears the Rowan name, dedicating the contribution exclusively to the college that now, too, will carry that name.

Second largest gift, second named college

The gift is the second largest in the University's history, after the original Rowan gift. The Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering becomes just the second named college at Rowan, joining the William G. Rohrer College of Business, established in 2005 following a \$10 million pledge from the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation.

"Henry Rowan and his family have impacted education in New Jersey for generations to come," said Dr. Ali Houshmand, "We are so pleased that through this gift, the name of Henry M. Rowan will be forever associated with excellence in engineering education."

-VIRGINIA ROWAN SMITH, vice president of Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation and Rowan University Board of Trustees member



Selected highlights of Rowan engineering education history since the first Rowan gift, announced on campus July 6, 1992 (above).

THE ROWANS' IMPACT ON ENGINEERING EDUCATION

1992 Henry and Betty Rowan pledge \$100 million to Glassboro State College.

College renamed Rowan College of New Jersey.

1993

Research and development of engineering program begins with Dr. Zenaida Otero Keil, civil engineer and math professor, leading planning.

1994

Dr. James Tracey named founding dean of engineering.

Board of Trustees approves plan to include bachelor of science degree programs and a master of science in engineering degree.

1995

Engineering program launches.

Architects begin designing new engineering building to be named Henry M. Rowan Hall.

Founding faculty appointed to chair programs: T.R. Chandrupatla (mechanical), Ralph Dusseau (civil), John Schmalzel (electrical) and C. Stewart Slater (chemical).

Special topic courses begin for master of science in engineering degree.



LEFT: Visiting the mechanical engineering lab in 2009, Mr. Rowan learned about students' alternative energy research.

BELOW: At Commencement 2013, Mr. Rowan and Board of Trustees Chairman Linda Rohrer.



BELOW: In Rowan Hall, Dean Tracey (center) and students from the first graduating class hosted Mr. Rowan at the 2010 celebration of the college's first decade.



president of Rowan University. "The first Rowan gift enabled us, among other initiatives, to establish the College of Engineering. This new endowment enables us to enhance an already-strong program, to increase access into the high-demand college, to grow our research opportunities and to offer more scholarships to our students. It will support critical initiatives such as our new engineering Ph.D. program and the Henry Rowan Globalization Fellowship Program that funds study and work abroad.

"As we work to carry on the legacy of Mr. Rowan, we can think of no more appropriate and permanent tribute than a College of Engineering that bears his name and celebrates the lasting benefit his generosity continues to have on engineering education," he added.

Two decades, many changes

When Henry and Betty Rowan donated that \$100 million to then-Glassboro State College a little more than two decades ago, they made just one major request of the school: improve engineering education. The institution did just that, introducing an innovative approach to engineering education that included, as a hallmark, eight semesters of engineering clinics. Those clinics, which are twice as many as those offered at most other colleges, propel students into hands-on work from first semester freshman year through graduation. The college also is noted for its multidisciplinary collaborations and for providing real-life experiences during which students work with clients, often serving as those organizations' de facto R&D arm.

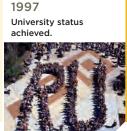
From the start, the college also offered small class sizes, opportunities to conduct research starting at the undergraduate level and state-of-the-art equipment that students in other schools wouldn't normally get to use until graduate school.

"My father and our family have been pleased by all that the College of Engineering has accomplished in such a short time. Rowan University has indeed transformed engineering education. We see the results on campus in the research our students and professors undertake. We also see the

1996 102 students enroll as first class.

Private donors and the Rowan University Foundation pledge more than \$1 million to provide freshman engineering students with full, fouryear tuition scholarships.

Ground is broken for the College of Engineering's Henry M. Rowan Hall.



1998

Engineering students win top awards for research, academic merit and service.

\$28-million Henry M. Rowan Hall opens.

College of Engineering and Camden County College receive a \$100,000 NSF grant to develop a manufacturing partnership.



results in the partnerships with well-respected corporations and with the increased funding that government organizations such as the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health award the College," said Virginia Rowan Smith, vice president of the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation.

"While the College of Engineering has continued to grow in scope and in prestige, it still has many opportunities not only to meet the shifting demands of students, but also those of business and government to educate our future engineers, inventors and entrepreneurs," she added. "This endowment will provide essential resources to ensure that Rowan University prepares competitive students who will excel

> "The engineering program has proven exceptional, surpassing what we had hoped for. There is a need to expand the college, to open the doors to more students and to help those students pay for their education. We believe this program can make an even bigger difference in engineering education, in business and in the economy."

> > -VIRGINIA ROWAN SMITH



in their careers and make contributions to our world."

The Rowan endowment will support some of the University's most critical goals, what President Houshmand and others call the "four pillars"—access, affordability, quality and serving as a driver of the regional economy.

> The administration expects to use the gift as it doubles enrollment at the College of Engineering in the near future (sidebar, p. 25) to fund more scholarships, to build on existing curricular offerings and to fuel the research and innovation that is increasingly spurring patents, product commercialization and new businesses on (and from) the campus.

> Perhaps no one is more excited by the latest gift than Dr. Anthony Lowman, College of Engineering dean. At the college helm for just two years, the multiple patent holder and long-time educator was attracted to the University because of its vision for growth and its commitment to build an innovative engineering program.

> During the last two years, the college has added 11 faculty positions. This fall, it welcomed a record 375 first-year students and introduced, among other programs, a department of biomedical engineering and a Ph.D. program (sidebar, p. 25).

1999

Engineering students selected to conduct experiments aboard NASA's KC-135 at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Students work with New Jersey Department of Transportation to help build the state's first hydrogen fuel cell electric car.

Delaware River and Bay Authority provides \$100,000 to partially fund an endowed chair in civil engineering.

2000

College of Engineering graduates its inaugural class and Mr. Rowan delivers Commencement address.

Delaware River Port Authority awards enginering a \$1-million four-year contract to determine the forces of natural elements on

area bridges. Founding Dean Tracey retires and Dr. Dianne Dorland becomes

second dean.



2001

Rowan awarded \$6-million state grant to launch South Jersey Technology Park.

ABET accreditation awarded.

2002

Air Force funds \$375,000 project for engineering study in Alaska.

Engineering Clinic Affiliates include PSEG Nuclear LLC, Johnson Matthey Inc., Naval Surface Warfare Center, PTC Value Recovery and Campbell Soup Supply Co. LLC.



Rowan.

The man behind the \$15 million endowment to the College of Engineering at Rowan University is an engineer himself, and he has a long and generous history with the institution.

Henry Rowan and his late wife, Betty, donated \$100 million to then-Glassboro State

Mr. Rowan took a virtual test drive in a van equipped for the College's Engineers on Wheels Program. College in 1992. What had been the largest gift to date to a public institution came with just one caveat from the Burlington County industrialist and philanthropist: improve engineering education.

Henry Rowan had no tie to the college; neither he nor his wife—his childhood sweetheart from his hometown of Ridgewood—attended the school.

Indeed, Mr. Rowan graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with an electrical engineering degree after a break in his education to serve with the Army Air Corps during World War II.

But he wanted to improve engineering education, and he wanted to do it locally, at a school that could not only use the funding but also was prepared to become a change agent, at a place where such a contribution would no doubt make a difference.

Glassboro State College was just 45 minutes or so south of where Mr. Rowan began his business. He started manufacturing induction melting furnaces in his backyard in Ewing Township, Burlington County, in 1953, and his



In his Inductotherm office in Rancocas, Mr. Rowan posed for the cover of this magazine in 1997.

Inductotherm Industries eventually would grow to have a global presence.

Five years after he made the transformational gift, Mr. Rowan said, "I was intrigued with a small college in South Jersey...because I knew it (the gift) could make a difference."

And 20 years after he made the gift, he said, "Education is still the single most important means of changing a person's life. It is what made the difference for me, and it's critical that our investment supports superior education for as many students as possible. ...It's been a very successful and enjoyable venture with the University. The progress has exceeded my expectations."

2003

ExxonMobil, the NSF and U.S. DOE award a \$500,000 grant to use virtual reality and artificial intelligence to inspect and research ways to protect the nation's gas pipelines.

Professor Kauser Jahan develops AWE (Attracting Women to Engineering) for middle school girls.

Student and faculty teams begin serving in developing countries as part of Engineers Without Borders-USA.

2004

U.S. News & World Report ranks College of Engineering 21st in nation among nondoctoral institutions.

Mechanical engineering graduate Gino Banco wins Fulbright award to study in Germany.

2005

Rowan team works with Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia to research and build better child-size crash test dummies.

NIH funds \$1.1-million study to determine early Alzheimer's diagnosis.

Engineering collaborates with College of Education on Engineering Clinics for Teachers, supported by a three-year, \$326,000 Edison Venture Fund grant.



2006

New Jersey Technology Council honors Rowan University's drive to lead in technology education.

Student and faculty teams continue volunteer work in New Orleans begun after Hurricane Katrina, including rebuilding schools. RIGHT: Mr. Rowan obliged mechanical engineering major Eric Thompson's request to autograph his senior project last year.

BELOW: The Rowan family celebrated Commencement 2005 on campus as Mr. Rowan's grandson, Manning, earned his mechanical engineering degree. From left, Mr. Rowan, Mrs. Lee Rowan, Manning (Jamie) Smith, Virginia Rowan Smith, Manning Smith and Rowan Smith.





Impact of gift

The latest Rowan gift will open more avenues for engineering education, research and innovation as the college prepares the future engineers, entrepreneurs and inventors who will address the needs of tomorrow's society.

"The Rowan family's initial gift allowed us to develop an outstanding engineering school that is a leader in undergraduate education. This latest gift enables us to move forward on our path to become a comprehensive College of Engineering that's a leader in undergraduate and graduate education as well as an innovative research college focused on designing solutions for real-world problems," said Lowman, who was finishing his B.S. in chemical engineering at the University of Virginia when the Rowans made the initial gift. "This endowment will enable us to further develop programs demanded by students and industry in an increasingly more technology-dependent society."

Catherine Ni 'oo is one, among hundreds of alumni, who knows what a Rowan engineering degree means. A member of the first class, she received a full scholarship. Today, she works for Lockheed Martin as the senior program manager of International Apache[®] Sensor Programs.

"I could have enrolled in a number of engineering programs," she said. "I took a chance on a brand-new college and was excited and nervous about being (among) the first Rowan engineering students. I knew I was getting a good education. I understand now just how superior it was. Yes, it ensured I graduated with exceptional technical skills, but it also provided me with extensive experience in collaborating on multidisciplinary projects while developing excellent

> communication skills. Rowan engineering didn't just prepare me to be an engineer, it also prepared me to be a technology and business leader. When

2007

Students and faculty study air quality inside and outside school buses for state of New Jersey.

Engineering faculty and students mentor Camden middle schoolers to introduce them to basic design and engineering concepts.

2008

U.S. News & World Report ranks Rowan engineering 12th in nation.

Martinson Family Foundation donates \$420,000 to establish the Engineers on Wheels program, bringing engineering concepts to K-12 students.

Jones Innovation Center at South Jersey Technology Park opens to give entrepreneurs and local businesses opportunities to develop ideas and products.



2009

U.S. News & World Report ranks Rowan 15th in nation, three programs in top 10.

Student David Lester leads Rowan-sponsored team to win first place and best in show at international Walt Disney design competition.



Programs

U.S. News ranks chemical engineering second in nation

2010

engineering second in nation.

PSEG supports K-12 education with programs that include Engineering Clinics for Teachers.



Acknowledged during Commencement, Mr. Rowan greeted the audience gathered to celebrate the 2014 engineering graduates.

I heard about the new endowment, I realized that I wasn't just part of the Class of 2000, but I was part of a legacy that just made a huge leap into the next phase of greatness, all because of the Rowans and their passion for developing future generations."

R.J. Tallarida Jr., associate vice president for University Advancement and executive director of the Rowan University Foundation, echoed Ni's sentiments while acknowledging the Rowan family as among the most generous philanthropists in the nation. Tallarida noted that Mr. Rowan's vision and leadership in philanthropy inspired countless others to contribute to the University. Since July 2011, when Houshmand became president and since the acquisition of two medical schools, he and the University Advancement staff raised more than \$38 million in new gifts and pledges, including this recent Rowan Family Foundation pledge of \$15 million.

As contributions from the Rowan family come full circle, they promise to impact an important part of the University and make a difference for thousands. "We are grateful that Mr. Rowan and his family are so deeply invested in securing the future of engineering education at the University and in the region," Tallarida said.

2012

Engineering and

collaborate with

health clinic

business students

Cooper University

Hospital on a mobile

Dr. Anthony Lowman

becomes the third

dean of the College.

Progress

The \$15 million endowment for the Rowan University College of Engineering from the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation comes during a period of remarkable growth in the program.

- The college is a leader in research at Rowan University, which the state of New Jersey in 2013 designated just the third public research institution.
 Engineering conducts work for and receives funding from such entities as the National Science
 Foundation, National Institutes of Health and global defense giant Lockheed Martin.
- In the fall, Rowan welcomed its first cohort in the new department of biomedical engineering. That department joined the four existing programs: chemical, civil and environmental, electrical and computer, and mechanical engineering.
- In December, the college received final approval for its Ph.D. program in engineering. Thanks to a \$300,000 contribution in 2013 from the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation to establish the Henry M. Rowan Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship Program, the college is able to award the initial group of Ph.D. fellows stipends and tuition support.
- With \$100,000 from the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation, the college initiated the Henry M. Rowan Engineering Globalization Fellowship Program for Undergraduates, which provides students with educational and professional opportunities abroad.
- In the spring, the college officially will break ground for a second building, funded in large part by the New Jersey Building Our Future Bond Act. The facility, which will enable the high-demand program to double its enrollment to 2,000 students, is expected to open in 2017.



2011

AT&T and U.S. Economic Development Administration grants fund Cave Automatic Virtual Environment (CAVE) to support virtual reality research.

NSF funds research to bridge engineering and music disciplines as a new model for general education curriculum.

2013

Rowan earns status as a comprehensive public research university.

Gov. Christie and Sen. Sweeney join Mr. Rowan at ceremonial groundbreaking for \$76M building to double engineering instruction and research space.

Edison Ventures supports K-12 education through the College of Engineering with \$300,000 for online outreach.

Rowan Family Foundation pledges gifts to establish the Henry M. Rowan Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship Program and Henry M. Rowan Engineering Globalization Fellowship Program for Undergraduates.

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Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering endowed.

Lockheed Martin and Rowan University form partnership for radar research.

Engineering faculty Stephanie Farrell and Kauser Jahan earn Fulbright awards.

Biomedical engineering program begins.

Engineering welcomes largest freshman class.

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Working as a professional musician

is fulfilling and exciting and something Rowan music majors work diligently to achieve.

The United States military is known for its prestigious bands. From the Navy's Commodores to the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band and others, University music alumni have found a way to pursue their career in the military.

"For a trained performing musician, there is no better job than a steady one," said Performing Arts Dean John Pastin, a 30-year Navy veteran, who retired with the rank of lieutenant commander. "The Navy afforded me the opportunity to live, travel and perform throughout the world in places that I might have never seen."

Here, a few grads tell about their careers and the honor of serving their country through music.

Front and center at the Navy's Commodores concert in November, Jon Barnes was at home soloing before a capacity crowd in Pfleeger.

Right: Sue Antolini served 26 years in the Air Force and developed a music education outreach for children.

Sue Antolini, '80

When Sue Antolini '80 left Glassboro State College with a music education degree, she hit a common roadblock after graduation.

"Music teaching jobs were being cut from schools," the Vineland native said. "The arts were really suffering at the time."

While teaching privately and taking gigs here and there, Antolini took an audition for the band at McGuire Air Force Base. She accepted the position and planned to stay in the service for four years.

"I ended up loving the job," she said.

She's lived in Texas and Massachusetts, but it was during the eight years she spent overseas in Germany that she took part in a life-changing experience: performing at the collapse of the Berlin Wall

with the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Band. "We were the first American musicians in the Eastern Bloc," she remembered. "I was up all night for several days. I still get really emotional when I think about it. The people there were just so happy. I'm so glad I got the experience. It changed me forever." Antolini's life changed again while stationed in San Antonio: She met her husband Brent Beech. a woodwind player also in the Air Force. She

retired in 2010 while stationed in Massachusetts.

"I taught music for a little while," the Billerica, Mass., resident said. "Then in January of 2014, I took a job teaching JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) at Lowell High in Massachusetts. I've used a lot of my experience to teach these kids to have confidence and integrity, to be proud of what they do and to have high standards for themselves."

Antolini still performs and regularly plays her horn in pit orchestras and quintets around Boston, sometimes with her husband. And while she's not teaching music (besides helping out with Lowell's band once in a while), she uses what she learned at Rowan every day in her classroom.

"I had such good teachers," she said, mentioning the late Robert Taylor as the best professor she's ever had. "They taught us to be excellent musicians and excellent teachers. I know people who went to music conservatories who didn't get the quality of education I did. My teachers told us if you can keep playing at a certain level it will help you to be a great teacher and that was right. I still teach, I still perform and I find the two complement each other."

Tonathan Barnes '06

In November, Rowan's trumpet studio took part in a workshop with Jonathan Barnes '06, a member of the Navy's premiere big band the Commodores.

"It was more of an informal Q&A," Barnes said. "I played a tune and then answered any of their questions. There are a lot of great faculty members at Rowan. The great part about a master class is that it

Retired as master sergeant, Sue Antolini credits professor Robert Taylor for encouraging her to consider a military career. reinforces what the faculty says. Even if it's the same stuff, it adds more weight and allows the students to ask specific questions."

The day before the clinic, Barnes performed with the Commodores, and as he sat on Pfleeger Hall's stage one that he performed on many times as an undergraduate—he realized something.

"Performing at Rowan with the Commodores was a goal I was working for during my time as an undergraduate but I didn't necessarily know it at the time," he said. "It feels like I accomplished something while I was there and now I come back and share what I've learned through music. It's just a special experience."

Barnes was happy to see his professors and old friends, including his former roommate who brought his family to see him play.

"It was awesome," he said. "It was so fun to see everyone."

Barnes credits his exposure at Rowan to both classical and jazz music for making him such a versatile musician and helping with his audition for graduate school and the Navy.

"There were definitely a variety of ensembles and small jazz groups that were offered at Rowan," he said. "The personal attention and hourlong classical and jazz lessons were key. That was vital."

When Barnes graduated from Rowan, he knew New York City was the place to be.

"Bryan Appleby-Wineberg and George Rabbai, trumpet professors at Rowan, really encouraged me to go to graduate school and play. They said, "That's where you need to spend time, in New York City."

He was offered a scholarship to the Manhattan School of Music where

Conducting a master class at Rowan in November, Jon Barnes tailored his talk to the interests of student musicians in performance and education.

he completed his master's degree and made some very valuable connections.

"You really have to be on your game wherever you go because you never know who's going to be there and what's going to become of it," he said. Barnes ended up impressing another player in a group he sometime jammed with in the city.

"The drummer gave my number to a composer who was working on Ken Burns' Roosevelt documentary," he said. "It's a really cool thing to be a part of. It just kind of fell in my lap."

While Barnes can be heard on most of "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History," he was already committed to the Navy when he took the job, so before recording finished he headed off to boot camp in Illinois and is now stationed in Washington, D.C.

Barnes and the Commodores performed in President Obama's

second inaugural parade and the 2012 National Christmas Tree Lighting. But one of his favorite parts of playing with the band is honoring veterans and representing the Navy.

"They love it," he said. "At the end of our concerts, we play a medley of the various armed forces songs and ask the veterans to stand up. I actually have that piece memorized just so I can watch them stand. I love looking at them and seeing their faces. It is a very honorable feeling of pride and great humility to put on my uniform and play. It's a special thing to be able to represent the people doing the tough jobs. It's hard to put in words. But it's a great feeling to represent the Navy in that way."

Up next for Barnes: He and his wife, Aimee, live in Alexandria, Va., and are expecting twin boys.





Life in the military is often busy and unpredictable, making it difficult to pursue any type of continuing education. Rowan's new online master of music (MM) degree in jazz studies makes graduate studies possible, no matter where a service member is stationed or how demanding military work schedules may be.

"I worked hard to punch my educational tickets while serving in the Navy," said College of Performing Arts Dean John Pastin, a retired Navy lieutenant commander. "But it's important for military musicians to have easy access to an accredited music school with outstanding faculty and that's what Rowan is providing."

The online program is available exclusively for active and retired military members and its requirements mirror the on-campus degree—a program that requires students to audition, participate in ensembles and complete performance juries each semester. The major difference is how students complete those performance credits.

"It was a matter of converting some of our classes to online courses," said Denis DiBlasio '78, director of jazz studies and composition. "Auditions and lessons are completed via online video tools like Skype and FaceTime or by submitting an unedited video recording. And if students are nearby, they can come to campus for class, too."

When it comes to performing, Rowan will give credit to students who play with an approved ensemble wherever they may be stationed.

"We can be flexible with this requirement," DiBlasio said. "We will give ensemble credit to those who qualify as long as they can use their local, onsite and approved ensembles for recitals and juries."

While Rowan isn't the first university to offer an online music program, it's one of the only performance-based degrees offered online.

"Our music alumni are out there doing great work, spreading the word and turning heads; however, this online program brings the kind of national and international attention to Rowan's music department that is well-deserved," Pastin said.

Eventually, the music department hopes to extend its online offerings to include classical music concentrations and composition and eventually open the programs to nonmilitary musicians.

The online jazz studies program is accepting applicants for summer 2015. For more information, visit www.rowanonline.com/programs/ mm_jazz_military.



Sue Moxley '80

Sue Hamill Moxley ³80 was in her senior year at Glassboro State College when she attended an Air Force Band concert in nearby Pitman.

"My trombone teacher, Richard Hilts, mentioned it to me during a lesson," she said. "During the concert, I started thinking, 'I'd really like to play with them.'"

Moxley auditioned right after graduation and then headed to San Antonio for boot camp.

"My fiancé—and now husband and I wanted to stay in New Jersey, so I waited until a spot opened up at McGuire Air Force Base in October," she said. She stayed in the band for four years before retiring as a sergeant.

"I got out because I got married and wanted to have kids," she said, but added that she completed about four more years in the National Guard in addition to serving before her spot opened up in the Air Force. "I know it's possible to do both, but I chose not to. So I stayed home with the kids and played freelance, which I still do today."

Moxley, a Lawrenceville native, transferred to GSC from Trenton State (now the College of New Jersey), along with Carolyn Sargent, who would also find a career in the Air Force Band (photos, p. 32 and 33).

"I'm really glad I did that," she said. "My trombone teacher was great. Everything he taught helped me to

be a better musician. All of my professors expected us to be professionals, on time, and encouraged us to work together," she said of the late Owen Metcalf and Robert Taylor. Moxley's education and experience in the Air Force continue to influence her playing today.

COURTESY OF CAROLYN SARGENT

"Some things just become a part of you," she said, especially the discipline and musicianship. "I was in a high-level group with high-level expectations, and I think I still carry that with me."

Moxley plays with the Princeton Brass Band and the Wind Symphony of Southern New Jersey. She is also a private teacher at Westminster Conservatory of Music and on her own and often encourages her students to check out the military.

"It's a good feeling to serve your country," she said. "The job of the band is to be a morale booster. It's to support and entertain both the enlisted ranks and the officers. That's our part in the service."

Moxley lives in Yardville with her husband, Elliot, who also plays the trombone and was in the National Guard, and their three children, Peter, Christine and Daniel.

"Our oldest son is in the Coast Guard," Moxley said. "I think he always had the military in the back of his head."

Tennifer Goins '02

On the 10th anniversary of September 11th, Jennifer Burket Goins '02 and her fellow band members performed a tribute concert in Buffalo, NY.

"It was packed and there were people lined up and down the hall just to hear us," she recalled. "People had flags. By the time we were done, everyone was crying, including the band. It reminded me of my purpose in this world."

Before Goins entered the Navy or even headed to college, she knew she wanted to play music for a living.

"The oboe teacher at Rowan was amazing and I wanted to study with

Above: Sue Moxley served in both the Air Force and Army and encourages her music students to consider the military.

Right: Based in Norfolk, Va., Musician First Class Jen Goins also serves as public affairs officer for her band. him," she said of studio teacher Terry Belzer. So the Ewing native—who also plays English horn—started as a music education major.

"I did my first classroom observation and all I could think about was going back to practice," Goins said. At that point—about two years into her degree—Goins switched to performance major.

"I honestly didn't know how hard being a musician could be until I went to college," she said. "I learned how to practice correctly, set a goal and achieve that goal."

And, she learned what it was like playing in a professional ensemble,

ultimately making her transition into the Navy band a smooth one.

"Dr. Pastin ran his rehearsals like the band leaders in the Navy do," she said. "He taught me how to pay attention, be respectful, be on time and be dedicated."

Like many of her peers, Goins was unsure of her plans post graduation. "I made my

decision my senior year at Rowan," she said.



Dean Pastin welcomed Sue Moxley '80 and Carolyn Sargent '79 to Wilson Hall for their first campus visit in 30 years.

"We did a concert right after September 11th for veterans, and I was so touched. I knew that those were the people I wanted to play for. There is nothing more powerful or heart-warming than playing 'America the Beautiful' for veterans."

Goins is stationed in Norfolk, Va., where she plays in the U.S. Fleet Forces Band and lives with her husband and son. She plays oboe in the wind ensemble, woodwind quintet and ceremonial band and serves as the band's public affairs officer as well as the assistant command fitness leader, helping band members develop workout plans and achieve fitness goals.

"I am very proud to wear my uniform every day," she said. "I feel grateful for all the people that have gone before me and fought for my right to do what I love every day. I feel like I wear it for them."

Chris Pastin '04

While Chris Pastin '04 has been all over the world, his inspiration remains close to home.

"I think it goes without saying that my father is one of my biggest inspirations for everything, especially music and the Navy," the percussionist said of his dad, John Pastin.

The younger Pastin joined the Navy after performing around the Philadelphia and New England areas. He was tired of the uncertainty of his next gig so he discussed his options with his dad. "As far as I can remember, I've always been bit by the bug, so to say. There has never been anything that made me as happy as playing music," he said. "My decision to join the Navy was a combination of a lot of things. I'll be honest and say that it was not in my original plans, but after talking to my dad extensively about life in the Navy, I knew it was for me. It affords me the ability to make a good living with upward movement and career opportunities—health benefits, travel all with the rare ability to play music as my main job."

Musician First Class Pastin has been to three continents and 30 countries







Performing on the pier in Kiel, Germany, Pastin was part of an annual, multinational exercise with partner nations to promote maritime safety and security in the Baltic Sea region.

Fall in!

Besides the grads profiled in this article, our alumni records show a few more musicians serving in the military. If you or someone you know is among our GSC or Rowan music ranks, either active duty, reserves or retired, please e-mail us: *editor@rowanmagazine.com*.

Jake Bilarczyk '10 Lisa A. Goding '84 Stefan Griffin '08 Christopher Hess '13 Megan Heber Krause '08 Andrea Kolbach Pharis '11 Carolyn White Sargent '79 Owen Sczerba '06 Andrew Spencer '09 Christa Vernon '06

> Clarinetist Carolyn Sargent '79 is one of a few alumni who served together in the Air Force Band of the East, including Sue Antolini '80, Sue Moxley '80 and Lisa Goding '84.

Pausing with bandmates in Germany in 2013, Chris Pastin (third from left) now attends advanced music studies at the Navy School of Music in Norfolk, Va.

Opposite:

within three years. But before heading to places like South Africa and Italy, the Annapolis, Md., native studied percussion at Rowan with Dean Witten, professor of percussion and director of percussion studies.

"Dean taught me so much about taking care of business, people and how to manage my time and work," he said. "It prepared me for life in the Navy. He taught me to be the best I can be at everything I attempt. That work ethic has served me well in my career so far. There really isn't any professor that didn't guide me on a path to success in music when I was at Rowan. Drum set professors Jim Miller and Joe Morello had a profound effect on my playing. Rowan is stacked with amazing teachers and musicians."

Pastin, his wife, Laura, and their son, Charlie, now live in Norfolk, Va., where he plays with the U.S. Fleet Forces Band. He's working toward his goal to be a unit leader.

"My career goal is to climb the ranks while making the best music I possibly can," he said. "I'm proud to serve and to represent the services at home and abroad. I'm proud that my father served, as well as my cousin and uncle. I get to see pride on other veterans' faces as I play for various events around the world."

Gina Bittner DiBartolo '09, M'10 works in corporate communications and enjoys reading, writing and spending time with her husband and college sweetheart, Anthony DiBartolo '09.



more than Just a game by GARY BAKER '04

I want to share a story with you. It's a story about Rowan University students. It's a story about a great support system. It's a story about making new friends. It's a story about inclusion. It's a story about our future.

Truth be told, it's a story I could talk about for hours, but I struggle putting it into words. So, I'll start with a sweatshirt.

I'm a Rowan professional staff member and a proud alumnus. As an undergraduate, I learned the importance of getting involved on campus. I made the most of my college experience. I worked and lived on campus, joined clubs and was active in my major.

Because I know the value of engagement, I love seeing involved students, especially when they wear gear that represents their Rowan connection. But my favorite, by far, is a black pullover with gold letters that say, "It's More Than Just A Game."

To me, that sweatshirt, which I see all over campus, tells the story of Rowan Unified Sports, a partnership between the University and Special Olympics New Jersey (SONJ).

Through Rowan Unified, SONJ athletes and their partners—Rowan students—play together on the same sports teams, competing in soccer and basketball leagues. The program is the first of its kind in New Jersey and the first in the nation in college club programs. In fact, Rowan Unified has become a model program for colleges and universities across the United States, the gold standard—literally—for others to emulate.

THE BACK STORY

In fall of 2011, the Student Recreation Center hosted "Miles for Medals," a 5k run to raise funds for SONJ. Soon after, an SONJ representative called me about a new initiative. They wanted to try a new program—Unified Sports—at a New Jersey college. They thought Rowan might be the perfect place.

I'd never heard of Unified. But I was intrigued to learn that it involved partnering college students and Special Olympics athletes in an inclusive sports setting where they would compete, side by side, as teammates.

I loved the idea. But could it be successful at Rowan? Would there be interest? I was a little unsure. But I shouldn't have been.

Launched in the spring of 2012, Rowan Unified Sports has developed into one of the largest student organizations on campus. The program has won awards and set examples for other schools, and involved hundreds of people during the last three years.

In six seasons (three fall soccer leagues, three winter basketball leagues) of Rowan Unified Sports, nearly 300 University students have served as partners. Nearly 100 SONJ athletes have proudly worn Rowan Unified uniforms.

Rowan Unified Soccer gathered on home turf leading up to tournament play in October.

FRONT: Lauren Sweeney, Billy locona, Khary Bullock Jr. MIDDLE: Cody Bruner, Brooke Creighton, Gary Baker'04, Julie Kelly, Solomon Feraidoon, Michele Lima '15. BACK: Jonathan Pepper, Charles Schafer. Missing from photo: assistant coaches Jack Boncales '13 and Leigha Bannon '14, M'16.



As impressive as those statistics are, Rowan Unified's success isn't about the numbers or awards. It's about the culture of inclusion it has created and the powerful impact it has made on Rowan students, employees and community members.

UNIFIED ATHLETES

Unified teams comprise athletes and partners. Athletes are non-Rowan students who are registered SONJ athletes with intellectual disabilities. Partners are Rowan students from all majors and class levels—and with varying athletic abilities. Together, they tell the story of Rowan Unified.

On the first day in the gym in 2012, we conducted basketball skill assessments, which helped us divide the teams evenly. One of the athletes, Alex Park, showed me quickly that he had not only some basketball background, but also confidence. He told me how many points he scored and how many rebounds he grabbed in his SONJ league.

When I asked if he could dunk, he looked at me and smirked. He pointed to the Rec Center backboard. "It says, 'No dunking." Touché, Alex. Well played.

The athletes have joined the Rowan family, established great friendships and broken down stereotypes about the disability community. They've competed with and against Rowan students, often times nailing a deep three-point shot as Stephen Smith has or putting a soccer goal in the upper corner of the net like Cody Bruner has. Physically, they more than hold their own.

Like Alex, they also have shown their humorous side—including Wyatt Martin's halftime dance-offs with the Prof—and their competitive side. They've exhibited great sportsmanship, talked some "trash," built relationships and established rivalries. They are similar in age to our college students, and have shown that while differences between people exist on the court or field, there are plenty more similarities.

UNIFIED PARTNERS

Admittedly, I was not positive that Rowan students would embrace Unified Sports. But Rowan has a long history of leadership in inclusion and special needs innovations (see sidebar, p.38) that continue to distinguish our campus. While they may not know about those who led the way on campus, today's students have been nothing short of awesome over the last few years. Now, through six seasons, I couldn't be more proud of everyone who has been part of Rowan Unified.

Before each season, to prepare them for the experience, we hold a training session to educate new partners about SONJ and the spirit of Unified Sports. But no amount of time in a classroom can train someone to do what our students do in competition. You can't train students to be good people or to be genuinely supportive teammates. You can't train them to be deeply invested in the welfare and success of others. You can't train them to stop in the middle of a soccer game to help someone else tie a shoe. You can't train them to be a great friend, teammate, running buddy, mentor or sister.

Health promotion & fitness management senior Julie Kelly, president of Rowan Unified Sports, exhibits all of the qualities you can't train. One of a handful of people involved in Unified since its inception, Julie is a great leader who not only plays unified but also lives unified.

And she's not alone. In fact, many, many other Rowan students have accomplished great feats through their involvement in Rowan Unified Sports.



Some not only joined Rowan Unified but also helped the program expand to our friends at Rowan College at Gloucester County. Some partners are campus leaders involved in the Student Government Association who proudly lace up their soccer cleats on Sundays. Some partners are Greek Life members who show up early on a Saturday morning to play basketball. Some of them are varsity athletes who make time in their schedules to play—or coach—just for the fun of it and for the love of the game. Some partners are students who learned about Rowan Unified in an e-mail, joined without knowing anyone, became part of something special and made friends with athletes and partners alike.

From all angles of Rowan University, students are embracing—in droves—what is a great, inclusive community.

A CULTURE OF SUPPORT

Rowan Unified Sports' success has been sustained through an amazing support system that reaches University-wide and well beyond.

That support includes family. On early weekend mornings, along with eager athletes and partners, come hundreds of proud family members—some Glassboro neighbors, some Rowan alumni.

These family members have been fans, friends and even officials. They have been loud and energetic, kind and thoughtful, supportive and appreciative.

To some of our college students who are living away from home, the family members have become surrogate "Unified parents." They've planned pasta parties and season-end celebrations, given thank you cards and offered some free "coaching advice." They are vital members of the Unified family.



The support from the University family also has been immense. It began with Tina Pinocci, assistant vice president for campus recreation, student center and conference and events services. Tina's vision to embrace this program and make time and court space available set the tone for Rowan Unified's success.

Rec Center professional and student staff volunteer as intramural officials and scorekeepers and offer welcoming smiles, cheers and support for teams and family members.

Clearly, the Unified culture has involved so many more at Rowan than the players on the court and on the field. It reaches through the Division of Student Life to student clubs to Athletics and to many other University areas.

NATIONAL MODEL

The Rowan Unified Sports model has been implemented at nearly a dozen New Jersey schools, including Rider University, Stockton College of New Jersey and Montclair State University.

Other schools around the country are taking note as well. Unified Sports is becoming a national collegiate movement. Rowan University was at the forefront, leading the way and setting the example.

Our athletes are modeling their best as individuals, too. Across the United States, I'm certain there are athletes like Billy Iocona—though the Rowan Unified community would argue, rightfully so, that there's really only one Billy.

Billy is a focused, agile soccer goalie. His parents proudly say that his skills have notably improved since joining Rowan Unified and, especially, from coaching by his friend, Jack Boncales, a 2013 Rowan health & exercise science alumnus.

The program has also influenced other athletes whose social skills have improved, who have become more outspoken, who have become more competitive and who have asked for their own brown and gold Rowan gear. LEFT: In June, the Rowan community and members of the Rowan Unified Soccer Team competing in the Special Olympics 2014 USA Games welcomed law enforcement representatives and Special Olympics athletes during the final leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

ABOVE: Members of the inaugural Rowan Unified Sports basketball league celebrated the first season of inclusive play. Winning gold medals at the 2014 national tournament, the Rowan Unified Soccer Team representing Team New Jersey included, from left, Cody Bruner, Khary Bullock Jr., Brooke Creighton, Solomon Feraidoon, Billy locona, Julie Kelly '15, Michelle Lima '15, Jonathan Pepper, Charles Schafer and Lauren Sweeney.

> The impact has been on the female athlete whose day is made when her male SONJ partner says hello to her at the mall. It's on the partner who gets "happy birthday" wishes from an athlete on Facebook. It's on the team chants before the games... on the hugs after...on the camaraderie in between.

> The impact is evident with a student like junior marketing major Justin Chisari. Justin tells the story of his first semester his freshman year, when he wasn't involved on campus. He was thinking about transferring to another university until he saw his roommate's involvement with Unified Sports. Justin decided to give the program a try.

Coming out for Unified basketball was Justin's first significant connection to the University and played a factor in his decision to stay at Rowan. Today, Justin is vice president of Rowan Unified, active in Greek Life, employed at the Rec Center and seeking an internship with the University's Disability Resources. Through Unified Sports, Justin became a proud Prof.

A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

Last summer, Rowan Unified took the national stage when it represented Team New Jersey in the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games, held in the Garden State. I was privileged to serve as head coach of the team, comprised of six SONJ athletes, three Rowan students and one alumnus.



We started our training in March and from the beginning, our goal was to have fun, practice sportsmanship, improve our skills and work together as a team.

We met those expectations 100 percent. We also won a gold medal, defeating Team Illinois in a shutout.

You would think that winning gold was the team's defining experience. After all, it was inspiring to see the squad take the stage and, one by one, receive the medals they worked so hard to earn.

But the real treat wasn't in the medals. It was in the way our team looked out for one other in the week they lived together, eating and socializing, celebrating victories and consoling one another after losses.

In the end, they won gold. But, more impressively, they upheld our motto: "Play Unified. Live Unified."



In the mid-1930s, Glassboro's faculty began advocating for every child to be educated—a progressive, even radical approach to special needs. Roland Esbjornson (above) devoted himself to the Children's Clinic on campus, leading his colleagues and staff to serve disabled youngsters and earn a statewide reputation for innovation.

A history of inclusion

While the Unified Sports program set a national standard for other universities to use sports to build inclusive campus cultures, Rowan has a distinguished, 80-year history of providing educational programs and services to the disability community.

"One of the most important things we can do as a University is to model what we hope society will provide," said College of Education professor Sharon Davis, coordinator of the master's program in learning disabilities. "There has always been a culture of inclusion on campus."

Twenty years before the state of New Jersey mandated a public school education for children with disabilities, faculty member Marion Little founded the Glassboro Children's Clinic on campus in 1935. Initially established for children with reading disabilities, the clinic expanded in the 1940s to include those with physical and mental disabilities, according to Robert D. Bole's *More Than Cold Stone: A History of Glassboro State College* (1973).

The role education Professor Roland Esbjornson played was monumental in providing services to children with physical disabilities at





ABOVE: Rowan Unified president Julie Kelly '15 (center) leads a cheer after a competitive soccer game.

A UNIFIED FUTURE

For Rowan students, playing and living Unified doesn't end when they graduate. It's become a lifestyle.

A Rowan Unified alumni network is forming. Our grads have begun similar programs in their first teaching jobs, have volunteered for Special Olympics in their communities and are taking their love of Unified Sports to their graduate schools throughout the nation.

More importantly, they are becoming ambassadors for the Unified movement, making us even more "Rowan Proud" than we already are. They have set up our program for success.

Just this fall, after her team won the Rowan Unified soccer tournament, early childhood education/liberal studies major Jessica Cagno stood on the intramural field. She was beaming.

"That...was awesome," said Cagno, one of 16 freshmen involved in Rowan Unified.

It was a simple statement, but a confident—and passionate—one. It affirmed that, although there will be some great students leaving Rowan Unified for bright futures, there is an equally bright future ahead for the program.

Rowan Unified Sports has strengthened the culture of inclusion on campus. While the short history has been dynamic, emotional and enjoyable, the future, too, looks awesome.

And so do those black "It's More than Just A Game" sweatshirts.

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the clinic. A staunch advocate for children with special needs—"He toured the state, preaching the gospel of the handicapped child," Bole wrote—Esbjornson even designed and built equipment for kids with physical disabilities.

In the 1970s, the Campus School, a demonstration school, was a leader in inclusive education. Children with disabilities in prekindergarten and kindergarten attended and studied side by side with able-bodied kids at the school, which ran for 30 years, according to Davis.

Other programs on campus included Project Child Find, which provided disability screenings for children. The Assessment and Learning Center, which serves clients age two to adulthood, with educational, social, emotional, attention and developmental disorders, continues that work today.

"There are so many examples of the University assisting people with disabilities. The University has a rich heritage of providing support and inclusion for young children on up to college students," Davis said, noting the work of the Academic Success Center and Disability Resources to assist current Rowan students with disabilities. Bill Moylan '13, a graduate student in special education, is proud to have contributed to Rowan's inclusive culture through his participation in Unified Sports. He'll take his experiences with him when he accepts his master's degree in May, he said. Moylan, who completed his student teaching at Bankbridge Regional School in Sewell, has big plans for the future of special education in his native Bergen County.

"There are no schools like Bankbridge in Bergen County. My dream is to create one there," Moylan said. "Joining Unified changed my perception and attitude about people with disabilities drastically."

For his graduate thesis, Moylan is studying how involvement with Unified Sports has affected 100 college students across New Jersey. "I want to see if the changes I experienced are a common theme among all college students in New Jersey involved in Unified Sports." His research is focused on how the students' attitudes about people with disabilities have changed through their Unified involvement.

"I played sports my whole life," Moylan said. "It took until Unified for me to see the fun and camaraderie of being part of something that is greater than myself." YEARBOOK SERIES

by Karen Holloway M'14

With remarkable craftsmanship and passion for her subject matter, Marjory Mulford took seriously her position as art editor of the 1925 yearbook, *The Oak*. Before clip art or stock photos, before desktop publishing or design software, before computers or even copy machines, Mulford and other students created yearbooks that we appreciate now as historical and cultural works of art.

For the 1925 book, Mulford selected sketches by other students and meticulously drew embellished letterforms and borders inspired by natural beauty on campus. She and schoolmates created detailed silhouettes of faculty and staff and illustrations of schoolmates at work and play. Much of the art is strikingly sophisticated, some more primitive. As the years progressed and Mulford's successors stepped in, local and world history, cultural norms and popular styles influenced the students' motifs and subject matter.

Carefully planned as treasured records of college days, the early Glassboro yearbooks were a point of campus pride. Eventually, original art in yearbooks would disappear amid changing students' interests, publication styles and technology. Other campus publications including *The Whit, Venue* and *Airborne* began to provide outlets in which student artists chronicled their college days. But from the 1920s into the 1970s, yearbook imagery takes us on a journey through our history as an institution and nation. In doing so, it demonstrates the power of art and students' perspectives.

Marjory Mulford, front row, second from right, on the steps of Bunce Hall with fellow '25 yearbook staffers.

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'20s&'30s

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With towering trees and thick woods dominating campus, Glassboro's artists adorned yearbook pages with oak leaves, acorns and trees in general for years. The 1929 foreword reads: "Just as ye old Whitney Mansion, enclosed and staunchly protected by a grove of majestic oaks... so encased in this volume of *The Oak*, we hope to safeguard a record of our joys and achievements." In the 1930 book, students reflected popular fascination with Native American motifs. New Jersey's colonial history came alive in 1932, starting with students collaborating on a detailed map on the inside covers and drawings of colonial scenes throughout. In 1933, Art Deco style took over.

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Seniors Alice Carpenter, Dorothy DeLong and Jessie Smith contributed drawings of

campus and Camp Savitz to the 1934 book, while Helen Sutton, Eugenia Douglas, and Eleanor Shivers added silhouettes, introducing a degree of whimsy to the annual's otherwise serious business.

1934

For several years, *The Oak* staff thanked art professor Parthenia Vandermark for help guiding student illustrators; then drawing largely gave way to photos in the mid-'30s.

40s & '50s J

World War II was woven into the fabric of campus and student publications in the 1940s. Patriotic illustrations began to appear. Doodles and comics ran in the late 1940s and early 1950s, with diligent artists capturing their schoolmates' personalities and depicting their activities. A custom comic of every senior—107 in 1941 and 56 in 1947-accompanied formal portraits.

Students' postwar art bounced between realistic, cartoonish and minimalist, abstract art. New and changing perspectives were the theme of the 1958 yearbook illustrated with cut-out kaleidoscopes by James Seibert '62, M'67. The foreword reads: "Look through the Kaleidoscope at our College Career... a

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constantly changing pattern with a new design each day. Perhaps it is but a minute change in the design, a small detail, but with each turn, it is ever changing; never again the same. So does the pattern of our lives, with each facet of our college moving and blending, adding color and meaning to the symmetry of our lives."



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'60s & '70s

The times, they were a changin' across American college campuses and student publications told the story. Possibly influenced by the national dialogue on atomic energy and nuclear power, students created atom illustrations for the 1960 annual and in his yearbook message, President Thomas Robinson likened the college experience to an intricate mosiac of atoms and molecules.

Leaning into the abstract, the '64 book carried conceptual woodcut art from cover

to cover. A year later, students favored more realism for tree sketches by '65 seniors Joanne Langley, Barbara Hawes, Jean Brannon and Martha Banse.

Student drawings mostly disappeared from the late '60s and '70s annuals with an a few exuberant exceptions in the 1970 and 1972 books. In the former, a full-page color illustration erupted from the rest of the black and white pages to evoke the style of the 1968 animated film *Yellow Submarine* and the Beatles' '69 album of the same title.

And in 1972, student artists scrawled, sketched and summarized their opinions in satirical comics throughout the yearbook. Their visual comments on campus protests and national turmoil covered the Vietnam War, tuition hikes, faculty tenure negotiations and political unrest, among other other topics. One cartoon mocked the SGA and another poked fun at GSC's once thriving home economics program.



alumni profile

hen Ed Glavin '85 was a kid, his mom pretty much kept the family TV locked on Philadelphia's WPVI-Channel 6. "I grew up watching 'Donahue,'" he says, "and then I got to work for him. That was a dream come true. That's what that was." It was one of many

professional dreams Glavin realized over the years. He knew, early on, that he loved television—but had no idea back then how to turn that enthusiasm into a career. Yet he has—big time—as an executive producer for Phil Donahue and, for the last dozen years, for the multiple Emmy-winning "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

When DeGeneres hosted the most recent Oscars, Glavin was part of her backstage team, helping to coordinate the unannounced pizza delivery and the freewheeling atmosphere that led to Ellen's worldfamous selfie, the most retweeted item of 2014.

"That was so much fun," Glavin recalls. "The pizza all her idea. And what we wanted to do was we wanted to find a real pizza guy. We didn't want to cast a pizza guy. We wanted the guy to actually deliver pizza! The people who are protecting the Oscars—there's a whole security team and all that and we were like, 'Yeah, we want to order a pizza and have a pizza guy.' They're like, 'Yeah. We closed down all the streets so you can't do that.' We were like, 'Well, wait. Let's just talk about this for a minute.' And 72 hours later, we literally had a guy come through closed streets to deliver a pizza, not knowing she was going to walk him onstage.

"Now, to do that at the same time as doing the show? That's a huge risk that she took. And she just doesn't fear it."

Glavin's path from Glassboro to the Oscar night red carpet began in his second year of college when he took a course called introduction to broadcasting, taught by communication professor Mike Donovan, who still teaches at Rowan. "I just loved him!" Glavin says. "It was '82. He was drinking a cup of coffee every day and he was sort of sarcastic and he treated us like we were his age and I could tell that he was really into what he was teaching. And *I* was really into what he was teaching. And that was the first time that those two things paired up."

When Glavin was a few credits shy of graduating, Donovan advised him strongly to take an internship in television and Glavin landed the final intern spot at KYW-TV's "Evening Magazine." As a newly unpaid college senior in the summer of 1985, he was assigned to the Live Aid concert from Philadelphia, where his youth and his passion for current music paid off as the KYW staff began to rely on him to help log tapes and identify artists ("Who's that? That's Billy Ocean.")

"It changed my entire life. Forever," Glavin says. "Because right then, I fell in love with something. I was never happier. I got into that internship and three days into it, I was like, 'Oh, this is what I'm going to do for the rest of my life."

The internship allowed Glavin to make his first trip to New York City, at age 20, and to get hired by "Evening Magazine" after graduation. But after a few projects, he was let go, and ran an auto detailing shop in Turnersville. A former boss from Glavin's intern

days called and offered him a three-month, minimumwage job on a locally produced KYW telethon. It was an offer Glavin intended to reject, because he was making much better money as a car detailer—but his father strongly advised him otherwise.

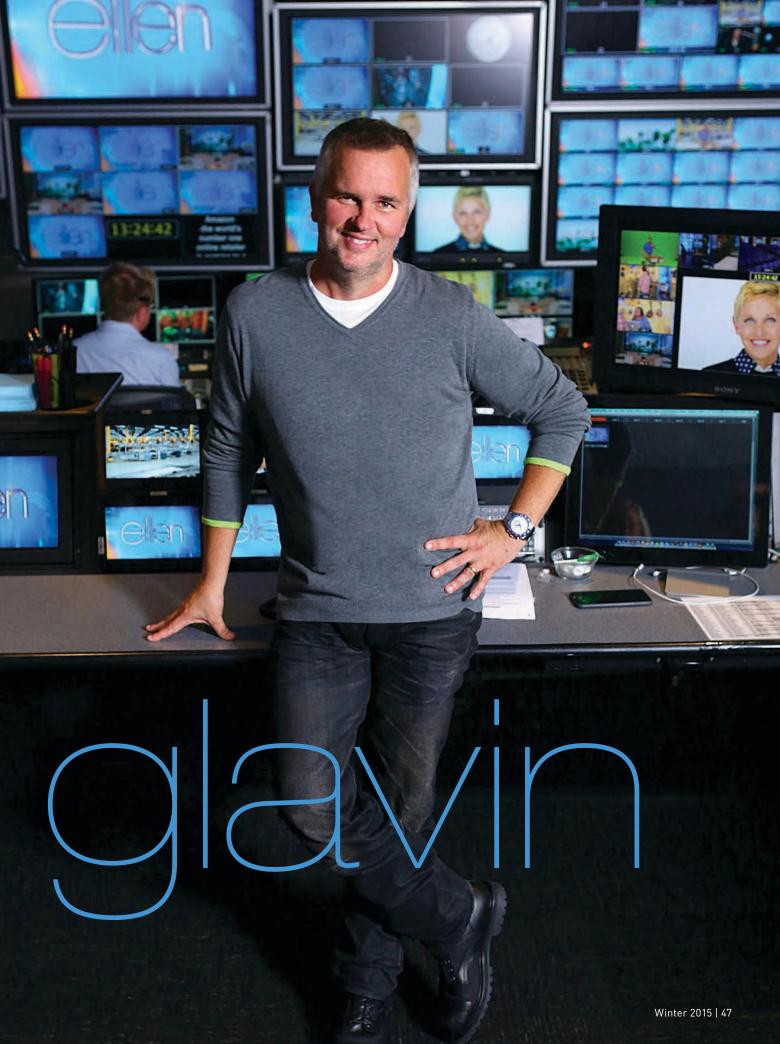
Glavin swallowed his pride,

tightened his budget and took the TV job, and in those three months he met Bill Boggs, who took a liking to Glavin and hired him to work on Bogg's short-lived talk show. From there, Glavin rose to become associate producer of the controversial, emotionally flammable "Morton Downey Jr. Show," then worked at the launch

Executive producer of "Ellen," Ed Glavin got his start in TV with a KYW-TV internship.

by

David Bianculli



of cable's CNBC. Then he got a job he says he really, really wanted: producing "Donahue."

"He is such a great guy. I love him to death," Glavin says. "I think he ultimately got out of TV because he was a little heartbroken that people didn't want that highbrow a show anymore. They were being fed other stuff, they didn't need him—his nickname for me was Numbers because I was addicted to ratings. And we would have colossal arguments!," Glavin recalls, with

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a hearty laugh—while also recalling that Donahue was right to protect his image and trust his instincts.

It's an approach, Glavin says, that has defined his current boss from the start. The three executive producers of "The Ellen DeGeneres Show"—Mary Connelly, Andy Lassner and Glavin—always have deferred to the host's tastes and desires, and, he says, always will.

"Ellen is so unbelievably consistent," he says. "She is the most decisive human being I have ever worked with. It's so

amazing. And we don't always agree! I'm the same way here. I want to win. I want to cast as wide a net as is humanly possible. I want to bring as many people into our world as I can. And so does Ellen.

"But Ellen has a bar of quality and ethics that she will never, ever compromise. She's just not going to. And she will never be unclear on it. It's amazing!"

Even before the show went on the air in 2003, DeGeneres was confident enough to tell her team of executive producers, "There are no conventions here. We are rewriting the rules."

Success came slowly, but definitely arrived: "We were a modest success for three, four years, got a little better in the fifth year, then there were a couple of flat years and then it took off like a rocket. And I believe it is because Ellen groomed people to be okay with a show that was a little bit topical, a little relevant, always funny. Always positive. Always warm. Always inclusive."

Today, Glavin sees his job as DeGeneres' executive producer to "give her room"—essentially, to work with all of the show's employees, about 110 staffers and 40 crew members, to let Ellen be Ellen.

Glavin and the other executive producers interview

every intern and staff applicant, determined to choose the best candidates and be sure they understand what they're signing on to do.

"Even by talk show standards, it's a big staff. And I tell them all the same thing. I try to talk them out of it. I say, 'Look, 75 percent of what you do is going to feel like you didn't need to go to college for it. I'm going to apologize for that in advance. That's not going to change it. Seventy-five percent of what you do is not going to be related to television. But the 25 percent that is? You can get noticed and you can stand out and you will move up if you do. And if you don't, you probably won't move up."

Glavin's straight-shooting preview sets the standard and builds rapport as newcomers join the team.

"The staff gets younger and younger, and I get older and older," Glavin says, laughing, "and I love it. It's the one thing in this life I feel like I know how to do well—and it really all started in Glassboro on the mean streets of 322!"

Glavin has two pieces of advice for today's Rowan students interested in pursuing a TV career.

"The first thing I would say if I were talking to a group of students, particularly at Glassboro," he says, "is this: I've had some amazing good fortune and I have worked hard. But if I can get to here from Lindenwold, New Jersey, anyone can get to here, and I firmly believe that.

"And the second thing I would say is you are crazy if you don't do an internship late in your college career. An internship is vital.

"I was willing to do the work to pay the dues that you have to pay. And, by the way, you still have to pay. The thing about a four-year degree in communications is it's not a doctorate. You're not going to get out and make a hundred grand a year. You're going to run errands, you're going to get Starbucks, you're not going to make a ton of money and you're going to pray and work to get noticed.

"That's what it is. Doesn't matter if you grow up in LA and you go to USC and you get through one of the best film schools in the country and you feel entitled. Doesn't matter. If you have a four-year degree in communications, you're going to pay your dues. And I was willing to pay my dues. And if you're willing, amazing things can happen."

David Bianculli is an associate professor in the radiotelevision-film department at Rowan teaching TV and film and is TV critic and guest host for NPR's "Fresh Air with Terry Gross." He's been a TV critic since 1975 and is the author of several books about television.

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Venture Fund fuels research, boosts economy \$5 million Rowan Foundation initiative supports employees, students, alumni, SJ

by Patricia Quigley '78, M'03

"This Fund represents Rowan's commitment to today's researchers and tomorrow's leaders as well as to our collective future."

Joseph Bottazzi Chairman, Rowan University Foundation Researchers, investing in ideas, lately quite literally. Researchers, inventors, entrepreneurs and business people pursuing the next great medical discovery, technology product or other initiative now may apply to the Rowan Innovation Venture Fund, LLC for financing.

In February 2014, the Rowan University Foundation committed \$5 million to establish the fund, which will fuel research that has the potential to address real-world problems and to be commercialized, conceivably leading to University-generated technologies, intellectual property, inventions and businesses.

That \$5 million—which will be awarded competitively at various amounts—represents

an investment in students, faculty, staff and alumni who have demonstrated success in their initiatives but need added support to get their work to market. It represents a commitment to the community, to the region, to South Jersey and New Jersey. It represents a belief that what Rowan studies, pursues, researches, builds and grows will be a game changer in business, technology, science, engineering, health care, education, the economy and more.

"There are very few institutions where faculty can receive early-stage 'gap' funding to support viable ideas that have great potential to be marketed but need a financial boost," said Dr. Ali Houshmand, Rowan's president. "Our research shows only about a half dozen



colleges and universities have such a venture fund, and none has a foundation that has supported its fund."

Houshmand added, "Our Foundation has shown a commitment to existing and new faculty, confidence we are able to attract these people and a belief that they will be able to translate their research to the marketplace and help spur economic development in our own backyard. Once again, Rowan has identified and addressed a critical need."

University community members are conducting research in diverse areas, from vaccines for poison ivy to anti-bacterial coatings, from blood tests to diagnose Alzheimer's disease to alternative fuel sources.

Foundation Chairman Joseph Bottazzi echoed Houshmand's sentiments. "The Fund is an example of how deeply invested Rowan University is in faculty, student and alumni research that may solve some of our world's problems in diverse fields, from health care to the environment," he said.

This fall, the University named Howard Lubert as the fund's managing director. A Rowan alumnus with more than three decades of experience in business, angel and venture capital investing and technical due diligence, Lubert will work in conjunction with the foundation board and an advisory committee comprising business leaders, financiers, entrepreneurs and other individuals with biotechnology, biomedical, engineering and venture capital backgrounds. They will provide real-world expertise as the fund awards up to \$1 million a year for five years.

"The fund will be a cornerstone of Rowan's overall plan to become the center of

Collaboration in developing ideas for market will get a boost at Rowan as its venture fund provides collaborative financial support. innovation and entrepreneurship in South Jersey," said Lubert, co-founder and area president of Keiretsu Forum Mid-Atlantic and founder and managing partner/senior analyst at SafeHatch LLC, Wayne, Pa.

This fall, the fund started accepting applications for financing. In addition to Rowan faculty, staff, students and alumni, South Jersey inventors and entrepreneurs are eligible to apply for funding—addressing Rowan's goal to drive the economy in the region.

According to Bottazzi, an executive with Edelman Financial Services, Fairfax, Va., the fund will support pre-seed and seed-stage businesses, research initiatives and technologies.

"The Venture Fund illustrates in a very concrete and very remarkable fashion Rowan University's commitment to research, to fostering entrepreneurship and business in our region and to advancing the local economy," Bottazzi said. "This fund represents Rowan's commitment to today's researchers and tomorrow's leaders as well as to our collective future."

The competition is expected to be fierce for the funds. And the future looks a little brighter for the researchers who may one day be recipients.

That's just what the Rowan University Foundation had in mind when it started crafting a plan for the Venture Fund in 2012 and spent a year examining successful venture fund models.

Lubert plans to partner outside investors in the fund's work, including alumni and other angel investors who may, among other opportunities, support large-scale initiatives that demand more financing than the fund is prepared to award.

"To be successful, the fund has to make a strategic number of outside investments," he said. "At the end of the day, the fund has to generate a return on its investment."

(To submit an application for funding, visit *https://RowanVentureFund.ProSeeder.com.*)

Opportunities for alumni

Rowan University graduates will have opportunities to benefit from the Rowan Innovation Venture Fund, LLC.

The institution's alumni researchers, innovators, inventors and business people are welcome to apply for funding for the early stages of their work via a competitive process (see story at left).

Additionally, Managing Director Howard Lubert expects to establish "sidecar" opportunities for alumni to invest in projects that the fund supports.

Lubert explained that while the Rowan University Foundation Board outlined parameters to support projects with \$25,000 to \$100,000, some viable proposals may call for more extensive financing.

When that occurs, he will explore syndicating with other angel investors and inviting qualified alumni to invest in the initiatives.

Visit **rowan.edu/venturefund** to learn more.

Fit for life—it's not what you think

Fitness guru Shaun T recounts his start at Rowan and the life lessons that helped him find the "right fit"

by Shaun T '01

On the cover of Men's Health magazine (January/February 2015 issue), Shaun T kicks off the new year with his trademark motivation for core health. But if you know Shaun T only as the reigning king of fitness (thanks to Hip Hop Abs, INSANITY, Focus T25 and his brand new program INSANITY: Max 30), you only know the "what" of his success—and you need to know the "how" and "why." Shaun's story may be just the inspiration and motivation you need to take that next *step in your life—with or* without a physical workout.

n 1998, I started working the front desk at the Rowan Rec Center. I am very social, so greeting everyone was easy, but the job was all about customer service and efficiency—you know: take the member's card and swipe it, keep everyone moving through check-in. Seems like an easy job, right? Not for me. I said, "We need to put some music on." I felt like I was trapped in a little box. The job was a bad fit. I couldn't cut it and the director, Tina Pinocci, knew it.

But she thought I had potential, so instead of firing me, she transferred me to the weight room upstairs. I was supposed to encourage people in their workouts, keep the equipment in order and make sure everyone followed "fitness etiquette"—not dropping weights, sharing and wiping down equipment. But I would get hung up "coaching"

someone in a workout and forget about the rest of my job. This time, Laurie Dwyer, my supervisor upstairs, noticed and I didn't last long in that position, either. Another dead end for me? Not quite. Call it a perfect ending.

Free in the right fit

Laurie saw potential, too, and by now I was closer to finding that "good fit" at work with her help. She hired me to teach aerobics and I spent the next summer learning how to lead a class with my co-worker, Mandee Kern 'oo. We spent hours every day developing classes in the studio until it closed at 11 p.m.

I knew 100 percent that this was what I wanted to do. Teaching class for the first time was therapeutic. My family didn't grow up with a lot of money. I had some very difficult moments in my childhood. I held some things in for a long time. When I taught my group exercise class—my very first hip hop class—it was so freeing—like dancing, which I've always loved.

Pretty soon I was teaching whenever I wasn't in class for my health promotion and fitness management major.

Finding the right "fit" also meant I was motivated to become certified as an instructor with the American College of Sports Medicine. My skills grew and I saw more opportunities. My real epiphany came at the ECA World Fitness Convention in Miami, where Laurie takes students who are serious about fitness professions. The ECA presenters were superstars of the genre. I took as many classes as I could. In one day, I knew it in my soul: I wanted to be up there on that stage.

First job and no fear

It did not happen right away. My first job after school was two years at a pharmaceuticals company in Pennsylvania as a health and fitness specialist. Then, while visiting a friend from Rowan in Los Angeles, I went to a dance agency audition just so I could take a free dance class. My trip ended and I traveled back to Jersey to continue on with my life. Two weeks later, the dance agency called and asked, "Would you consider moving to LA to become a professional dancer?" My mom said, "If you don't go for it, you will regret it."

So I jumped at the chance, booking jobs as a professional dancer and teaching fitness classes in my free time. Even when some auditions didn't work out, those experiences moved me closer to where I am today. And I was dancing, so every job was a chance to express emotion and really come alive through my work.

When I wasn't dancing, I enjoyed teaching and had a pretty big following for my workout style. Lara Ross, a Beachbody producer, discovered one of my classes. That was my big break and led to Hip Hop Abs and everything since then.

The take-away

All my videos and routines are meant to challenge and encourage people to do more than they thought was possible. It's not about me. It's about you. There are 10,000 things going on in my head when I'm leading: (Do you need motivation? Or a kick in the butt?). No matter what it is, I tap into what the person needs, the whole message, internally and externally.

Rowan gave me the best lesson in life about finding the "right fit" and resiliency.

If you didn't get this take-away as a student, you can now:

- People spend a lot of time denying who they are—it's amazing. The real message is freeing yourself. To be successful, you can't do what someone else wants you to do. Just because you are business major doesn't mean you only put on a suit and go to work. Take what you learn, apply it elsewhere and live in "YOU." Follow your gut instinct. It is never, ever, ever wrong.
- Get fired? Transferred? In a "bad fit"? Hit a plateau? These are new beginnings. Do not fear them. Be excited.
- 3. The mental aspect: do you have the internal motivation to do whatever it takes? What is your mindset? Are you happy? You are the nucleus of your existence. If you are not happy, people around you will not be happy. Be bold and trust your gut to make that positive change—your job, conflict with friends or family, your health. The idea of being "selfish" is always viewed so negatively, but taking care of you, being selfish, is the only way to change your life for the better.

When I was working at the Rec Center's front desk as a student, the job wasn't the right fit for me and it showed. Everybody has a natural talent, an inner motivation. Back in 1999, swiping cards and handing out towels couldn't keep me focused or challenge me or make me happy.

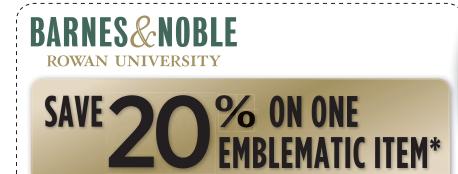
I am happy now. You can be, too.



Shaun T is a fitness expert, entrepreneur and creator of the popular "INSANITY" and "Focus T25" workout

programs and others that have dominated the competitive fitness market since 2007. Born Shaun Thompson, he earned a B.A. in health and exercise science with a minor in theater and dance while teaching immensely popular classes at the Rowan Rec Center. With international appearances and his workout programs' ever-increasing success, he continues to build a forum for helping people achieve more and overcome obstacles.

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<u>60s</u>

William Eckart '69 retired after teaching and coaching for 40 years in Neptune Township. He and his wife, Barbara, have two children and three grandchildren.

<u>70s</u>

Carol Wurtz Brown '71 retired from teaching special education classes in June. She and her husband, Douglas, live in Brookfield, Conn.

Barbara Pritchard Moreno, Karen Bonislawski, Maryann Calamoneri Beyer, Patty Dumansky Suoninen, Kris Ambroziak Moscatello and Carol Wurtz Brown, all Class of '71 and roommates at 68 Main St. in Glassboro while at GSC, got together at Homecoming.

Molly Lou Schwartz Conrad '72 is an administrative assistant for Franks and Beans Communications, a company started by Tobi Schwartz Cassell '78. Molly and her husband, Martin, have been married for 40 years and have one child. Martin

retired recently as an architect for the state of New Jersey. They live in Cherry Hill.

Wendy Barai Cooper '72, M'74 and her husband, Dayton Cooper '75, have retired and spend time at their cottage on the Outer Banks in North Carolina and traveling. They have visited China, Peru and the Gulf Coast and attended the 2012 Olympics. When they are home, Dayton supports the Rowan ice hockey team and the girls softball team.

Edward J. Ott '72 retired in 2004 from teaching in Hamilton Township, Mercer County. He works part-time at Mercer County Community College. His wife is Nancy Smith Ott '71.

Noelle Sickels Sewell M'73 has published her second book, *Out of Love*, with La Sirena Press in Los Angeles. Set in 1984, the book explores the experiences of pregnant teens in the 1960s and delves into the difficult journeys of adoptees and birth parents looking for one another before the Internet age and well before the passage of New Jersey's Birthright Bill. *Out of Love* is available at Amazon. Her previous novel, *The Medium*, was set during World War II in a fictional town, River Bend, based on Teaneck, her hometown. *Out of Love* is set openly in Teaneck, with additional action in Trenton, Cape May Point, Newark, Malaga and Alpine.

Fran Swift '75 is serving a three-year term on the National Association for College Admission

Counseling's professional development committee. She is the only one from New Jersey selected for the eight-member committee. She acts as liaison for the New Jersey, Dakota, Great Plains and Rocky Mountain regional affiliates and promotes and presents workshops for the 13,000-member, worldwide organization. She is also a member of the New Jersey affiliate's professional development committee, presenting workshops to help school counselors use an on-line



All in the family

Dawn Funk Benevento '83, M'14 eaned a Rohrer College MBA in May and her daughter, Lianne Benevento '14, earned an education degree, adding to the family's collection of Rowan diplomas. Daniel Benevento '12, Dawn's husband, teaches social studies in Oldmans Township.



Rowan-proud producers snag Emmy Still fans of their professor, Ned Eckhardt, Steve Kwasnik'93, Pete Scaffidi'93 and Lisa White Gray '84 earned a regional Emmy for the weekly music and interview program they produce for WHYY-TV, "On Tour." Formerly known as "On Canvas," the show airs Thursdays at 10 p.m. and Sundays at noon. (Also in photo: Gary Lindstrom)

system to improve college and career planning. Swift, supervisor of guidance at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, has been in high school guidance for 27 years. She serves on the Monmouth County School Counselors executive board and was that group's president for nine years. She is on the advisory board at Fairfield University in Connecticut and recently completed an advisory board term at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Jeff Weber '75 left BizTalkRadio after 12 years

in various senior management positions to join Synchronicity as a consultant assisting in the company's operations. Synchronicity provides small to medium-sized businesses with technology infrastructure, networking support, project management and Internet solutions. He also consults for Forte Family Broadcasting, a Connecticut-based radio company. Jeff, who is based in Delray Beach, Fla., has previously managed radio stations and sales departments in Baltimore, Indianapolis and Albany.

Larry Josephs '76 is vice president of sales at Xtreme Cables, in Edison. He lives in Marlboro, with his wife, Beth, his daughter Jennifer Josephs '13, and son Samuel Josephs '18.

Crystal Bacon '77 is executive director of the Methow Valley Community School in Twisp, Wash.

Debra Rubin '77 is the *New Jersey Jewish News* Middlesex County bureau chief.

Glenn Ware '77 and his family have relocated to Nevada after 24 years in California. He teaches grades 7-12 in Lyon County, east of the state capital, Carson City. Glenn also sings with the Carson City Symphony Chorus which has appeared with the Reno Philharmonic. Glenn, his wife, Dru, and their four children live in Dayton, Nev.

Tobi Schwartz Cassell '78 has started Franks and Beans Communications, a company that provides freelance writing and manages themed events.

Ken Kopakowski '79 is a multimedia producer/ editor at Bloomberg LP in New York, a position he has held for 18 years.

80s

Linda L. Morse '80, M'91 received the American School Health Association's 2014 Distinguished Service Award. Morse, a Fellow of the ASHA, an RN and a Certified Health Education Specialist, was honored for her exceptional work in school health and demonstrated dedication to the association.

Jane Holy Konzelmann '83 is the office manager and a real estate broker associate in the Montclair office of



Diamond Club takes to the greens

Nearly 100 baseball alumni gathered for their annual golf tournament at Deerwood Country Club in Westhampton in October. Proceeds benefit the Rowan University/GSC Baseball Diamond Club. Alumni interested in getting more involved with the club are encouraged to contact Coach Mike Dickson: dickson@rowan.edu. Mark your calendar for next year's outing on October 4.

- Paul Urbanovich '09, Keith Smicklo '03, M '06, Conrad Renner '08, Nick Urbanovich '05, Mike Sclafani '06, Craig Waggner '03, Gary Winkler '08, M'12, Roger Turley '08.
- 2. Doug Bohrer '83, Jim Ritchings '82, Pat Murray '84, Gary Lomauro '83.
- 3. John Yurkow '01, Mike Dickson '02, Josh Schwartz '09, Jimmy Comprelli '06.







50 years: the memories that matter

GSC and Rowan grads gathered in October at the Chamberlain Student Center to celebrate five decades of WGLS-FM. The festvities included inducting the 2014 WGLS-FM Hall of Fame class: former President Mark Chamberlain (posthumously), Gregory Potter Sr. M'73, Larry DiBona '77, Karen Maser '79, and Alisa Hogan '80, M'00.

- FRONT: David Andersen '67, Thomas Doyle '78, Brian Kass '85, John Sadak '00, M'03.
 BACK: Michele Fisher '94, Assistant Dean Julie Haynes (holding a resolution from the office of Senate President Stephen Sweeney honoring Rowan Radio), Allie Volpe '13, and Dean Lorin Arnold.
- 2. Vicki VanArsdale '94, James Dementri '97, Jeff Hickman '95.
- 3. Robert Catania '76 and John Martin '80.
- 4. Sharon Fell '81, Thomas Slater '80, Joel Adler '81, Jeanne Mignella '81, Marybeth Campanella '82.

- 5. Rob Szczepanik '13 and Matthew Kazin '13
- 6. Melanie Burney '84, Ken Simmons '93, and Erica Ortiz '99.
- 7. WGLS-FM General Manager Emeritus Frank Hogan '13 and John Sadak '00, M'03.
- 8. Mary Fondi '88 and Gregg Clayton '82.
- 9. Derek Jones '01, M'03, Larry DiBona, Karen Maser '79, Provost James Newell, Barbara Chamberlain '88, Alisa Hogan '80, M'00, Gregory Potter Sr. '73 and Leo Kirschner '94.



MBA students, staff and friends brave 4H Mud Run

Forget business suits and briefcases—Rohrer College of Business friends made it through a 5K run and obstacle course in July. LEFT: Brian Eachus M'15, Dan Shields, MBA Program Director Jim Jordan, Joe DelVecchio M'14, Corey Novak and Joe D'Alessandro.

RIGHT: Paul Boland M'14 clears a mud pit.

Berkshire Hathaway. One of her two sons is Andrew Konzelmann '16.

Donald Smith Jr. '83, who retired from the Randolph Police Department as a lieutenant, is a 911 coordinator in the Morris County Department of Law and Public Safety.

Kenneth Lacovara '84 discovered and led the excavation and analysis of a new supermassive dinosaur species in southern Patagonia in Argentina. An associate professor at Drexel University, Lacovara and colleagues described their discovery in the journal Scientific Reports, defining the genus and species, Dreadnoughtus schrani. The fossil is the most complete skeleton ever found of its type. At 85 feet long and weighing about 65 tons in life, *Dreadnoughtus* is the largest land animal for which a

body mass can be accurately calculated.

Margaret McEwen

Gensel '84 is an aide in the Gloucester Township school system. She and her husband, William, have three children, including **Brian Gensel '17**.

Lisa White Gray '84, Steve Kwasnik '93 and Pete Scaffidi '93 earned a Mid-Atlantic region Emmy for "On Canvas," the weekly music and interview program that they produce for WHYY-TV. The show airs Thursdays at 10 p.m. and Sundays at noon.

Glenn Khoury '84 retired after 32 years at *The*

News Eagle, a weekly newspaper based in Hawley, Pa. Starting as an advertising sales intern through GSC, Khoury became sales manager and was promoted to publisher in 2009. He is focused on expanding his outdoor advertising company, Encore Outdoor LLC. The firm has more than 20 billboards in Pennsylvania's Pike and Wayne counties and was the first outdoor company

to construct digital billboards in Wayne County. Contact him at glenn.khoury@yahoo.com.

Donna Campo McAvoy '84 has taught second grade for 25 years at the Reeds Road School in Galloway Township. She is also a Lacey Township Board of Education member. She and her husband, Bob, have three children.

Ira P. Monka DO'84 is an American Osteopathic Association Board of Trustees member, the first Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine alumnus to achieve this position. He is also president of the SOM Alumni Association.

Todd Schachter DO'84 is president of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

Wayne Carlsen DO'86, vice dean at Ohio Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio, received the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine Distinguished Alumnus Award at the school's May Commencement. He is also the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners chairman.

Kimberly Lynne Hall Razavi '87 teaches kindergarten at the Downing School in Runnemede. This is her 32nd year in the school district.

Keith Forrest '88, an associate professor of communication at Atlantic Cape Community College in Mays Landing, was named "Faculty of the Year." He created the first course of its kind in popular music and radio history. Forrest, who began running at 40, has earned 50 medals as a runner.

Maureen Gilmartin McIlvaine '88 worked



PROS reunion

Three decades of PROS members enjoyed a Homecoming 30th anniversary reunion hosted by the Office of Orientation & Student Leadership Programs and Office of Alumni Engagement. 1. Nicole Gardrie, Hakim Abdul Gardrie '93,

- Shannon Kileen '91, M'93, Helen Polak.
- 2. Megan MacMillan '08, John Stephan '08, Lou Ragone '06, Emily Hershbain.
- 3. Steve Calakos '08, Ed Dean '09, Bethany McAnneny '10.





for Nestle for several years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. She also assists her husband in his business.

Edgardo Rodriguez '88 is a video production/ audiovisual specialist for the Department of Defense. He also operates a custom woodworking business. He and his wife, Leonor, have two children. They live in Gotha, Fla.

Mark J. Stoetzer '88 and his wife, Monica Tapper Stoetzer '88 have two children. One is Ethan Stoetzer '16. Their daughter is a soprano who is studying classical voice.

Susan Lage DO'89

is president of the American College of Osteopathic Neurologists and Psychiatrists.



Vincent Verrico '90

has published *Every Ornament Has its Place*, a true story about the loss of a favorite Christmas ornament through the eyes of his son, Matt, at 8 years old and what he learns in the search for it. The book is available at Amazon, Apple, Barnes & Noble and Google. Follow Vincent at *facebook.com*/ *eohip* and Twitter @EOHIP.

Ken Wallace '90 is

president and chief operating officer of Clinical Trial Marketing Communications, the firm he founded 10 years ago. The company, which is located in Kennesaw, Ga., and has an office in New Hope, Pa., specializes in patient recruitment and retention for clinical



GSC and Rowan alums represent at Holman

Alumni employees of Holman Automotive in Maple Shade reconnected at a Rohrer College of Business reception in October and gathered outside Iron Hill Brewery for a photo with Holman executives.

BACK: Jackie Awad '05, Jessica Pirolli, Cory Sternin '13, Laura James '06, M'08, Heidi Schumacher '92, Joe Sabatini, Nick Perno '09, Joe Perno '05, Dean Hanscom '93, Dereck Thornton '04, Michael Cianfrone '12, Greg Finn '12, Jennifer Farrell '02, Paul Masi '06. FRONT: Anthony Romano '14, Gene Barsocchi '04, Charles Nazarene Jr. '13, Samantha Conte '13, Frank Daccardi '03, Brendon Renouf, Steve Holman, Bill Cariss, Angelo Nori, Trisha Perna '10, John Aogalcheck, Michelle Masucci '14, Joline Koch '06, Ed Zelinka '78.

trials. Wallace earned an MBA from Kennesaw State University.

Stephen Scheinthal DO'91 is department of psychiatry chairman at Rowan's School of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Specialists chairman.

Mike Knarre '92 worked as an ABC cameraman at the 2015 Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City in September.

Eric Carlson DO'93 is president-elect of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Michele Giordano Moore '93 founded and operates Born to WOD (www.borntowod.com), a CrossFit apparel company. The company, which features CrossFit and workout clothes for infants, adults and even dogs, has been promoted by many participants in the CrossFit Games on ESPN.

Sandra Huggins '94, M'13 is an accounting manager at J.E. Berkowitz LP, an architectural glass manufacturer in Pedricktown.

Emily Bach Davis '95 and her husband, Joe, announce the March birth of Erin (photo, p. 66).

Andrea lannuzzelli DO'95 is the medical director for Medford Leas in Medford. He is also a Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine Alumni Association Board member.



Athletics Hall of Fame celebrates standouts The GSC/Rowan Athletics community— grads, coaches, staff, family and friends— concluded Homecoming weekend by inducting its newest members into the Athletics Hall of Fame.

- 1. BACK: David Vaughn '83, Tim Dempsey '83, President Houshmand, Garfield Francis '84, Kevin Gray '84. FRONT: Robert Bechtloff '84, Joy Solomen '69, M'75 Dan Gilmore, Marty Lawless '84.
- 2. Jami Musey-Lau '99, Laiton Roberts '95, Robert Bechtloff '84, Jennifer Hodgins-Kuenzel '97, Ernest Lattimer '80.







A Proftoberfest Homecoming

The Office of Alumni Engagement welcomed its largest-ever crowd back to campus for a weekend-long celebration of all things Rowan. Save the date for next year: Saturday, Oct. 17.

- 1. Mike Tolomeo '02, Ryan Fischer '02, M '06, Kathryn Stoedter '01, M'05, Susana Martinez, Shelby Lorenz '01.
- 2. Rowan Proud family: Cindy Fair Thompson '97, Amelia, Jack, Andrew.
- 3. Denise Muller Curto '86, Linda Kichdls Kaminski '87, Stacy Morris '87, Donna Campo McAvoy '84, Eileen Sinon '86, Laurie Rossetti '85.
- 4. BACK: Arnold Divers '77, Nick Rosa '16, Angelique Hilton, Paul Hilton '83, Jazmine Martin '17, Christine Avery '97, FRONT: Kara Ott '16, Aaron Hawkins '16, Matthew Hilton '17, Rebecca Eckler '16.
- 5. The 3D Dance Crew paraded down Rowan Boulevard.
- 6. Michael Yip '97 and Fred Sly '96.
- 7. BACK: Kathleen Conlon '93 (holding Galen), Brady Gibney (holding Wren) FRONT: Sharon Mulvaney Licari '93, Sharon Buckle Murphy '93, Lori Vazquez Reynolds '93.
- 8. Physics faculty Philip LaPorta, Interim Dean Karen Magee-Sauer, President Houshmand.
- 9. Tobias Bruhn '98, M' 99 and Marguerite Stubbs '63.
- 10. BACK: Jean Hetherington, Pat Becky '81. FRONT: James Hetherington M'76, Dot McNally.
- 11. The ProfPack kept the home stands revved up.
- 12. Gabriel Nobles, Danielle Nobles '95, Israel Nobles
- 13. Kerryn Hughley '15, Ellen Weinhofer Scavelli, Kristin Tryon Shaw '88, Dean Monika Shealey, Ethel Davis Jones '92, Nicole Chermark '16.
- 14. D'Ambra family selfie,
 - BACK: Monica, Lydia. FRONT: John, Trey, Denise '98.





Grad named a 2014 NJBiz Forty Under 40 winner

Chris Lukach '04 (second from right), president of Anne Klein Communications Group in Mount Laurel, was named one of 2014's "Forty Under 40" by *NJBiz*. Those named to the list are selected for their commitment to business growth, professional excellence and the New Jersey community and for their professional accomplishments, leadership, vision and community service contributions. Photo: Anne Klein Communications Group.

Photo: Anne Klein Communications Group.

Carol Katarsky '95 and her husband, Tom Busillo, announce the June 16 birth of Nicholas. Carol is a freelance content strategist and marketing communications specialist. The family resides in Center City Philadelphia.

Kyle Cassidy '96 paid tribute to and shattered stereotypes of librarians with his portraits of them published at the culture magazine, Slate.com.

Linda Rogers Lehman '96 has been a counselor with the Center for Family Services for 13 years.

Spike C. Cook '97, M'99, M'06, D'09 has published *Connected Leadership: It's a Click Away* with Corwin Press. The book is part of a new series by the publishing company. Spike, who is also working on a second book, is in his fourth year as principal of Millville's RM Bacon Elementary School, where he has been influential in increasing technology use by students and teachers. He is also a Rowan adjunct.

Julissa Marenco '97 is assistant chief of the media bureau and a telecommunications adviser for the Federal Communications Commission.

George Scott DO'97 is acting assistant dean for clinical education at Rowan's School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Scott McCartney M'97, superintendent of the Egg Harbor Township School District, was named the 2015 Southern **Regional Superintendent** of the Year by the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA). Along with a minimum of five years' experience, he was judged on his service to the county affiliate and NJASA and his distinguished record as an educator. Under his leadership for sustainable green initiatives, the district saved more than \$6 million since 2011, secured more than \$125,000 in environmental education grants and earned local,

state, regional, national and international awards.

Marcus Glanton '99 and his wife, Rebeca, announce the birth of Wesley (photo, p. 66).





Thomas Fanuka 'oo is serving as past president

of the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials for the 2014-2015 school year, following a one-year term as the group's president. He has been the Lumberton Township School District business administrator /board secretary for more than 20 years.

Pamela Rizzo Grossman 'oo is director of parking for the Borough of West Chester, Pa.

Dean Greco '01 and his wife, Nicole, announce the December 2013 birth



Team Kulik Kristina Brenner Kulik '09 and Ryan Kulik '14 married in November 2012. Ryan has been playing for minor league baseball teams, including the Tulsa Drillers, a Colorado Rockies farm team.

of Andie. The Grecos have a video production company, Focus On The Good, and released their first feature-length documentary, "100 Signatures," in October. The film follows Dean's humorous and inspiring 2008 congressional



Rowan loves the Jersey shore

More than 300 grads from '78 through '14 attended the reunion in Lake Como. Join us next summer!

- 1. Michelle Lubrano '12, Stephanie Morgan '12, Katie Page '13, Jennifer Bealer '12, Rebecca Kelly '11.
- 2. Matthew Hajek '14, Sergio Rodriguez '14, Vincent Vadala '14, Brian Oni '15, RJ Shielke '15, Juan Lopez '14, Luigi Diaz '14, Evan Torrens '14.
- 3. Archange Antoine '05, William Moen Jr. '09, Hilary Beckett '13.



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run. The film has shown all over the country including at Downbeach Film Festival in Atlantic City, Trenton Film Festival, Anthem Film Festival in Las Vegas, Philadelphia Independent Film Festival and the Hoboken International Film Festival where it won best feature length documentary. The film is available at www.100signatures.com. Follow them on twitter @focusgood.

Kelli Kennedy Solomkin '01, M'02 and her husband, Mark, announce the May 21 birth of Sydney (photo, p. 66).

Joe Wetterling '01 is a training specialist at the Temple University Health System. He also has a contract for publishing his first book.

Catherine Wilson 'o1 took part in Harvard University's emerging leaders program, in November. Those accepted into the program study how governments and nongovernmental organizations can help create more robust democratic societies.

Suzanne Smalley Beers '02 her husband, Kale, announce the April 29 birth of twins Kimberly and James.

Brianne Wissel Kanach '02 and **Christopher Kanach '03, M'05** announce the May 10 birth of Matthew (photo, p. 66). The Kanachs live in Bear, Del.

Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03 earned a financial crimes investigator certificate from Utica College in New York.

Chrissy Buteas '04 is president and CEO of the Home Care Association of New Jersey, a statewide group representing the state's home care agencies, health care service firms and hospices.



Boardwalk wedding

Becky Norton Woods '05 married Dale Woods in August at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. The bridal party included Michelle Lauletta Bateman'05, Rebeka Robinson Bailey '05, Jessica Longmire '06 and Kenneth S. Norton Jr. '11. The bride's father is Kenneth S. Norton Sr. '99. Becky is the events coordinator at the Flanders Hotel in Ocean City. She also works for ESPN and radio stations and is an agency model. Dale is a poker dealer in Atlantic City.

Jillian Whidby Freund '04 earned a doctorate in microbiology at Rutgers University in 2012. She is a medical writer for Integrium LLC, a clinical research firm.

Brian Sokalsky DO'o5, a board-certified family physician with special training in sports medicine, has opened a private practice, Jersey Shore Sports Medicine, in Ocean City. Oscar Hernandez 'o6 has written One Ball, One Love, his seventh book and his first paperback. The book, illustrated by Maria Yearicks and available on Amazon, is about a six-year-old boy and his reactions to seeing his first live soccer match. It also includes stories of others describing their first game experience. His six previous works were i-books, interactive stories that include narration, sounds and movement. Teachers and parents can use Lil' Readers, a children's bookstore app for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch, to download the i-books free or for a nominal fee. His other i-books are Running Tails, Just Us, The Bumpy Road, **Opposite** Day, Round and Round We Go and Little Helper. Hernandez teaches special education in Westville.

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Nicholas Malfitano 'o6 is an editor at the Philadelphia

branch office of Business Wire. He handles press releases for the company's premier clients in the Philadelphia Metro and Washington, D.C., markets.

Danielle Cooley DO'07 received the Emerging Leader Award from the American Osteopathic Foundation in October. She is an assistant professor in the department of osteopathic manipulative medicine



17th Annual SOM Golf Classic

Alumni, faculty and friends had a perfect day for golf, networking and scholarship fundraising.

- 1. Tom Lee, David Gealt DO '01, Steve Santangelo, Greg Taylor DO '01.
- 2. Raymond Isenberg, Tim Cheung, Timothy Tsai, Vincent Marchese, all DO'17.
- 3. Patrick Eigbe DO'16, Carl Hock, John Muchorski, Terry Brown, Jason Puskas, Pavan Patel DO'17.







Amanda Brewer's photo made her and this hungry shark famous a few months ago. During her internship, the art teacher helped a research team observe and track the alpha predators in the frigid Indian Ocean.

Photo frenzy

A manda Brewer '12 is an art teacher at Whitman Elementary in Washington Township, Gloucester County, but so far she is best known for the photo she shot while cage diving with great white sharks last summer. GoPro featured the image on its Instagram page, where it earned more than 350,000 likes and gained Amanda attention from "Good Morning America," the "Today Show," *National Geographic* and others. She said her 15 minutes of fame were "a wild ride" and "a bit of a blur. " She is using the publicity to focus on what she loves: sharks and education.

"It was the ultimate educational experience," Brewer said. "You can study any subject all day, every day, but unless you're gaining a better understanding about yourself, why you're here and what you're meant to do with all of the passion and knowledge you hold, it's useless."

Brewer volunteered to work with scientists in the ecotourism group, White Shark Africa. Her journey to South Africa started with a study-abroad opportunity while at Rowan. "I was fortunate enough to stumble upon Rowan's International Center, which led me to a semester in Australia in 2009. It opened my eyes to a world of culture and opportunity and a passion for experiencing new places and people."

Brewer heard about White Shark Africa after her Australia trip. She was accepted as an intern, which led to the first part of her shark adventure: becoming certified to scuba-dive. She quickly found herself at home in South Africa, working alongside tourists on the boats, doing everything from "teaching to encouraging them."

Bait handlers lured the sharks close enough to take a photo of their dorsal fin for identification—part of the scientific study to gather information that supports conservation—which led to Brewer's famous close-up photo.

Encouraged by her experience, she and a cofounder are creating a foundation, Sharkservation, to send teenagers who care about sharks to volunteer abroad.

Back in the classroom, along with developing a big Earth Day program focused on ecosystem balance, Brewer uses a cross-disciplinary approach to art by working with other teachers on their "ocean unit." She uses photos and facts from her experience in South Africa. "I want to empower kids and give back to them," she said. "Kids care when teachers care. I want to give them information and let them find their passion."

Brewer said her Rowan education program helped prepare her for her career. "We were required to take multiple courses on everything from incorporating literature into an art room to teaching in a room with ESL students. Now, as an educator, I realize how important these subjects are. You can be an excellent artist and completely fail as the leader of a classroom. All kids learn differently and it's my responsibility to reach them all," she said.

—Teresa Brown Teresa is pursuing bachelor's degrees in biology and secondary education. She is a freelance photographer and dance teacher and was a nature instructor at The Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor. Her favorite

works of art are her children, Brice and Braeden.

at Rowan's School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Ashlev M. Kalena '07 received the Silver PromaxBDA Award in the Program Promotion Website category for the television special, "American Blackout." She also was a 2014 Webby Honoree in the Interactive Advertising & Media/Media Entertainment category for the same special. Ashley is a digital media producer for the National Geographic channel.

Erica Siko Milcarek '07 is the marketing director for New Paradigm Partners, FitRewards and Honor Yoga, a collaboration of companies.

Charles Pusloski '07 is a probation officer with the Superior Court of New Jersey.



Steven Hanson '08 is the educational sales manager

for the Princeton Review of Northern California in Berkeley. Proud to show off a Rowan pennant among the others in his office, he works with several high schools, teaching students strategies for mastering the SAT and being accepted by the college or university of their choice. He is involved in improvisation classes at Pan Theater in Oakland and plans to take more acting classes.

Mallory Juckett Pollock '09 married Jake Pollock '09 in July. The bridal party included Melissa Soranno '09, Bryan Williams '10, Julie Shannon '09 and Tyler Young '10. Amanda Coburger '09 also attended. Adam Witcraft '10 is the park manager for the Atlantic County Park System. The system has 18 facilities offering outdoor activities, such as camping, hiking, boating, fishing, sports activities and biking.



Kristen Brozina Angelucci '10 married Dan Angelucci '10 in June. Fellow Rowan grads shared their talents at the wedding as videographers, photographers, disc jockeys and more.

Nicole Bacher '10 is an associate engineer at the Atlantic County Utilities Authority, where her responsibilities include design, project management and construction inspection. Part of her work involves the construction and maintenance of landfill cells. Sazia Hasib '10 is publisher of *Desi Girl Magazine*, a new mixed media publication based in New Jersey and aimed at young women of the South Asian Diaspora.

Gina Catanzariti '11 is director of women's basketball operations at La Salle University. Previously, she was an assistant coach at Wagner College for two years. While there, she earned an MBA from the college. Before coaching at Wagner, Catanzariti worked with BlueStar Basketball as an operations assistant for the Amateur Athletic Union program and as an assistant for the Philadelphia Belles AAU team. She began her career at Washington Township High School in Gloucester County as an assistant coach. Catanzariti was a four-year student-athlete at Rowan, where she was a 1,000-point scorer.



Welcome, Rowan babies

- 1. Erin, daughter of **Emily Bach Davis '95** and Joe, note p. 59.
- 2. Wesley, son of Marcus '99 and Rebeca Glanton, note p. 62.
- 3. Sydney, daughter of Kelli Kennedy Solomkin '01, M'02 and Mark, note p. 64.
- 4. Matthew, son of Brianne Wissel Kanach 'o2 and Christopher Kanach 'o3, M'o5, note p. 64.



Tap Takeover

Alumni from across South Jersey gathered at Carolina Blue in Pitman to kick off the fall and expand their Rowan network.

- 1. James Castorina '12 and Alexis Johnston '13.
- 2. Karen DeMarco '89 and Jane Luzzo '85
- 3. Alexa DiGaetano '13 and Abby Grasso '14.







40 years dedicated to Law & Justice

Representing four decades of GSC/Rowan Law & Justice, alumni and friends came together to celebrate their professor and mentor and to support the Dr. Stanley Yeldell Scholarship Fund. The event also introduced the Rowan University Department of Law & Justice Studies Hall of Fame, with the induction of former president Mark Chamberlain (posthumously) and Dr. Yeldell.

- 1. Sen. Fred Madden, Jr. '80 presented Dr. Yeldell with a joint legislative resolution.
- 2. Rev. John A. Jones and Amanda Koon '78.
- 3. Roy Dawson, Jr. '69 and Sylvia Dawson '83.
- 4. Kirk Eleazer, Jeff Schwartz '87, Michael Weiss, Debra Patch '92, Dean Richard Jones, Dean Cindy Vitto, Stanley Yeldell, Sen. Fred Madden Jr. '80, Barbara Chamberlain '88, Penny McPherson-Barnes '92, M'05, Keith Dickens.
- 5. Civil Air Patrol, Gloucester County Composite Squadron.
- 6. Dr. Yeldell and members of Rowan Department of Public Safety Student Patrol, BACK: Dyllon Mahan '15, Anthony Dicave '15, Jerry Owens '15, Kyle Beadling '15. FRONT: Wayne Morrison '15, Mary Benedetti '15, Taylor Deickmann '16, Briana Huggins '15.

Kevin Weaver '12 has started Omni Developers, a web design business.

Steven Gennaoui '13 is in digital technology management at Amazon. He works on products such as Fire TV, a set-top box for a smart TV that that gives users access to films, songs and more, and Amazon Dash, a service that allows users to grocery shop from home by scanning product bar codes or ordering by voice for delivery by Amazon.

Adrienne Graber '13 is a senior clerk in the Bursar's Office at Rowan.

Christopher McIlvaine '13 is working on an MBA at Rowan.

Emalee C. Miller '13 is enrolled in the Rowan

graduate program in criminal justice.

Angelena Pelligrino '13 is a part-time preschool teacher in Woodbury.



eight national fellowships from Mortar Board, the premier national honor society for college seniors. She is pursuing a master's degree in mechanical engineering at The Pennsylvania State University as the Ramier-Coleman Fellow. While at Rowan, she was captain of the varsity cross-country and track and field teams.

Kimberlee Cirillo '14 is working on a graduate degree in public relations. **Steven Giambrone '14** is working for an insurance company.

Michael Gill '14 is student teaching in Haddonfield.

Francis leradi '14 is vice president of information technology for AAMCO at the company's corporate office in Horsham, Pa. He lives in Mount Laurel.

Marissa Johnston '14 teaches sixth grade at Bowe Elementary School in Glassboro.

Rachel Miller '14 works for AmerisourceBergen, one of the world's largest pharmaceutical services companies.

Rachel White '14 is an admissions recruiter at Salem Community College in Carneys Point.

Stay in touch

Start a new job? Take a trip? Get married? Do something fun? Share your Class Note and photo a couple ways: Post your note and photo (online only) through the Alumni Association Online Community. Visit alumni.rowan.edu to register. Click on new user and enter your name, birth date and Alumni ID (from the Rowan Magazine mailing label) and choose a username and password. **Or send your submission to alumni@rowan.edu**.

Chris Wilczewski '14 and his brother, Brian, own and operate Movement Lab in Hainesport, one of the world's largest parkour and ninja warrior training facilities. The brothers, who have competed on the "American Ninja Warrior" TV show, also devote their time and resources to raising funds for the Usher Syndrome Coalition. They became interested in the effort

when 6-year-old Henry Norton of Medford began using their facility. Born deaf and now nearly blind, the boy's persistence in testing his body's limits inspired the Wilczewskis to support both the coalition and Help Henry See and Hear, a nonprofit formed by the boy's family.

Joseph Winkelspecht '14 is student teaching at Delran Intermediate School.

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Destination known

By Walter Bowne '92

Walter Bowne teaches English and journalism at Eastern High School in Voorhees. His essays, short fiction and humor pieces have appeared in publications including The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Courier Post, Philadelphia Stories, and The Satirist. For more, go to walterbowne.com. The field trip unofficially commenced at a pub in Bayswater, London, with my friend Tim O'Neill, my Rowan English professor, Dr. Edward Wolfe, and 20 other wayfarers. I was 19 and far too excited for my bulky winter clothes to contain my springs of electricity. It was the first day of a three-week literary pilgrimage of England. It was my first time in Europe. It was also the first time savoring a legal pint of Guinness.

But the official tour started the next day at Westminster Abbey. Of course I knew about Westminster, watching when I was 12 the marriage of Diana and Charles. I don't remember caring. My mom just had it on televison. At the time of the tour, I don't even remember knowing about Poet's Corner, the burial place and a place of homage to Britain's writers and luminaries, like Sir Isaac Newton.

Was it like a baseball fan not knowing about Cooperstown?

As a freshman, clueless to a career, I started as a business major in search of easy diamonds. *The Wall Street Journal* and *The National Review* I read in high school mostly for flash and scandal. Oh, and I also wore a tie to emulate Michael J. Fox from "Family Ties." (A gentle wind back then would make an impression on me.) There was nothing especially stellar about my academic record; the moment was always too precious to sacrifice to the tedium of studying for the sake of a grade or the Ivy League. Writing was one of the few things that I did that I wasn't obligated to do.

Dr. Wolfe taught an introductory course on British literature. I was a sophomore and a history major, but it

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wasn't until I felt Dr. Wolfe's infectious enthusiasm for literature that I started to entertain changing my major to English. Dr. Wolfe was vested in tweed, always with a tie, even on holiday, and he stood at least two busts of Pallas taller than I did, with hands that could palm a globe and a pace that could rival the HMS Victory. His eyebrows always looked like he had just been walking through a stiff Yorkshire wind and he possessed an endlessly retrievable Bodleian library of knowledge and tales. With Dr. Wolfe as a professor, I was a scholar at Oxford or Cambridge. If one class a week with Dr. Wolfe was awesome, what would be the appropriate adjective for every day for three weeks?

The morning of the tour was overcast, no sun would treat us to the full effect of stained glass, but I was surprised when the tour group entered the South Transept known as Poet's Corner. I was Monsieur Dantes suddenly stumbling upon yellow riches to become the Count of Monte Cristo. Forget about the rumors of Glastonbury Tor containing the Holy Chalice; the grail appeared before me in that room. I actually teared up when I read T.S. Eliot's epitaph: "The communication of the dead is tongued with fire beyond the language of the living."

"Are you okay?" Tim asked.

"If I were any more okay, I'd be canonized as a saint," I replied.

Swirling about me in the room were the ghosts of many hoary British writers of yore, Thomas Hardy, Charles Dickens, Samuel Johnson, but not in the frosty outlines of spectral form, but in the gyrating, concave outlines of words. Geoffrey Chaucer appeared as "And gladly wolde he lerne, and gladly teche." Edmund Spenser swirled by as "For there is nothing lost, that may be found, if sought." Robert Browning floated as "my last Duchess painted on the wall, looking as if she were alive." And there was Alfred, Lord Tennyson, peeking behind the medieval carvings, depicting censing angels: "Words, like nature, half reveal and half conceal the soul within."

Some of the students seemed bored as if the immortal tonic ran off their crowns without penetrating their pores. Perhaps they wanted to hurry to shop at Harrods. I stood transfixed. I treat authors the way many kids treat professional baseball's sluggers; my heroes do not hit grand slams; they write masterpieces that change the way I view the world and myself. I tingled. My heart raced. Arm hair, leg hair, chest hair every strand stood erect as I murmured, *"Ars longa, vita brevis" (Art is long, life is short.).*

I was the last one in the room. The sun ignited the famous rose window. I finally knew my destination. I would be a writer. I would be a teacher.



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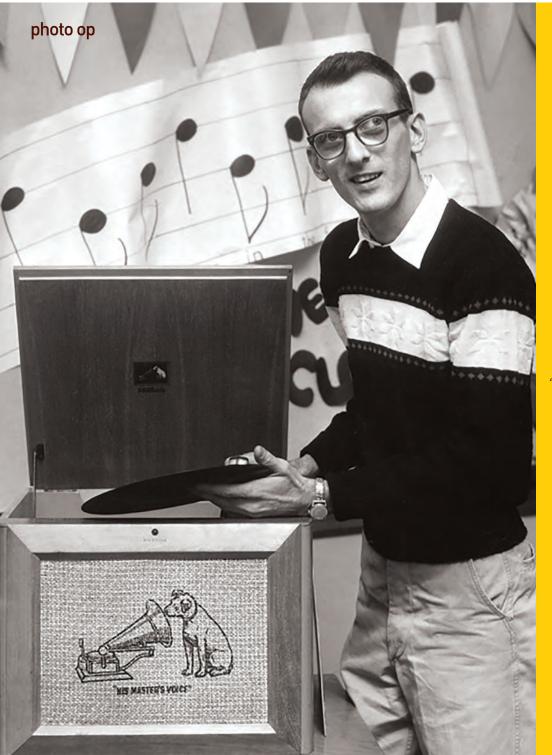






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Remembering RCA

While RCA's Nipper listened to his master's voice, a GSC student readied some vinyl for a spin, maybe for his teacher education classmates or perhaps for children in a demonstration class at Campus School. Doug Kirby '79 shared this undated print, imagining Glassboro's mystery DJ "about to introduce his classmates to music they'd never heard before."

Today, Rowan's relationship with RCA continues, not with new stereo sound, but with vintage RCA records, a 1908 Victrola manufactured in Camden, rare technical publications, WWII radio and communication equipment and other RCA treasures.

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