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## Diamond Club Golf 2018

Friday, October 19

Kick off Homecoming weekend at Scotland Run Golf Club with fellow Rowan/GSC baseball alumni. Early Bird registration is available until October 1 for \$150 (\$175 starting October 2). Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/diamondclubgolf2018](http://alumni.rowan.edu/diamondclubgolf2018) to purchase tickets. 8:30 a.m., Scotland Run Golf Club, Williamstown

## Rowan REC 25-Year Staff Alumni Celebration

Friday, October 19

Join Campus Recreation in celebrating 25 years of the Rec Center and the retirement of Tina Pinocci. Former student employees, professional staff and graduate coordinators are invited to attend a Friday night social, as well as the annual flag football game and tailgate on Saturday. Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/rec25](http://alumni.rowan.edu/rec25) to register. 6:30 p.m., Recreation Center

## Rowan Radio Alumni Mixer

Friday, October 19

WGLS welcomes alumni spanning six decades with a special mixer during Homecoming weekend. Your ticket includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres and an open beer and wine bar. Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/rowanradiomixer](http://alumni.rowan.edu/rowanradiomixer) to register. 6:30 p.m., Kopenhaver Alumni Engagement Center, Shpeen Hall

## Class of 1968 50th Reunion

Saturday, October 20

Members of the Class of 1968 are invited back to campus to celebrate their 50th reunion with a series of activities during Homecoming 2018 festivities. The \$50 registration fee includes all Reunion and Homecoming activities. Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/1968reunion](http://alumni.rowan.edu/1968reunion) for more information and to register. Glassboro campus

## Class of 2008 10th Reunion

Saturday, October 20

A lot has changed on campus since the Class of 2008 graduated. The Office of Alumni Engagement invites 2008 alumni back to campus for a special 10-year reunion celebration during Homecoming 2018.

Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/2008reunion](http://alumni.rowan.edu/2008reunion) for more information and to register. Glassboro campus

## College of Education Homecoming Breakfast

Saturday, October 20

Alumni and guests are invited to attend the College of Education's Homecoming Breakfast and Open House. Attendees can enjoy a light continental breakfast while visiting with members of the Dean's Office staff, faculty members, current students and fellow graduates. 9:00 a.m., James Hall Atrium

## Homecoming Athletics Alumni Tailgate

Saturday, October 20

The athletics department invites all former student-athletes and families to reunite at the inaugural Homecoming pregame tailgate party. The event will include food, refreshments, games and prizes! Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/athleticstailgate](http://alumni.rowan.edu/athleticstailgate) to register. 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Team House Patio

## Homecoming Alumni Tent

Saturday, October 20

Alumni, families and friends are invited to enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet under the Homecoming Alumni Tent. Guests are also encouraged to attend the Bonesaw Brewing Company Beer Garden. Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/alumnitent2018](http://alumni.rowan.edu/alumnitent2018) to register. 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., Parking Lot C

## Music Education Class of 1970 Reunion

Saturday, October 20

Join us for a special reunion of the Glassboro State College music education Class of 1970. 5:00 p.m., Wilson Hall

## Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Sunday, October 21

Join Rowan Athletics as we honor Jess Babice '12 (*Women's Soccer*), MaryKate Madden Stauffer '00 (*Field Hockey, Women's Lacrosse*), Mike Dickson '02, M'06 (*Baseball*), Charlie Atkinson '71 (*Baseball, Men's Basketball*),

Susan Johnson '95 (*Tennis*), Albert Mario Harris '74 (*Football*), Penny Kempf (*Field Hockey*), the 1979 Championship Baseball team and 1995-96 Championship Men's Basketball team at the 2018 Shirley O'Day/Joy Solomen Rowan-Glassboro State Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/athleticshof](http://alumni.rowan.edu/athleticshof) to purchase tickets.

11:00 a.m., Eynon Ballroom, Chamberlain Student Center

## Paul A. Hilton Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, October 21

The Black Alumni Reunion Committee encourages fellow Profs to rise and shine! As Homecoming 2018 weekend concludes, Rowan Alumni are invited to The Owl's Nest for good food and fellowship. Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/fellowshipbreakfast](http://alumni.rowan.edu/fellowshipbreakfast) to purchase tickets.

9:00 a.m., Owl's Nest, Chamberlain Student Center

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by Barbara Baals

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ABOVE: 1990 EMS members: Jeff Bush, Rich Pearsall, Joanne Ward, Linda Albrecht, Chris Cooney, Stephen Szardenings, Kyle Tonnies.

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## 'member that?

I enjoyed the article “Curated Campus.” However, in your description of Growth #50, you failed to mention that although Dr. Ottiano created the work, it was Dr. Roger Cantor and his class who actually helped construct it. He is given credit on the plaque attached near the art.

Wendy Baral Cooper '72, M'74

I enjoy seeing the magazine covers, especially the Hollybush Summit and remembering when campus was mostly a peach orchard and we knew almost everyone. We had to have the girls back by 10 on weeknights and feared the house mothers' wrath if we were late.

Ross Beitzel '63, M'68

The Summit at 50 article was excellent. I was at the front of the crowd, probably obscured by Johnson's shoulder in the cover photo. I was pastor of Glassboro Presbyterian Church and chairman of SCOPE, the anti-poverty agency serving South Jersey. Also with me was Joe Wilkins, SCOPE's director. We were carrying a basket of beautiful South Jersey strawberries to give to President Johnson. The Secret Service agent who was guarding the President asked us to pass the berries up to him.

Robert W. Shaffer  
Berea, Kentucky

## No-show Smithereens

Just wanted to let you know that Tom Conwell is a personal friend and I just asked him which band didn't show that night. He says it was the Smithereens. Thanks for the cover story. I sent him a picture and he loved it.

Rob Bradley

I received my copy of Rowan Magazine and was surprised to see myself on the back cover, the tall guy in the middle watching Tommy play. My fraternity, SBT, assisted with some of the security. I can tell you without any doubt that the Ramones were there and played.

Mike Hoeschele '90

My son received your most recent magazine. I'm a big fan of Tommy Conwell. A friend of mine is friends with him and sent him a picture of the magazine and this was his response: “Tommy said he doesn't remember playing an extended set, he doesn't remember anything about the Smithereens being there or supposed to be there, but he does remember the Ramones did show up.”

Dan Roberts

## No-show Ramones

The Smithereens performed in Esby on November 22, 1987. I know because I was there! My friends and I met the band before the show as they walked in! I also saw Warren Zevon, Joan Jett, Dickey Betts Band (Allman Brothers), the Hooters, Billy Idol, Marshall Tucker and more at Glassboro. Those were the days!

Monique Dowgin '88

Someone posted your question about the Ramones/Tommy Conwell/Smithereens concert at Glassboro in 1987 on Facebook. Jim Babjak, the Smithereens co-founder and its lead guitarist, has no recollection of that gig. I was the band's management at the time and have no record of

that contract from their then-booking agency, Premier Talent. If, in fact, it was a confirmed double bill, the preprinted ticket would've read the Smithereens and the Ramones, not the Ramones and Tommy Conwell. Since only one ticketing company did that style of tickets, they had to be printed up weeks, if not months, in advance.

Since that's what's on the ticket and the Smithereens always honored their commitments, I'm betting the Ramones canceled.

Cindy Sivak

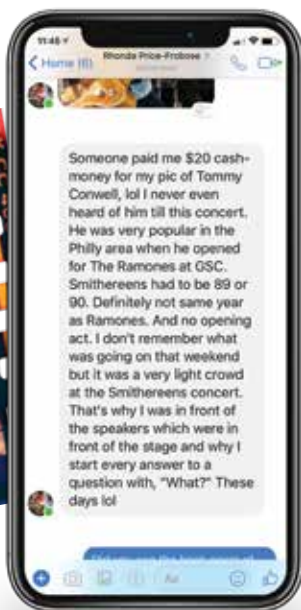
I was involved with the Student Activities Board during those years and I can tell you that both the Ramones and Smithereens played at Glassboro State, but I cannot tell you the particular lineup on the day in question with Tommy Conwell.

Bob Zazzali '72, M'74

Ed. note: Wow! We asked for help with that back cover photo on the last issue and we sure got it. Thanks for sharing memories and sleuthing with reliable sources, including photo negatives (left) from Rhonda Price-Frobese's shoot that night. We'll let Tommy Conwell have the last word: “Everything they say is true.”



COURTESY OF RHONDA PRICE-FROBOSE '92



Someone paid me \$20 cash-money for my pic of Tommy Conwell, lol I never even heard of him till this concert. He was very popular in the Philly area when he opened for The Ramones at GSC. Smithereens had to be 89 or 90. Definitely not same year as Ramones. And no opening act. I don't remember what was going on that weekend but it was a very light crowd at the Smithereens concert. That's why I was in front of the speakers which were in front of the stage and why I start every answer to a question with, "What?" These days lol

# Graduate Studies

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### **A fetching mission**

Since Dr. Marion Little and other faculty started the Reading Clinic in 1935, it has served scores of local children annually by helping them improve reading skills. The clinic program also helps Rowan's aspiring teachers develop and practice teaching techniques. In July, young readers took a dog-day break to read with furry friends at the clinic in James Hall.



## Bidding final farewell

Rowan University's sixth president, Donald J. Farish, passed away July 5, during his presidency at Roger Williams College.

Dr. Farish led Rowan from 1998 to 2011. Determined to provide facilities matching the caliber of Rowan's instruction and to meet enrollment demands, he oversaw the construction of Science Hall, Education Hall and Town House residences and worked with community leaders on the Rowan Boulevard development. Donors supported his vision by funding Campbell Library, Rohrer College of Business, Edelman Planetarium, Bantivoglio Honors College and Jones Innovation Center.

Dr. Farish also had the foresight to purchase the 600-acre tract now known as the West Campus and was instrumental in the development of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University.

A memorial service was held September 28 at 2 p.m. in Boyd Recital Hall.



## Fulbright, Boren awards take top students abroad

From Germany to Kosovo to Tanzania to India, recipients of prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships and Boren Awards for International Study are representing Rowan University on the global stage.

2017 alumni Justine Lorenz (early childhood education and liberal studies) and Saranda Karpuzi (history) have landed 10-month Fulbright ETAs to Germany and Kosovo, respectively.

Lorenz, of Collingswood, is teaching young learners in Schleswig-Holstein in Northern Germany as she works to build a career teaching English as a second language. She has served as a live-in English tutor for families in Germany for the past two summers. Additionally, Lorenz traveled abroad through the Teach and Discover India program in the College of Education.

Through her Fulbright ETA, Karpuzi, of Mount Royal, is teaching secondary school students in Kosovo. The daughter of Albanian immigrants, Karpuzi attributes her interest in exploring the world to her Rowan history studies. She has taught English language learners through the nonprofit Literacy New Jersey.

Lorenz and Karpuzi, who began their assignments in September, are the 22nd and 23rd Rowan students since 2000 to secure Fulbright grants to serve abroad. Rowan students have taught around the globe—including in Mongolia, Malaysia, Cypress and South Africa—through the Fulbright program, the largest U.S. exchange program for students and young professionals.

Fulbright ETA recipients teach English and also serve as cultural ambassadors.

Meanwhile, Daquan Washington, a rising senior sociology major, and Ryan Doud '13, a graduate student in public relations/strategic communication, received Boren Awards, which provide funding for undergraduate and graduate students to obtain long-term linguistic and cultural immersion abroad for a full year. The program's central mission is to provide the U.S. government with experts in languages critical to national security.

Washington's 10-month Boren scholarship has taken him to Arusha, Tanzania, this fall. There, as part of the African Flagship Language Initiative, he is working on food justice issues to help farmers build sustainable careers. A Camden resident, Washington





Ryan Doud, Justine Lorenz, Daquan Washington and Saranda Karpuzi earned prestigious appointments to work and learn in India, Germany, Africa and Kosovo, respectively.

works with VietLEAD, a nonprofit that helps high school students learn to cook, market and grow food. He started a community farm in the city.

Doud, of Williamstown, is studying Urdu in Lucknow, India, through Boren's South Asian Flagship Initiative. He expects to assist agricultural workers in Pakistan, empowering them to influence the economy and help thwart terrorist influences in rural areas.

A Marine Corps veteran who served as a linguist and intelligence analyst in Iraq, Doud speaks seven languages. He earned his bachelor's degree in Spanish from Rowan.

Recipients of Boren Awards are required to work for the federal government for a year upon completing the program.

Alumnus Tyler Jiang '18 (history/international studies/honors), the first Rowan student to receive a Boren Award, travelled to China in 2016.

# 19,300 students

The final tally isn't in at press time, but fall enrollment is set to increase by nearly 1,000 over last year's total, again exceeding annual projections and proving the demand for Rowan programs. On the other side of the desk will be **44 new tenure-track faculty and 98 lecturers** to expand and strengthen departments throughout the institution, all part of President Houshmand's commitment to increase access and maintain quality.

## CMSRU STUDENTS HELP CAMDEN'S HOMELESS PEOPLE WHERE THEY LIVE

Every Saturday morning, a group of students from Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU) meet in a classroom to stuff water bottles and granola bars into new pairs of socks, fill backpacks with first aid kits and toiletries and bundle feminine hygiene packets. The goal: to deliver items to the homeless in Camden while making lifesaving connections with people living on the streets.

The students belong to CMSRU Street Medicine, a service learning group providing outreach, support, supplies, first aid and health screenings to individuals living in homeless encampments. The team also links the homeless with primary care, community resources and social services.

Consistent, reliable and compassionate interactions build trust between students and the city's homeless. More importantly, the students have even connected some with life-improving medical and social services.

For students, this out-of-classroom experience is making a big impact.

"You experience the complexity of health care firsthand, in a population affected by issues like addiction, poverty and mental illness," said fourth-year medical student Kelsey Coolahan.

"You're able to see barriers to care (that people face—from legal identification to transportation issues)," she said. "Most importantly, you learn the importance of treating others with dignity and respect, regardless of their situation."



CMSRU students carry first aid supplies and basic necessities to serve clients in Camden encampments.

Service learning programs like Street Medicine are at the heart of CMSRU's mission in the community in tandem with developing highly skilled, socially conscious physician-leaders. CMSRU requires a minimum of 40 hours of service per year in the Camden community.

During the 2017-18 academic year, CMSRU's approximately 300 students delivered more than 16,000 hours of service to the people of Camden.



Adam Fifth, a project manager and Ph.D. candidate in electrical and chemical engineering, works on the CubeSat device that will be launched to the International Space Station.

## NASA takes Rowan into space

Projects in the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering recently took students across the country and out of this world.

A Rowan engineering team became the first from New Jersey colleges to launch a satellite in NASA's CubeSat Launch Initiative.

The team, comprising electrical and computer engineering students, worked for more than two years to develop MemSat, a 4-inch, cube-shaped nanosatellite. Named for memristors (new electronic devices in which information is stored in the resistance state and that are resilient during power failures), MemSat will compare the behavior of memristor-based memory devices against silicon-based technologies to determine if memristors are better for space applications. The satellite, which launched to the International Space Station, will relay information back to Earth and will be received in the ground station located in Rowan's Engineering Hall.

Another team of electrical and computer engineering and mechanical engineering students competed in NASA's second Mars Ice Challenge at the agency's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. There, using equipment they designed and built, they worked to extract water from ice as

part of NASA's exploration to develop a sustainable environment for humans on the red planet. NASA partnered with the National Institute of Aerospace on the event, the RASC-AL (Revolutionary Aerospace Systems Concepts – Academic Linkages) Special Edition: Mars Ice Challenge.

Rowan engineering and science students also competed against more than 130 teams in the Spaceport America Cup in New Mexico. Rowan's American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering Competition group launched its rocket to 9,633 feet, just about 3 percent short of the 10,000-foot target.

Tyler Harlow '18, of Ocean Township, led the students in the event sponsored by the Experimental Sounding Rocketry Association and Spaceport America.

John Schmalzel, the electrical and computer engineering professor who was one of the mentors for all of the projects, said they were groundbreaking for the college. "These projects showcased our students in highly competitive programs, which illustrates how strong Rowan engineering is and how our students aspire and achieve great things."

## ROWAN PHYSICIANS TO TRAIN AND SERVE VETERANS

U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo, U.S. Sen. Cory Booker and dignitaries from Rowan, the Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) and Rowan's School of Osteopathic Medicine announced a new partnership Aug. 8 to improve the health care of South Jersey veterans.

Under the new agreement, 15 medical residents from SOM's departments of family medicine and psychiatry will rotate through the VAMC's outpatient clinics in Vineland, Northfield and Cape May, forging a relationship that is expected to grow in the coming years to provide greater access to medical services for veterans.

"This is the mission that must never end—keeping our promise as a nation to our veterans," said LoBiondo, who, along with Booker, helped establish the new residency program.

"Veterans have sacrificed greatly for our nation and they deserve the best," said SOM Dean Thomas Cavalieri. "This is an opportunity to expand our programs and to make sure our residents are trained to meet the needs of our veterans."

The program was designed to serve as a model for medical schools and VA clinics around the country by increasing physician services for veterans.

"To see the way we've moved to meet (the challenge of providing care) and the progress we've made gives me tremendous pride," Booker said.



# Commencement 2018 was “Super” special

Rowan University’s main Commencement ceremony May 6 was positively super, as was the keynote speaker—Super Bowl champion and Glassboro native son Corey Clement.

The program was held in Coach Richard Wackar Stadium, where Clement as a high school senior in 2013 helped his team win the South Jersey Group I state football championship.

“There’s no place like home,” Clement said to hearty applause. “And Glassboro is my home.”

Clement noted that a year ago he was just like many of the roughly 2,000 students gathered in flowing black gowns and caps before him—excited for his future but uncertain about it.

Despite strong play with the University of Wisconsin Badgers, he went undrafted prior to the 2017-18 NFL season but ultimately was signed by the Philadelphia Eagles as a free agent and helped lead the team to its storybook, first Super Bowl win.

“As you graduate today I hope you’ll tackle your own dream at full speed,” he said.

Following his address, Clement was honored for his service to Glassboro’s youth, particularly through the borough’s Boys & Girls Club, with the presentation

of a Rowan University Medal of Excellence for Community Engagement.

In addition to honoring Clement and this year’s graduates, the program recognized Christopher J. Lukach ’04, president of Anne Klein Communications Group, in Mount Laurel, as this year’s Rowan University Distinguished Alumnus.

Dr. Lisa J. Hou, a 1996 graduate of the School of Osteopathic Medicine, was honored as a Distinguished Alumna during that

school’s ceremony Thursday, May 10. Hou, New Jersey commissioner of veterans affairs, supervises the state’s long-term care veterans homes and respite care programs, as well as a wide range of other veterans services, facilities and memorials.

Rowan in 2018 also celebrated the first cohort of Ph.D. graduates from

the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering, which included: Thomas Richard Christiani (biomedical engineering), Muhammad Ridwan Murshed (mechanical engineering), and Paul Partyka (biomedical engineering).

In addition to Sunday’s main ceremony, Rowan hosted nine college and school Commencement ceremonies, conferring more than 4,000 degrees.

Glassboro native son and Eagles running back Corey Clement encouraged Rowan grads to tackle their own dreams.

INSET: After Sunday’s festive ceremony, a beach-themed celebration kicked off Commencement Week.



## NEW CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM BOOSTS TRADES CAREERS

U.S. Rep. Donald Norcross announced the funding of a \$100,800 scholarship by North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU), an organization representing 14 building trade unions, during a conference on Rowan's Glassboro campus May 22.



Federal and state officials Villao, Sweeney, McGarvey and Norcross lauded the Rowan program for trades people.

A union electrician, Norcross was joined by U.S. Department of Labor Deputy Administrator Daniel Villao, N.J. Senate President Steve Sweeney, NABTU President Sean McGarvey, Rowan officials and others. The scholarship will support working trade union members as they pursue a bachelor of arts in construction management online from Rowan.

Launched in 2016, the program was created to make earning the degree more convenient by bringing the classroom to journeymen and other working professionals.

Said Sweeney, a union ironworker, "the goal is about getting the credits you need for the job you want."



## Summer means science

Summer was all about science for 100+ Rowan students who spent 10 weeks working with College of Science & Mathematics and School of Health Professions professors on cutting-edge research.

The students were part of the four-year-old Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP), which comprised a diverse cohort of undergraduates, including those from groups underrepresented in the sciences. More than 35 professors from eight departments shepherded the work, for which students were paid a \$3,750 stipend.

Physics professor and then-Dean Karen Magee-Sauer founded SURP, which was supported with more than \$300,000 in funding from a NASA Space Grant and Rowan department budgets, faculty start-ups and faculty grants.

The research, which included such topics as medicinal chemistry, data analytics, materials science and mindfulness, was important for the advancement of science and for the students' futures.

"Anyone applying to graduate schools needs to complete significant undergraduate research. SURP gives our students an opportunity to further that research, and we've seen the dividends," Magee-Sauer said. "Undergraduates with SURP on their records consistently are being accepted into top graduate programs. Those opting to enter the workforce after earning their bachelor's degree have gained the critical professional skills employers look for."

Evan Burdsall, a senior physics major from Bridgeton, said the experience was valuable.

"You're working on problems that aren't already solved as opposed to reading about solutions in a textbook. This is teaching us how to innovate. We have to make our own solutions," Burdsall said. "SURP gives you an opportunity to see what it's really like to work in a lab and to work in a research-related field. It's good practice, because you don't want to just go into a field with book knowledge. You want job experience."

## ROWAN IN SAFEST SCHOOLS LIST

For the second time, Rowan University has been named among the top 100 safest college campuses in the nation by the National Council for Home Safety and Security.

The council, which considers institutions with enrollment of more than 10,000 students, ranked Rowan 58th based on the most recent data from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting and the Campus Safety Survey distributed by the U.S. Department of Education.



## Hot peppers, hot ideas

It started as a creative way to help raise a little support for students in need, but barely a year after its launch, Houshmand's Hazardous Hot Sauce so far has tallied \$25,000 in revenue and is helping students learn about entrepreneurship, marketing, collaboration, food production and more.

President Houshmand's passion for peppers and entrepreneurial thinking got him back into Sangree Greenhouse near Bunce Hall in early spring to plant seeds for his preferred super-hot peppers, which he and student staff and volunteers transplanted and tended all summer.

The 2018 harvest includes Carolina Reaper, habanero and several varieties of ghost peppers. A few other rows produced tomatoes, eggplant and cucumbers for food pantry donations.

Junior chemical engineering major Caleb Miller has been part of the student hot sauce team since its start. "It's great to see how quickly this has expanded into different ventures that are serving the campus and community," he said. "We've literally seen the plants and the project grow."



One of the Houshmand's Hazardous teams transplanted peppers, tomatoes and eggplant in spring. FROM LEFT: Vice President for University Relations Joe Cardona '89, M'96, D'07, students Mikayla Vega, Caleb Miller, Taylor Avery and Lauren Bitzer '18.

With hot sauce production well underway, the president is already working on a new eggplant recipe and he's encouraging students to learn about starting a business by following his example. He kicked off fall semester with a seminar about entrepreneurship. "I want to help students by any means possible," he said. "If hot sauce works to teach them, it's a win in and out of the classroom."

Learn more: [rowan.edu/hotsauce](http://rowan.edu/hotsauce)

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## INSTITUTE BRINGS LEADERS AND LEARNERS TOGETHER FOR POLITICS AND CITIZENSHIP

Political awareness didn't take a summer vacation, thanks to a number of Rowan Institute for Public Policy & Citizenship (RIPPAC) events.

N.J. Senate President Steve Sweeney stopped by for an informal chat with students. Former Gov. James J. Florio discussed his new memoir in a well-

attended open-to-the-public event. Nearly 80 political interns from across the Mid-Atlantic region came to campus to learn more about the 2018 campaign—and how to get a job in politics—from leaders on both sides of the aisle. And more than 25 Rowan students landed high-profile summer internships working in politics, government and issue advocacy.

Founded in January, RIPPAC is just getting started, said founding director Ben Dworkin, one of New Jersey's most astute political analysts.

"We are building something unique here

that will grow with Rowan and continually add value to the University, especially our students," said Dworkin, who has planned more events throughout the academic year.

Under the tagline, "Elevate Your Politics. Politicize Your Passion," RIPPAC seeks to inform and engage Rowan students, faculty, staff and members of the public on issues related to politics and citizen participation.

The institute hosts programs and guest speakers, supports students through academic and career development, internships and scholarships and connects faculty and students from across the University with public entities to facilitate public policy research and discussion.



Former New Jersey Gov. Florio greeted guests after introducing his new book on campus.

# NSF honors two young faculty

Drs. Martin Haase's and Gustavo Moura-Letts' CAREERS are going well. That's no surprise for the two most recent Rowan recipients of National Science Foundation CAREER: The Faculty Early Career Development Program awards.

NSF presents the awards to young faculty members who the prominent agency determines have both the potential to serve as role models in research and education and to lead advances in the mission of their organization.

What's a major accomplishment for Haase and Moura-Letts also represents milestones for Rowan: This is the first time the NSF has presented two awards during the same cycle to Rowan professors, the third award presented to a faculty member in the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering and the first to a faculty member in the College of Science & Mathematics.

"Two CAREER awards in one year place Rowan University in the company of the elite research universities in the country," said Dr. James Newell, Rowan's provost. "This is very rare and very impressive."



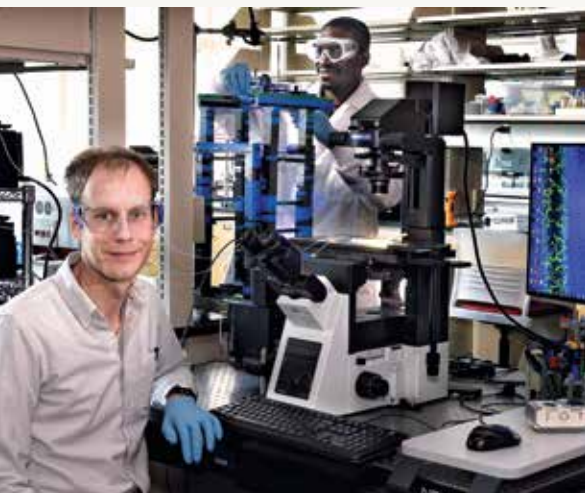
Professor Moura-Letts is working to improve processes for developing therapeutic drugs.

Haase, assistant professor in the department of chemical engineering, will use his anticipated \$500,000 in large part for a research project titled "Nanostructured Particle Stabilized Bi-continuous Emulsions: Formation Principles, Structure-Function Relationships and Biphasic Transport," research which aims to replace wasteful and costly chemical processes with greener alternatives.

Moura-Letts, associate professor in the department of chemistry and biochemistry, will apply his anticipated

\$525,000 to the project "Metallooxaziridines for the Synthesis of Nitrogen-Containing Three-Membered Heterocycles," which aims to develop new chemical reactions for the creation of metal complexes to selectively deliver nitrogen atoms across other molecules, enabling the creation of better processes to make therapeutic drugs.

Proud to have Rowan faculty recognized nationally, President Houshmand said, "Drs. Haase and Moura-Letts' CAREER awards honor their accomplishments and validate Rowan's ongoing investment in world-class research."



Professor Haase researches greener and more economical options for chemical processes.



## STILL ON A QUEST

Director Jonathan Olshefski realized a lifelong dream June 18 when his award-winning documentary "QUEST" aired on the public television program POV.

Olshefski, an associate professor in the department of radio, television & film in the College of Communication & Creative Arts, debuted his feature-length film about a struggling but triumphant African American family from North Philadelphia at the Sundance Film Festival in 2017 and it has been honored at numerous festivals across the U.S.

Olshefski welcomed the opportunity to share the film with viewers beyond the festival circuit.

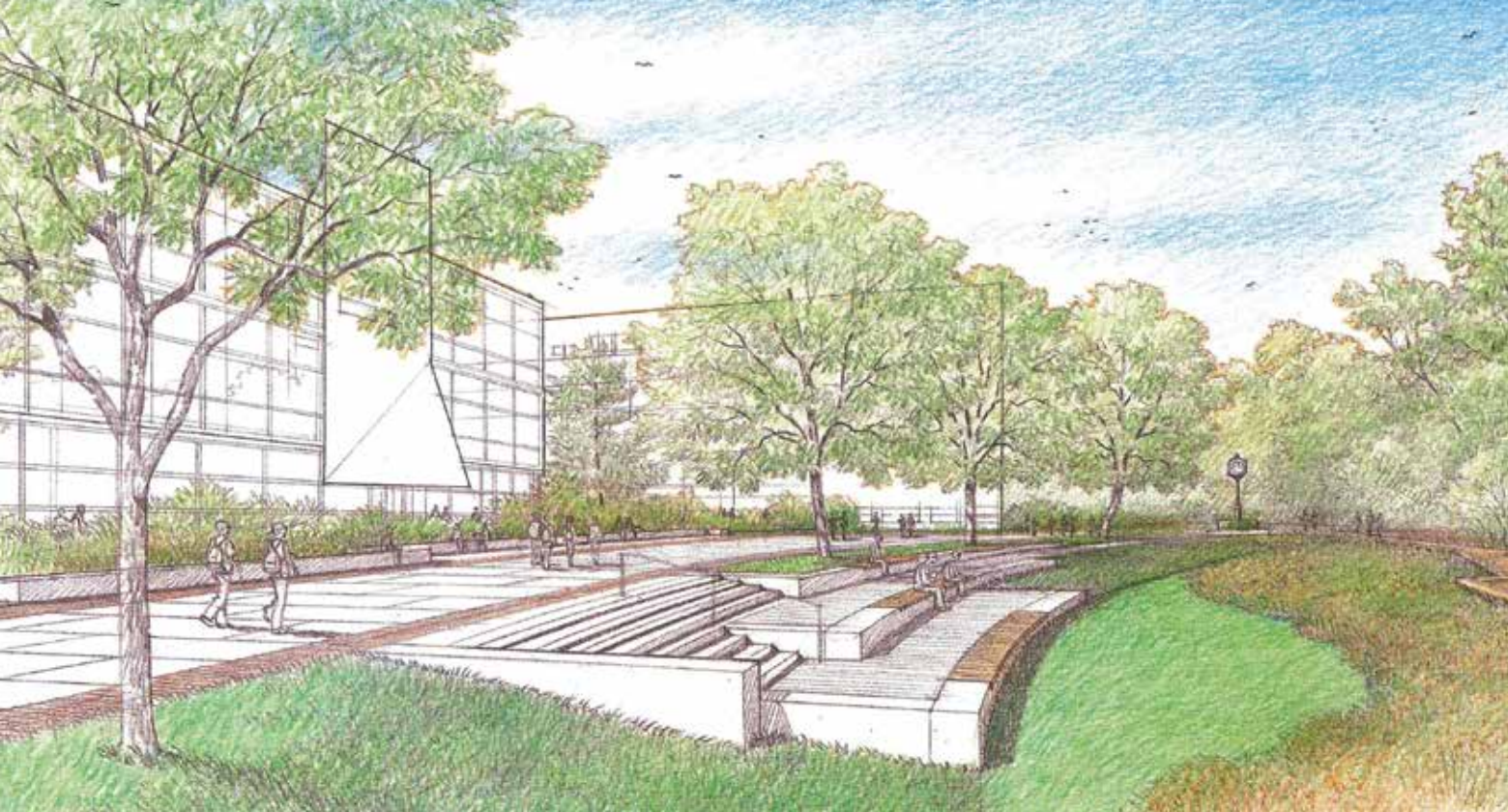
"Bringing 'QUEST' and the Rainey family to people across America was exciting," Olshefski said. "Festivals are great but they're sort of a niche audience. Through the broadcast on PBS we were able to reach so many more people directly in their homes."

Olshefski now hopes to bring the film directly to the public through schools, houses of worship, community centers and other venues where it might spur conversations about such issues as race, poverty and family.

"We want it to not just be passive entertainment but a catalyst for something else," Olshefski said. "It can be a tool to have really important conversations."

Olshefski also recently received a prestigious Pew Foundation Fellowship.

Learn more: [quest-documentary.com](http://quest-documentary.com)



## Greener, cleaner, prettier and more practical

Rain gardens, an amphitheatre, gathering spaces and better stormwater management are all part of the enormous, multi-year project underway to renovate Meditation Walk and restore Chestnut Branch Creek on the Glassboro campus.

Meditation Walk's broad, paved walkway carries thousands daily from Chamberlain Student Center to Wilson Hall. Each new building constructed along it in the past 20 years has added to the demands for it to accommodate pedestrians and vehicles and to withstand environmental pressures.

The thoroughfare's condition and usefulness will increase exponentially with the plan to:

- install performance spaces, lawns, seating, pathways and bike racks
- improve emergency access and general accessibility
- reduce impervious surfaces, introduce more native plants, stabilize creek banks and restore habitats for fish and wildlife

The projects are part of the Greenway Master Plan, which is already transforming the Wilson Hall Plaza, scheduled for completion this fall.



### ROWAN'S OWN NAMED AMONG WORLD'S ELITE EXPLORERS

The Explorers Club's inductees include the first to reach the North Pole, the first to summit Mount Everest, the first to step on the moon and, as of June 9, 2018, the first to sail around the globe without navigational instruments: Marvin Creamer '43.

Affectionately called the patron saint of geography at Rowan, Creamer returned to his alma mater in 1948 to found the department and teach for 29 years. At 66, he retired to pursue his dream and prove his hypothesis that pretechnical people could circumnavigate in a small vessel using only stars, currents and other natural indicators to guide them.

It took 510 days to cover 30,000 miles in his 36-foot sailboat with a two-man crew.

Kenneth Lacovara '84 was among those to welcome Creamer home on the banks of the Delaware River after the historic voyage in May 1984. Now dean of the School of Earth & Environment, director of Edelman Fossil Park and a renowned paleontologist inducted as an Explorers Club fellow in 2003, Lacovara nominated Creamer to the storied club.

Visit Endeavor, a monument to Creamer's adventure, near Robinson Hall, and learn more: [go.rowan.edu/explorercreamers](http://go.rowan.edu/explorercreamers)

## Rowan Athletics posts another winning spring season

Rowan's spring regular season ended May 6 with four teams—men's and women's outdoor track & field, baseball and softball—capturing New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Championships.

Rowan had 124 student-athletes named to the 2017-18 NJAC All-Academic Team as well as 270 who carried a GPA of 3.0 or higher.



The 4x100 team, Aspen McMillan, Aaniyah Robinson, Sidney McLeod-Whitener and Darielle Cross, posted a time of 47.28 at the national championships.

### TRACK & FIELD

The men's outdoor track & field team took third place at the NCAA Division III Championships, captured the All-Atlantic Conference Championship and finished third at the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships.

At the NCAA Outdoor Championships, Anthony Salemo, Harrison Escoffery and Bobby Cooks took All-America honors.

The All-America 4x400 meter relay of Hunter Barbieri, Justin Bishop, Chris Mesiano and Jamil Jackson finished fifth and Nick Neville earned All-America with a sixth place in the 800 meters.

Jeffrey Tucker was named NJAC Outstanding Field Athlete while Salemo was named Outstanding Track Athlete. Dustin Dimit was named Bill Fritz Coach of the Year and the Cross Country Coaches Association Atlantic Region's Coach of the Year.

The women's 4x100 meter relay of Aaniyah Robinson, Aspen McMillan, Sidney McLeod-Whitener and Darielle Cross finished seventh for All-America at the national outdoor championships and Cross earned All-America honors.

The women had 14 individuals and two relays that earned NJAC All-Conference honors. Myiah Sturdivant was named NJAC Rookie of the Year and Robinson was the conference's Outstanding Track Athlete. Derick "Ringo" Adamson was named NJAC Coach of the Year.



### ON THE DIAMOND

Softball won the conference championship, the NCAA Regional and Super Regional and advanced to the NCAA Championship Tournament as head coach Kim Wilson notched her 800th career win.

Shortstop Carly Anderson was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America second team and pitcher Jesse DeDomenico made the All-America third team. Anderson was also tabbed NJAC Player of the Year and made the All-Conference first team. Outfielder Morgan Smith and DeDomenico made the All-Conference first team while pitcher Lauren Shannon and outfielder Kristina Mueller made second team.

Rowan baseball was the top seed in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional with pitcher Danny Serreino named to the American Baseball Coaches Association Rawlings All-America third team, the

ABCA/Rawlings Mid-Atlantic Region Pitcher of the Year and the All-Region first team. Standout conference and regional honorees included Andrew DiPiazza, Alex Kokos, Justin Provost, Anthony Harrold, Dillon Mendel and Nick Schooley.



### LACROSSE HONORS

Women's lacrosse advanced to the final of the NJAC Championship Tournament and made at-large bid to the NCAA Championship. Attack Maddie Bray and midfielder Taylor Gretz were selected to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches All-America third team. Nicole Mickendrow played in the IWLCA Senior All-Star Game. Also honored were midfielder Liz Kramer, Bray and Gretz and defender Lilli Carbone. Bray, Gretz and Kramer made the NJAC All-Conference first team while Mickendrow and Carbone received All-Conference honorable mention.

LEFT: Outfielder Morgan Smith and Coach Kim Wilson

ABOVE: Danny Serreino



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# \$50 million investment points Rowan research at health care progress

by Patricia Quigley '78, M'03

**F**ifty million dollars is the kind of investment that changes lives. And that's what Rowan is banking on.

The University recently pledged \$50 million to significantly enhance medical and bioscience research in Camden during the next 10 years. The research will address cancer, biomedical engineering, neuromedicine and engineering healthy communities.

Within those four areas, the funds will be applied to four types of initiatives:

- research infrastructures, including state-of-the-


art equipment;

- enhanced startup packages to attract nationally recognized researchers;
- joint research among Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and other Rowan faculty from the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering, College of Science & Mathematics, School of Osteopathic Medicine and elsewhere;
- and attracting established research teams in the four key areas.

The University will work with such partners as

*Rowan research teams bring technical expertise and collaborative experience to problem solving.*





Cooper University Health Care and the Coriell Institute for Medical Research, both regionally and nationally recognized institutions. Rowan already has issued requests for project proposals, and a committee comprising deans, Rowan's vice president for research, a Cooper University Health Care representative and others will review them and make recommendations to the provost and president.

#### **Boosting Camden “eds and meds”**

Rowan President Ali Houshmand expects tangible results from the collaboration. “The medical research programs we will build with our partners will impact education, the health care system and the economy,” he said.

The latest investment builds on and reflects a six-year commitment to growing the “eds-meds” corridor in Camden by the state of New Jersey, Rowan and others.

Perhaps the most visible reflection of that commitment was the state's push for Rowan and Cooper University Health Care to found CMSRU, which graduated its second class of physicians in May.

The CMSRU opening spawned several vital education and health care developments, including the appointment of the Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors, which in 2017 held a ceremonial groundbreaking for the construction of a Joint Health Sciences Center. The 95,000-square-foot

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—James Newell

facility, which is expected to open next spring, will provide education and training opportunities for health care providers and biomedical researchers from Rowan, Rutgers-Camden, Camden County College and elsewhere. Rutgers also recently opened buildings for its nursing program; and Rowan, Coriell and Cooper University Health Care are launching the Camden Opioid Research Initiative, a first effort to investigate the genetic and biological factors that contribute to the development of opioid use disorder.

#### **Launching a life science hub**

The president noted that while Philadelphia already is a major

medical research hub in the nation, the further development of research in Camden will contribute to the region rivaling all other life science hubs in the U.S.

“Our latest investment,” Houshmand said, “will serve to ensure Camden becomes a center for medical and bioscience research and it will enhance the greater Delaware Valley from educational, medical and economic perspectives.”

Added Provost James Newell, “It increases collaborations and it puts us in a position to make real strides in addressing the health care issues of the next 30 years.” ■

# *On Campus, On Call*

by Joel Gordon '81 and Julie Howery '97

**The wait for  
the ambulance  
seemed to  
take forever.**

**The student was in bad shape, unconscious, with several broken bones, lying where the tractor trailer struck him near Winans Hall.**

I was in my first few weeks as a freshman in 1978, just leaving an evening concert at the Student Center. I identified myself as a fireman and the crowd pretty much backed away. I made sure the young man's airway was clear and that he was breathing, then asked someone to hold his head still as I assessed his injuries. With an unconscious patient and without first aid gear or skilled help, there wasn't much we could do but keep him stable and wait.

At last the ambulance cut through campus and the crowd broke to let the two-man crew through. "He's a mess," one said. They lifted him onto the stretcher, shoved it into the ambulance and drove away.

I was new to GSC, but imagined the potential for tragedy with 6,000 students on 200 busy acres. "This has to change," I thought.



The 1978 squad and its first ambulance, a converted '67 GMC panel truck.

The squad's banner still hangs at EMS headquarters in Winans Hall.

FRONT: Brian Hall, Joel Gordon, Bob Swenson.

BACK: John Zenuk, Peter Schewitz, Louis Capozzi, Leah Rubenstein Cinman, Anita Andrew Rose, Jill Delin Marsh, Carol Gagnon, Ann Tausig LaFever.

The accident and the long wait for help were still on my mind a few days later when I met Brian Hall. He was wearing a jacket from his hometown first aid squad in Passaic, so I told him what had happened and what I wanted to do. Brian was on board. Another day, I spotted John Zenuk, a commuter from Haddon Heights, wearing ambulance ID, and I pitched our plan, which soon included David Brown, from Salem, and Bob Swenson, from the Beachwood First Aid Squad. We met in the Mullica Hall lounge to discuss options.

Soon, we learned that President Mark Chamberlain was a volunteer firefighter in Glassboro. No one would better understand what we were trying to do, so we asked to meet with him, first-semester freshmen with the ridiculous idea of starting an on-campus first aid squad—and, of course, the famously student-centered and community-minded president listened.

That was the start of the oldest continually operating volunteer student-run Basic Life Support unit in New Jersey, now Rowan's award-winning, life-saving—and life-changing—nationally recognized professional emergency service.

### **Starting with the president's wheels**

With Dr. Chamberlain's encouragement that autumn, the ambitious freshmen worked to convince the rest of the college administration to support a student-run first aid squad. Formed as a student club, the students started serving campus the following April. The fledgling Glassboro State First Aid Squad had the benefit of SGA financing, stability and recognition, ensuring it would be student-run and student-centered.

President Chamberlain agreed to be the club advisor and even offered his vehicle, a college-owned station wagon, to the students. Good-humored and practical, he gave them the keys and said, "It's easier than trying to requisition something from the motor pool."

Eventually, a motor-pool station wagon became available. Each night the students loaded it with equipment and fuel, ready to go. The old car had seen better days and had alignment problems. "That's good," said Chief of Security Jeff Toughill. "You won't drive it too fast."



Practicing how to stabilize and assess a patient in spring 1981, Leah Rubenstein, Mary Sue Lacko, Joyce Yetter and Blackwell Albertson. All EMS members must be EMT-certified or be “five pointers” with certification in advanced first aid, defensive driving, emergency childbirth, CPR and auto rescue.



It didn't take long for the College to realize the benefit of having its own students respond quickly and transport patients just as promptly. A student at Edgewood Apartments had stopped breathing and the professional ambulance was delayed, so the college dispatcher OK'd the student squad to transport to the hospital. With proof of the students' competence, the squad gained authority to transport patients. By then, the club had acquired a castaway 1967 GMC ambulance from the Lacey Township First Aid Squad.

Ironically, today the squad operates from specially designed, fully equipped headquarters in Winans Hall, near the site of the accident that started it all. But 40 years ago, the squad's base was as meager as its wheels were: a second-floor room above the Campus Security office in the Carriage House where the dispatcher downstairs could yell to them to scramble.

In its second year, the students expanded into a new space in the security office with bunk beds, a desk and a phone. By then, Swenson and Gordon had earned advanced first aid instructor certifications so they could teach their own courses. Today, the squad limits membership to 70, with opportunities for students to learn on the job as “ride-along” volunteers, ambulance drivers and certified emergency medical technicians.

### **Earning trust, proving professionalism**

Over the years, the squad would go through vast changes in membership, budget and responsibility. When Henry Rowan donated \$100 million to Glassboro State College, the ripple effect reached every part of the institution. The Rowan gift would be the impetus for unprecedented growth of the campus, and the squad determined to grow with it. With that commitment, the students have earned public commendations for saving lives, providing education and serving hundreds of people in jeopardy.

But early on, the squad's focus was necessarily limited. Its SGA budget was similar to most other student clubs' general funding and not enough to

maintain a functioning EMS agency. While Campus Security (later, Public Safety) paid for ambulance fuel and maintenance, the squad paid for supplies and equipment. Medical equipment isn't cheap, and it was not out of the norm to “borrow” a backboard or other piece of equipment from a neighboring squad.

By the early '90s, Automated External Defibrillators, previously solely used by paramedics, were beginning to be used more widely. However, at nearly \$4,000 each, combined with the belief that there had not been a cardiac arrest on campus in recent memory, it was something that—ignorantly—was not on the radar for the squad to purchase. Tragically, in 1995, a spectator at a home football game went into cardiac arrest. The squad responded immediately, but the patient did not survive. A few months later, someone who was in the stands during the incident made an anonymous donation to buy an AED. The squad has not been without one since, and now helps manage the public access AED program throughout all Rowan campuses.

Julie Glaser Howery '97 served four years on the squad, the last two as captain, and remembers the effort to secure sufficient funding. “Every year we would attend a Student Government Association budget hearing,” she recalled. “The other line officers and I would dress in our Class A uniforms and put on as many radios and pagers as we could fit on our belts, with the hopes we would look important enough so they would think we knew what we were talking about and raise our budget.”



During a Mass Casualty Drill, Paul Comber '16 works with other first responders to remove a vehicle roof and reach a simulated accident victim.

Eventually, Rowan EMS members joined the National Collegiate EMS Foundation and found benefit from its support, including help with recruiting, training and retaining members.

"I had EMS experience prior to joining the squad, but not in a leadership capacity," Howery said. "It would have been great to have an organization like NCEMSF help with learning that role, as I found that to be the biggest challenge with being a member. However, that challenge helped me immensely with learning how to lead, train, supervise and motivate people in my career after graduating."

Rowan EMS also found validation and service in two important NCEMSF initiatives. EMS Ready Campus recognizes excellence in emergency management and disaster preparedness. In 2015, the program's inaugural year, Rowan EMS earned the EMS Ready Bronze designation. Two years later, Rowan became the nation's first collegiate squad to earn the EMS Ready Silver award.

The HEARTSafe Campus program recognizes high-quality, campus-based EMS organizations and promotes them as examples to other campuses to improve overall cardiac arrest care. Rowan EMS has maintained its designation since 2015 by hosting free CPR clinics on campus and participating in the American Heart Association's Mobile Tour, training more than 250 people in hands-only CPR in a weekend.

### State of emergency, ready for anything

Disaster preparedness may seem beyond the scope of a student volunteer organization, but Rowan's EMS squad again proved its value during a state of emergency declared in 2011 for Hurricane Irene when Rowan's Glassboro campus became an emergency shelter. Rowan EMS served 1,200 evacuees, from senior citizens to families with young children, who sheltered in the Student Recreation Center and Esbjornson Gym. Amid the storm, the squad helped to evaluate 250 patients and transported 34 people to the hospital in just 48 hours.

Not only has Rowan EMS made a difference in the lives of the people served in crisis, but in the lives of the squad members. "The experience I gained on EMS, working football games and graduation, disaster management with Hurricane Irene, etc., really paved the way for me to continue into emergency medicine," said Michael Coletta '12, MD'16. Now a second-year resident at Cooper University Hospital, he found that EMS experience provided a turning point and more. "I always wanted to become a doctor but there were some discouraging voices in my ear, so I went to Rowan for chemical engineering instead. But I couldn't get excited about engineering, so in order to see if medicine was really right for me, I switched to biochemistry and joined Rowan EMS. Not only did the squad provide me with clinical experience, but the friendships I made and maintained from the squad were great."

Rowan's disaster preparedness was evident again in 2012, this time with Hurricane Sandy and the call to serve beyond Rowan's borders in Brick and Lavallette townships, assisting with search and rescue, as well as field hospital operations. Training for routine duty and the demands of broader service comes during routine certification (the squad pays to train members who join without credentials) and Mass Casualty Drills conducted with campus, local and state law enforcement and emergency management organizations. In each case, Rowan EMS provides service and support to ensure readiness for a real crisis.

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—Michael Coletta '12, MD'16

The second ambulance in the fleet was a '70s-era Pontiac equipped with the basics: oxygen, a suction unit and first aid supplies. Like other ambulances of that era, the GSFAS vehicle was a modified hearse.





At Edelman Fossil Park, exposure to temperature extremes year-round is just one of the conditions that makes EMS support critical for visitors and staff. Liz Moreira '18 joined Rowan EMS after getting her start at Morgan EMS in Sayreville.

### Serving peers

There are distinct advantages for the University to maintain its own EMS. Students know the campus facilities, which reduces response times to emergencies. They also are familiar with campus services, which helps with referrals for counseling, alcohol and drug addiction services, the Wellness Center and more.

Most importantly, the student volunteers build rapport with fellow students; EMS staff are peers, so the students they care for are more inclined to be open with them when they need help. This provides more information, which allows for better treatment and recovery.

The squad's statistics and services show its significance in the community. Every year, EMS members serve at athletic events, concerts and Commencement and participate in community activities on and off campus throughout the region. Since 2011, call volume has nearly doubled, from 429 to 763 calls in 2017. However, response times dropped, from 4.44 minutes in 2011 to 3.23 minutes in 2017.

### A whim, a change, a future

None of these achievements would be possible without the dedicated members that have donned the various squad patches throughout the years.

For Patty Roda Lutz '81, joining EMS led to a career as a paramedic with Inspira Hospital in Woodbury. She became the paramedic department educator in 1990, a position she still holds. "My degree was in communications. If it weren't for the squad, I would probably have never entered medicine. A friend and

classmate in a speech and theatre class, Dave Brown, was a member. He convinced me to join. My career change was directly because of the Glassboro State College First Aid Squad."

As always, squad members come from varied academic disciplines—biology, elementary education, law and justice, business, art and more. And while several alumni have become doctors, others

graduated to become teachers, engineers, business owners, firefighters and a healthy dose of law enforcement officers.

Naimesh Choksi '93 joined as a way to help the college community and be involved on campus. After graduation, his EMS expertise helped in "real life," including treating his kid's inevitable bumps, cuts and bruises and being able to remain calm in stressful work situations. Now working in information

technology, he said the interpersonal skills learned in EMS become most evident. "It's the people skills, whether it's talking to people in a reassuring way or working with your colleagues; how you handle yourself in various situations and not panicking is something I will always take with me."

Cindy Fair Thompson '97 graduated with a degree in special education. "As a freshman, I walked past the ambulance and on a whim, asked the guy out front if they needed volunteers. That one question made a huge difference in my life. It led to four great years of not just answering calls in the middle of the

night but making memories and being part of an organization that became family. It will always be one of the best experiences that Rowan University provided me."

Rowan EMS is now affiliated with the Wellness Center, forming a stronger collaboration with the institution's health and counseling services and

promoting training and educational resources for the University and beyond. "Thousands of students and employees depend on EMS to be ready to care for them every day. Being integrated with the Wellness Center helps us ensure quality of care during an emergency and in follow-up services," said Scott Woodside, student health services director.

Founding squad members visited campus in May for the 40th reunion of the group. Already stunned by the story of Rowan EMS growth, service and skill since its start, they found a powerful close to the evening when an alumnus walked up to offer thanks. He explained, "When I came to Rowan I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I was lost. I found the EMS Squad and it turned my life around. Today I am a paramedic and an emergency room nurse because of what you did." ■

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—Naimesh Choksi '93

*Joel Gordon is the public information officer for Plantation, Florida.  
Julie Howerly is a detective with the Glassboro Police Department.*

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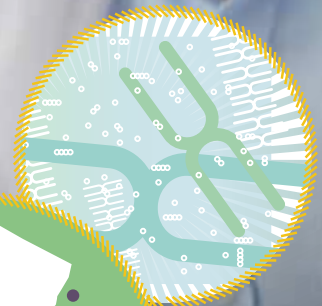
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President Ali Houshmand told his story of being a first-generation student during an evening devoted to encouraging Rowan's first-gen undergrads. Recalling his ambitions for education in spite of myriad challenges as a young man, he assured the group of his faith in them to dream and endure, to achieve and excel. The portraits on these pages feature some of Rowan's 5,000 first-generation students, faces of hope and hard work, dreams and determination.



# First





# to fly

by Barbara Baals

**Junior Luis Acevedo scooped up a gold wristband, one emblazoned with the words “Flying First,” and made a beeline across Rowan’s Glassboro campus to Gregory Caputo’s lab in Science Hall.**

“I was excited to give it to him. It’s good for students to see that a first-generation college student can become head of chemistry,” says Acevedo, a sophomore chemistry major who is the first in his family to attend college. “It’s something to be proud of.”

Caputo, head of chemistry and biochemistry, isn’t really a wristband guy. But he made an exception to show his support for Flying First, a year-old initiative to provide resources and support for Rowan’s first-generation students.

“I’ve been wearing it ever since,” says Caputo. “To me it says, ‘Look, I was where you were.’ And maybe students will ask me about it. I wear being a first-generation student on my sleeve. Literally. It really hits home for me.”

At Rowan, first-generation students are defined as students who are the first in their family to attend college or who are children of parents who attended college but did not finish. They also include students whose parents did not attend college in the United States or students who have had minimal exposure to higher education.

At Rowan, 5,000 students—nearly 30 percent of the University’s 19,300 enrollment—are first generation. This mirrors national statistics. Thirty percent of college students nationwide are the first in their family to pursue higher education, according to Penny McPherson Myers, associate vice president for diversity and organizational effectiveness in the Division of Student Affairs.

But, Myers adds, national studies show that first-generation students drop out at four times the rate of their peers whose parents attended college.

**“College changed my life. People looked out for me.”**

Flying First, established by the University’s First-Generation Task Force, a dedicated, University-wide committee 57 members strong, aims to counteract that trend by providing first-generation students with the resources they need to excel.



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According to Myers, research suggests that, without support, first-generation students are more likely to feel left out and have trouble finding their place in college. Additionally, they may struggle to navigate the higher education culture.

Moreover, Myers says, research shows that first-generation students often hesitate to take advantage of college resources, lack knowledge about selecting majors, securing internships or building résumés and sometimes need reinforcement that they can succeed—and thrive—in academia.

Tricia Hurley '18 can relate. In May, she earned her bachelor's degree with honors in civil and environmental engineering. The path, she says, wasn't always easy.

"I had to figure out a lot on my own," says Hurley, the oldest of four. "When I came to Rowan, I didn't even know what an RA was. I didn't know what office hours were. I had no idea about how to get internships.

"I struggled to pay my bill my second semester. I told my friends I wasn't coming back," continues Hurley, who was able to stay in school after receiving scholarship funds from her summer job and an unexpected gift from a family friend. As she excelled academically and got involved on campus, more scholarships followed.

President of the Rowan Environmental Action League, Hurley became an RA and mentored freshman engineering majors. She also worked in the lab of engineering professor Kauser Jahan, who encouraged her to consider graduate school. This fall, Hurley will enter the doctoral program in civil engineering with an environmental focus at the University of Delaware.

"College changed my life. People looked out for me. That tells me they saw something in me and they were willing to give their time to me."

While she found her way at Rowan, a program like Flying First would have been helpful throughout her college career, says Hurley, who attended events organized by the program in its first year, including an evening in the spring with Rowan President Ali A. Houshmand. Houshmand and Provost James Newell are both first-generation students. Many members of the First-Generation Task Force, including a number of academic advisers, are as well.

"I was so happy the first time I heard about Flying First," Hurley says. "There's a great need for it."

*Rowan's commitment to supporting first-generation students starts before enrollment. During an Orientation session in July, students and parents scribbled notes to start discussions about what excited and concerned them as they anticipate college. In many cases, they expressed the same things.*



## “They see that they belong here”

In its first year, Flying First held workshops on applying for scholarships and balancing finances, career preparation sessions, sessions on becoming involved on campus and more. While the program offers support and resources to students, it also provides information to faculty members about the unique challenges faced by the first-generation population.

For the first time, four of the nine summer Orientation sessions included receptions where first-generation students and their parents met with program leaders, students and faculty members to learn more about Flying First.

The receptions gave students and their parents the chance to voice their excitements and concerns—and to build a network—as they begin their Rowan journey.

Students and parents found that they shared some of the same concerns—paying for college, time management, finding friends—and some similar excitements. Among them: enjoying the college experience, making new friends, building careers, and, not surprisingly, being first-generation students.

“Because we start the process before they step on campus, students feel more comfortable reaching out when they need help,” Amy Ruymann, co-chair of the First-Generation Task Force, says, noting



## Concerns

new challenges,  
meeting new  
people.

Paying for  
college

being  
lonely

Cost  
Student  
Debt

NOT  
GETTING  
INVOLVED

meeting  
Expectations of  
Family/mentors



### “I want to create a path for everyone else”

When she arrived at Rowan for her freshman year, Stephanie Ackerman '12, M'15 received sound advice from her mother.

“She said, ‘Now, if you have issues, I want you to advocate for yourself,’” says Ackerman, a first-generation student who became president of the Student Government Association. “That made a difference to me. Because of finances, I spent a lot of time at the bursar’s office. Before I went to Rowan, I’d never heard the word ‘bursar.’”

In the spring, Ackerman, who is assistant director for housing operations at Trinity University in Texas, lent her support to students through Rowan Gives Day, the annual day of giving. She donated to the Houshmand’s Hazardous Hot Sauce Scholarship Fund, which assists Rowan students in need. Also on Rowan Gives Day, donors for the first time were able

that first-generation students make extraordinary contributions to campus and often serve as sources of support and inspiration to other students.

“Flying First is really making inroads in terms of belonging,” said Ruymann. “Students realize there are a lot of other first-generation students here. They see that they belong here... that they’re not the exception.”

That feeling of belonging led Acevedo, who was valedictorian at Camden Academy Charter High School, to Rowan. Accepted by 11 colleges, Acevedo chose Rowan and became a PROS member, leading orientation sessions. Many students in his groups were first generation, he says.

“What I love about Rowan is that it’s so welcoming,” says Acevedo, the youngest of four. “Flying First gives first-generation students reassurance. They don’t feel like they’re alone.”

That’s the message Myers wants to send.

“Never feel alone,” Myers told first-generation students and parents at an orientation session. “We are your resource.”

Caputo says he often sees differences in first-generation students in his classroom.

“I see first-generation students that are that much more dedicated,” says Caputo. “They understand the sacrifice and importance a little bit better. They ‘get it’ and they know there’s a lot riding on it.”

But first-generation students who are unaware of available resources also may be less willing to speak up when they have a problem, Caputo says. That’s what makes Flying First so valuable, he says.

“I wish there was a program like Flying First when I was in college,” says Caputo. “I didn’t know about bill paying, financial aid, academic policies. I didn’t know I could take summer classes. You hate to see a student get derailed or delayed because of not knowing something as simple as that.”



to support the College of Communication & Creative Arts Flying First Scholarship Fund, which directly assists first-generation students.

“I know what kind of pressure it puts on you personally and academically when you struggle financially,” Ackerman says. “I think there should be a real sense of pride about being first generation. It’s a huge accomplishment.”

Flying First also supports the University’s historic commitment to public education as well as the pillars—or guiding principles—Houshmand set forth when he became president. Among them, access to education and affordability.

First-generation freshman Kayla Fericy, a civil engineering major, is beginning her Rowan journey—and financing it herself with help from scholarships. She’s one of 10 children in a blended family.

“I’m the first to go to college and I’m excited to become an engineer,” Fericy says. “No one has put pressure on me to go to college. I want to go to graduate school. I want to do humanitarian work. And I want to create a path for everyone else in my family.” ■

*Assistant Director of Media & Public Relations  
Barbara Baals was a first-generation college student.*



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# class notes

## 50s

**Leroy Bright '50, M'68** served 44 years as director of counselors in the Philadelphia School District. He owns the Land of Canaan Cemetery in Elk Township. He and his wife, Dr. Verbena Bright, live in Glassboro.

**Emily Sciarrotta Conti '52** has been a Mercer County Retired Educators member for over 30 years. Her grandson **Chris Napoleon '19** is a senior in the engineering program at Rowan.

**Louise Moore Wright '53, M'87** spends her time playing the piano and harp for her church, but most of all, she enjoys seeing her three grandchildren.

**Edward Colangelo '55** taught in Plainfield, Chatham and at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He coached numerous sports including football, baseball and girls' soccer. He served as an Army aviator in Korea from 1957-1958.

**Robert Kirkbride '55** taught at the junior high level for 15 years. In 1973, he obtained a

real estate license and worked as a part-time agent while teaching. He left teaching in 1977 for a career in real estate and is still working.

**Priscilla Riegel Flynn '57** has four children and five grandchildren. She has been retired for 15 years but serves a small newspaper route for the exercise. She is ending six years of service as an elder in her church, where she also sings in the choir. She enjoys Everquest, an online game.

**Robert Freno '57** and his wife, Caroline, have four children and eight grandchildren, with one graduated from Rowan in 2017. They do what they have always done, only slower: reading, gardening, doing puzzles and visiting friends and family.

**Joan Radcliffe Brower '58** and husband, Bill, have established a endowed scholarship at Rowan in memory of their daughter, Katharine, who died at age forty after fighting breast cancer for three years. The scholarship supports students who major in health science,

science or business. Their daughter had already established a scholarship at her high school in Pitman, which gave them the idea for supporting Rowan students.

**Patricia Zimmer '58** taught for 37 years until retiring in 1995. She adopted a daughter in 1970 and has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Nancy Steelman '59** is a tour guide at the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society & Museum. Nancy has also been a trustee for 20 years at the Vineland Historical and Antiquarian Society.

## 60s

**Carmen Dolores Alvarez '60** worked with the Department of Defense in Heidelberg, Germany, for 34 years. She has settled in the Princeton, area, near her children. She volunteers as an ambassador at the Princeton Art Museum and enjoys annual trips to Europe and the Jersey Shore.



### Eighties greeks gather

Donna Campo McAvoy '84 helped host GSC friends. Note, p. 36.

FRONT: Joe Basso '84, M'88, Madalyn Saxton Buss '84, Karen Kelly '84, Barbara Anderson Perez '84, Gary Morneault '84, Donna Campo McAvoy '84 2ND ROW: Yvonne Macnab-Capraun '83, Kathy Boback '85, Lynne Beresford Rutkowski '84 3RD ROW: Denise Curto Muller '86, Rick Janus '83, Fred Maresco '83, Jack Court '84, Glenn Saul '84, Debbie Hershey '84, Linda Nichols Kaminski '88 BACK: Sue Fierstein Spindel '82, George Coroneos '86, Bonnie Humenuck Ballister '83, Steve Gershon '83, Karin Avila McGlynn '83, Lori Parker Indri '84, Mike Ronner '84, Al Maguire '91, Bob Maloney '84

**Marion Crosset DuBois '60** retired from teaching in Woodlynne in 2002. She enjoys attending banjo conventions with her husband and spending time with her grandchildren.

**Etta Jane Wigglesworth Heiser '60** retired in 2008 after 25 years with the Gloucester County Clerk's Office. She keeps busy as secretary of the Harrison Township Historical Society and treasurer of Friends of the Gloucester County Library. She also enjoys spending time with her family that includes nine grandchildren.

**Cy Dunn '62** celebrated his 50th wedding

anniversary with his wife, Mary Ellen, on a cruise with the family to Bermuda. He is retired after 35 years in education and 12 years as CEO of a consulting firm.

**Delia Settanni Fugaro '62** is retired and enjoys spending time with family and friends and traveling. On their most recent trip, she her husband visited China, Vietnam and Cambodia.

**Jayne Kinsell '62** and her husband, **Tyson Kinsell '61**, moved to a retirement community to accommodate Tyson, who is confined to a wheelchair. She is an elder in her church and a volunteer teacher of





### Golden Years

The annual Golden Years Reunion celebrates those special alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. At this year's event, Dr. Marilyn Diehl Gonyo '65 received the Lifetime Service Award.

1. BACK: Robert Gerardi, Sr. '55, M'63, Edward Colangelo '55, Janet Nutt Gibbins '54, Doris Williams Brooks '51, M'71  
FRONT: Josephine Campbell Carson '55, Theresa Guadagno Winslow '55, M'70, Emily Sciarrotta Conti '52, Norma Kleinfeld Kaplan '55, Louise Wright '53, M'87
2. BACK: Wilbur Smith '57, Robert Freno '57, John Guccio '61, M'65, M'73, Pat Zimmer '58, Priscilla Riegel Flynn '57  
FRONT: Charles Valentine '56, Nancy Steelman '59, M'85, Caroline Freno '57, Dolores Alvarez '60, Harriett Riardon Bailey '60, M'66
3. BACK: William McBride '67, Peggy Burke Cramer '66, Patricia Satterlee-Hayes '66, Frances Ziegler Garrity '64, Edward Hughes '65, Carmelo Grasso '65  
FRONT: Marilyn Diehl Gonyo '65, Roberta Parker '65, Raymond Daminger '65, Mary Farrell Guerrieri '66, Phyllis Yankoski Parker '67
4. BACK: Alan Reuter '68, M'74, Eleanor Stover Poupard '68. FRONT: Mary Tully Reuter '68, Phyllis Rosenstein Engelman '68
5. President Ali A. Houshmand and Lifetime Award Recipient, Marilyn Diehl Gonyo '65
6. BACK: Patricia Luciano-Federici '62, Mel Moyer '62, Elizabeth Kelly Moyer '63, Peter Oteri '62, Robert Kirkbride '62, M'66, George Renwick '62, Rosalie Garofolo Romano '62, Cyril Dunn, Jr. '62  
FRONT: Harriet Gerb Shikes '62, Carol St. John '64, Olivia DiRico '62, Alona McCurdy '62, Mary Cocove Lamey '63, M'83, Richard Klimek '63, Delia Settanni Fugaro '62

## class notes

English to Chinese and Hispanics. She still likes to ice skate.

**Mel Moyer '62** and his wife, **Beth Kelly Moyer '63**, spend winters in Florida and summers in New Jersey. They also enjoy visiting their son and daughter-in-law in the Chicago area. Summers provide them time to spend with their grandchildren and to renew old friendships at various Rowan events.

**George Renwick '62** is a full-time volunteer for Meals on Wheels. During his 33-year tenure with the Hopewell Valley Regional School District, George also served as an adjunct professor of counselor education at Rider University, The

College of New Jersey and in Mallorca, Spain.

**Rosalie Garofolo Romano '62** and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on July 7. Jim was an officer in the Navy and then owned a retail shop for 20 years. They live in Maryland and Rosalie still substitute teaches occasionally.

**Richard Klimek '63** has been dating and traveling with **Mary Cocove Lamey '63** for the past five years. They have been to various U.S. National Parks as well as places in Europe.

**Mary Cocove Lamey '63, M'83** and her late husband, **Timothy Lamey '63**, had two children and three grandchildren. Mary is retired but works as

an adjunct at Rowan. She enjoys religious activities, helping on the Phillies welcome staff, and traveling.

**Delia Brown '64, M'76** taught first grade in West Deptford and reading in Camden. Where she worked for 29 years.

**John T. "Jack" Hitchner '64** retired from teaching secondary English and creative writing. He has published three poetry collections, one short story collection and one novel. He and his wife have three children and five grandchildren.

**Raymond Daminger '65** taught at CW Lewis Middle School in Blackwood for 18 years before taking over



### Aloha, alumna!

Lynn Enright '78 and her husband, Jim, celebrated life in Hawaii. Note, p. 34.



### Run for a great cause

More than 300 alumni, students, staff, faculty and friends participated in the 3rd Annual Run for Rowan 5K benefiting the Rowan Student Emergency Fund this past spring. Save the date for next year's run: Saturday, April 13.

1. Lynne Rutkoski '84, Ryan Rutkoski, Joseph Rutkoski
2. Marc Dalton '20, Mike Kiray '19
3. Suzanne Smalley Beers '02, Michael Acevedo '09
4. Sanaz Shahi M'18

his father's business. He retired in 2005. He and his wife, Rosalind Mirabella Daminger, have been married for 55 years. They live in Milton, Del.

**Carmelo Grasso Jr. '65** retired after teaching science in Cherry Hill and Queen Anne's County, Md. He has built more than 100 theatre sets since 1969 for community theatres and schools. Two of the most memorable shows are "Equus" and "Sweeney Todd."

**Edward Hughes '65** retired in 2002 from Mantua Township after teaching elementary instrumental music for 37 years. Edward and his wife have been married for 50 years and have four children and 10 grandchildren.

**Richard Clarke '66**, who has led the Hartford Sängerbund since 2001, directed the organization's 160th anniversary concert on June 9 at the Salvation Army Citadel in Manchester, Conn. The Sängerbund is the oldest German

singing society in New England and one of the oldest in the U.S.

**Peggy Cramer '66** has taught full-time and substituted in all elementary grades for 50 years. She co-founded RESOLVE, the National Infertility Association and graduated from Harvard's extension program. An award-winning author, she credits her good education at GSC for teaching her flexibility.

**Mary Farrell Guerrieri '66** is still best friends with **Barbara Parsons '66**, her GSC roommate. She enjoys travelling with her husband and her friends. She writes children's books for her 12 grandchildren. Most are copyrighted and self-published.

**Diane Ziegler Gurney '66** retired in 2011 after 38 years teaching art. She still teaches art once a week to a pre-k class and helps design banners at her church. She loves spending time with her two children and two grandchildren.



### Alumni leadership thanks

In May, the Office of Alumni Engagement celebrated the many years of service Melanie Burney '84, Sandy Maxwell '69, M'84, Tobi Bruhn '98, M'99, D'16 and Kristen Brozina Angelucci '10 have dedicated to the Alumni Association Board of Directors.



**Calvin Iszard '66, M'68** moved from Delaware to Florida to be near his family. He lives just five minutes from Disney World.

**Beverle Berger Richelson '66** and her husband, Howard, celebrated their 50th anniversary. They have five grandchildren. She has a master's degree in elementary education and is on the board of trustees for her temple's Sisterhood. In 2015, the Jewish Federation named her Volunteer of the Year.

**Robert Sennett '66** retired after 42 years as a science teacher and administrator. He keeps busy by walking several miles each morning, carving, woodworking and especially spending as much time as possible with his three children and four grandchildren.

**Anne Young '66** retired from the Glassboro Public Schools. She owns ERA Young Realty in Glassboro.

**Kathleen McKeever Sennett '67** is totally enjoying retirement after 42 years of teaching first grade. She taught at many schools around the world with the Department of Defense, and enjoys travelling with her husband, Robert. She also loves spending time with her children and grandchildren.

**Linda Lawson '68** is the pastor of Allegheny Open Arms United Church of Christ in Pittsburgh.

## 70s

**Michael Kissel '71** married Thelma Caabay, a Filipino who became a U.S. citizen on Nov. 16, 2017, in Los Angeles. He retired in 2013 after 41 years as a quality assurance professional in the food manufacturing and fast food industry.

**Kathleen Iannacone '72, M'80** has been an adjunct professor at Rowan and Camden County College since her retirement



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*—Mrs. Jane Gullett Presser '47*

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## class notes



### Honor earned

**Amanda Koon Valentine '78** received two awards of recognition. Note, this page.

from Glassboro Public Schools. She established the **Charles D. Folker ('75, M'86)** Memorial Foundation to continue her late husband's educational legacy, which enables her to grant scholarships in his name to Glassboro High School and Williamstown High School graduates. Her first book, *A Widow's Musings*, was published in 2017 and she just completed her second, *I Was Made for You*.

**Anne Brown Breyer '74**, who was one of only two women in GSC's first class of 150 business administration majors, retired in 2016 as director of financial reporting after a 38-year career at the Philadelphia Gas Works. She is the treasurer of the South Jersey Cancer Fund, an all-volunteer group that helps cancer patients in Atlantic, Cumberland and Cape May counties pay medical and other bills.

She is also a certified Zumba instructor. She and her husband, Joe, have two children and one grandchild. They live in Brigantine and enjoy watching the Phillies and Eagles.



**Robert Hood '74**, a retired warden of the U.S.

Supermax Penitentiary in Colorado, is a consultant for national security and criminal justice-related matters. During his career, he taught criminology courses in five colleges and universities.

**Patricia Suder Larsen '77** retired in 2015 after teaching English for 38 years at the Burlington County Institute of Technology.

**Lynn Nelson Enright '78** and her husband, Jim, spent a three-week vacation to Hawaii in May and June to celebrate Lynn's successful completion of 2 1/2 years of cancer treatment. They visited Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Big Island Hawaii. Favorite hikes were to the top of Diamond Head on Oahu, Waimea Canyon on Kauai and Haleakala crater on Maui. They also enjoyed zip lining on Big Island. The Enrights live in New Mexico.

**Amanda Koon Valentine '78** received a public service award from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Iota Lambda Chapter, in Willingboro. She also received a citation from Willingboro's mayor for her contributions



### Ski break

**Scot Merkle '83, Helen Merkle '21, Melina Rivera '21 and Kyla Nurkowski '21** spent spring break skiing at Steamboat Springs, Colo.

as a civil rights lawyer and activist.

**Peter Williams '78** retired in February from the New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company after 39 years. He was a litigation supervisor in the Parsippany office. He

and his wife, Jaine, plan on spending time at the Jersey Shore, traveling and being with their four children and four grandchildren. They will volunteer for Special Olympics New Jersey as their 9-year-old grandson was born with Down syndrome,



### Profes wear Phillies red

More than 200 members of the Rowan Alumni network joined us for our annual night at the ballpark with by a pregame party at McFadden's before the Phillies took on the Brewers.

1. Vinny Manco '12, Katie Ciaramella '13, Jen Josephs '13, Steven Magown '18
2. Lauren Burch '18 and Tyler Jiang '18
3. Chris Deck '17, Gene Maier '17, Natalie Torres '16, Samantha Frost '17
4. Robbie Sylvestro, Joseph Veasy '19, Michael Sylvestro '19, Ryan Mozolewski, Maryte Hernandez

# GIFTS OF ALL SIZES MAKE A BIG IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF ROWAN STUDENTS



## Retirement celebration

Terry Henry '84 enjoyed help from friends to celebrate his retirement. Note p. 36.

BACK: Sherri Lynn Eldridge '13, Joi Allie Hopkins '86, Denise Eldridge, Antoinette Wilson Barnes '87, M'98, Terry Henry '85, Melanie Burney '84, Jerrell Lathan, Ronald Moore '86 and Cathy McKnight

FRONT: Joanne Lathan '92,

opening a whole new beautiful world for them.

**W. Robert Smith '79** taught at the Bacon School in Millville for 22 years. After retiring from teaching, he worked at various churches and at a radio station for 25 years before retiring for good.

## 80s

**Robert Klimowski '80** retired after teaching English/language arts for 37 years. He plans to pursue long-held interests in various writers, composers, historical figures and films while keeping physically fit.

**Thomas Christensen M'81, M'83** retired in June after 43 years in public education as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent.

**Gloria Scaffidi Wilhelm '82** and her husband, Andrew, have a son who graduated from St. Augustine Preparatory School in Richland and is a premed major at Jefferson in Philadelphia. Jefferson resulted from the 2017 merger of Philadelphia University and Thomas Jefferson University. Their son's grandmother is **Gloria Izzi Scaffidi '45**.



**Andrea Mandel Pass '83** owns Andrea

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**Melanie L. Burney '84** received a second-place award for feature writing from the New Jersey Press Association. One of her stories featured **Jamil Miller '17** and his triumph over adversity.

**Terry W. Henry '84** retired as chief financial officer in Haddonfield.

**Donna Campo McAvoy '84** and 25 friends from the 80s got together in March to reminisce about their GSC days. All were members of sororities and fraternities.



**Glenn Porter '84** is a contributing writer to *The Christian Citizen*. The magazine, published by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, features thought-provoking and action-inspiring essays that intersect faith, politics, discipleship and citizenship. Dr. Porter is also the author of *Journey With Jesus Through Lent* (Judson Press, 2017).

**Lenora Kruk Mullanaphy '85** has a daughter, **Natalie Mullanaphy '22**, who is a theatre major.

## 90s

**Dan Pasternak '90**, general manager at Essex Fells Country Club, was named the 2018 National PGA Golf Professional of the Year, the highest annual honor from PGA of America. He is the first member of the New Jersey PGA Section to

receive this prestigious award. He will be recognized at the PGA annual meeting in Palm Springs, Calif., in November.

**Stephanie Yusko Knific '91** is director and public information officer, university marketing and communications, at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Knific is responsible for strategically strengthening the effectiveness of the university brand with targeted constituents and internal clients. She also oversees the university's social media platforms and handles crisis communications. Knific has been a public relations practitioner for 27 years, with most of her career experience in education.

**Lynda Hinkle '93** is engaged to Ryan Zurlo and they plan a June 2019 wedding. She received an Advocate of the Year Award from the National Association of Women Business Owners.

**Jill Dorsey Mansor M'93** wrote and published her first book, *Fighting for the Finish*, while undergoing cancer treatment. The book, about one year of her life that began in fear and culminated in faith, is available on Amazon. Jill, who retired after 33 years of teaching, owns Raise Your Dreams, a horse farm in Woodstown where she teaches special-needs children and adults and uses horses as therapy. She is an adjunct professor at Wilmington University in New Castle, Del., and has developed and implemented many programs

for special-needs children. Jill and her husband, Dan, have eight horses, 20 barn cats and two dogs.

**Anthony Del Vecchio '94** is vice president of brand & retail marketing at AutoNation, America's largest automotive retailer. He is a USA Hockey member and coaches his son's 10U ice hockey team. Anthony and his wife, Tatiana, have been married for 15 years and have two children. They live in South Florida.



**Jodie Hawks Hanrahan '94**, who has a doctorate in occupational therapy, is a developmental care specialist in a neonatal intensive care unit at Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor, Fla. Dr. Hanrahan has been an occupational therapist for over 20 years and is an adjunct at South University in Tampa.

**Joseph Bene '95** is a training lieutenant with

the Gloucester County Sheriff's Office. He is president of C-TAC, a training advisory committee for the entire state. He also owns The DJ Joe Bene LLC, a full-service disc jockey entertainment company.

**Stephen Christinzio '96** was named a Distinguished Alumnus for his support of law & justice studies. Christinzio, a New Jersey State Police detective, majored in biochemistry, a background that turned out to be an



### Baseball champs

On April 28, 2018, the athletics department honored the 40th anniversary of the NCAA baseball national championship teams during its double-header against William Paterson University.

BACK: Joe and Jeff Davis, sons of Joe Davis '79, Tim Peterson '78, Tom Peterson '78, Don DeJoseph, Brendan Rosenberg '79, Bud Goebel

FRONT: Robert Pfeffer, Frank Albano '79, Matthew McArow '79, David Evangelist '79, Andy Aldino '79



### Lacrosse fans

Women's Lacrosse alumni headed back to campus in April to cheer on the Profs as they took on conference rival Montclair State University.

BACK: Dani Hubbs '17, Megan Donnelly '17, Mary Marino, Brittany Bollendorf '16, Britney Shaffer '15, Shannon O'Brien '13, Maggie Reed '06 with daughter - Ellie Reed, Renee Donnelly '88, Michelle Andre '99 FRONT: Jess Casterline '16, Kelly O'Brien '16, Becca Wood '15, Jamie "LJ" Blondina '15, and Michelle Lubrano '12

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- **96%** job or graduate school placement rate
- **\$69,750** average starting salary
- **9** bachelor's degrees, **6** master's degrees and **5** doctoral specializations
- **220+** industry partnerships and an exclusive 4-year co-op with Lockheed Martin
- **22:1** student-faculty ratio
- **\$11** million in research funding

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**Family footsteps**

Another LaBattaglia generation turns a Rowan tassel. See **Abigail Gardner '18** note, p. 44.

asset in his job with the bomb squad. In 2016, he and a fellow squad member were named Troopers of the Year for deactivating two pipe bombs found after an apparent terrorist attack in Seaside Heights.

**Colleen Platt Hall '97** and **Kristen Coppock Crossley '97** are editors on the

*Pharmacy Times* news team, which received the Industry News Provider of the Year award from the American Pharmacy Purchasing Alliance.



**Annie Cashen Bobbe '98**

has been a member of the Philadelphia Eagles' merchandise leadership team for eight years.

**Cosmo Terrigno '98** earned an executive educational specialist degree from Seton Hall University. He also holds a master's degree from Villanova University. Terrigno is the headmaster of Woodland Country Day School in Bridgeton and is an adjunct professor at Cumberland County College where he serves on the Adjunct Advisory Board. He also is secretary of the Hug-a-Bear Foundation and is on the board of directors

of Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Newfield.

**00s**

**Brian Hunter '00** and his wife, Mandelle, announce the March 30 birth of Abigail. Brian is a medical editor for the Navicor Group in Philadelphia. Photo, p. 45.

**Shane Mertz '01** and his wife, Rachel, announce the Feb. 20 birth of Raelyn. Photo, p. 45.

**Bethany Leffler Edmunds '02**, an associate dean at the British Columbia Institute of Technology in Vancouver Canada, was named one of British Columbia's Most Influential Women of 2018 by *BC Business Magazine*. The article notes that a female Rowan adviser convinced her to switch



**Prof at the piano**

**Raphaelita Justice '07** has started a business to share the joy of playing piano, thanks to her start at Rowan. Note, p. 40.

from elementary education to computer science. Dr. Edmunds, who earned a doctorate in machine learning at Rutgers University, has been at BCIT for seven years, most recently as program head for the computer information technology diploma.

**Amy Taylor '02** is director of corporate communications at Harman in Stam-

ford, Conn. The company designs and engineers connected products and solutions for automakers, consumers, and enterprises worldwide, including connected car systems, audio and visual products, enterprise automation solutions and services supporting the Internet of Things.



**Chrissey Barba '04** is a partner with law firm Ballard-Spahr

in the business and finance department. She focuses on commercial lending with an emphasis on loan workouts. She represents lenders and creditors in all stages of loan documentation, debt restructuring, enforcement and related litigation. She also represents clients in federal and state litigation, including the defense of lender liability claims and prosecution of commercial foreclosures, replevin actions, Uniform Commercial Code proceedings, receivership actions, confessions of judgment, execution and sale of real and personal property and actions involving



**EOF/MAP alumni come back to give back**

The Ascend EOF/RISE Student Leadership Conference and Alumni Mixer drew more than 40 EOF/MAP alumni eager to reconnect and give back to today's students.

FRONT: Jordine Moore '14, Shareda Cunningham '02, Tywana N. Hamilton-West '03, M'13, Takeyda Williams '07, Angie Davis Pollard '96, Penny McPherson-Myers '92, M'05, Ed.D.'15, Ethel J. Davis Jones '92, M'97, Karen Davis '12, Syretta Primas '99  
MIDDLE: Hatef Alavi '09, Derrick McCarthy-Gunter '04, Iris Mendez '11, Minelson Louis-Baptiste '16, Dianne Santos '14, Joey Rodriguez '13, Frances Maldonado '13, Marquis Rios '17, Ikenna Odoemena '17, Karina E. Castillo '18, Troi Barnes '17, Andrew Montanez '12, Francisco Morales '99, Amin Benjamin-Muhammad '14, Ali Ejaz '14, Jason Presley '15  
BACK: Angel Sanchez '14, Taylor Smith '14, Tevin King '12, Michael A. Moore Jr. '12, Kyle Brown '97, Malcom Owens '12, Stephen Robinson '06, Joshua T. Sterling '13, Nyjeer Wesley '14, Jamar Morton '09, Israel Laguer '01, JT Mills '92 M'94, D'09



discovery and recovery of assets in federal, state and bankruptcy courts. Her bankruptcy work includes representing creditors and trustees in Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 proceedings.

**Kari Palmieri Janisse '04** and **Philip Janisse '04** announce the March 5 birth of JohnPaul, their first child. Kari and Phil were married at St. Bridget's in Glassboro in April 2007. Philip is a sales representative for Tucker Company Worldwide Inc. in Had-donfield. Kari works full time as the coordinator of youth and young adult ministries at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Williamstown. She also owns an entertainment business, Creative Juices by Kari, and can be found throughout the year performing on stilts, making balloon creations and face-painting at parties and special events, some of them at Rowan. The Janisses reside in Williamstown. Photo, p. 45.

**Stefan Swanson '04** is an assistant professor of music composition,

technology and industry at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.

**Jack Swiker '04**, a coordinating producer, was part of an "Entertainment Tonight" crew that won a 2018 Daytime Emmy Award for Outstanding Entertainment News Program. This is the fourth time the show has won this award.

**Jessica Busch Estrella '06** received the 2018 Graphic Design USA American Inhouse Design Award. She has received this award four years in a row for book covers she designed while working at Cognella Academic Publishing. Contact her at [jess.d.estrella@gmail.com](mailto:jess.d.estrella@gmail.com)



**Lauren Schoener Gaynor '06** is the marketing and communications manager for Talley Management Group Inc. and director of marketing and communications for its global brands. The company is one of the nation's largest distributors of wireless infrastructure, communications and mobile products.



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*Leah Rubinstein Cinman, Jill Delin Marsh '82, Patty Roda Lutz '81, Rick LaFever, Anita Rose '80, Ann Taussig LaFever '84, Joel Gordon '81, John Zenuk '81.*

## GSC first aid founders celebrate 40

A significant portion of my job is writing, so I'm rarely at a loss for words. However, a recent return to Rowan left me speechless to describe the emotions our small group felt as we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Rowan EMS/Glassboro State First Aid Squad. Eight members of the original GSFAS crew reunited with hugs, laughs and a few tears at realizing how much we've all changed. We spent some time catching up, passing around old photos, and drinking toasts to those who couldn't attend or are no longer with us. Brian Hall, we miss you.

But so much else had changed. The Rowan/GSC campus was almost unrecognizable to most of us and no one could have predicted how far the Rowan EMS Squad had grown.

When we arrived, the first things we encountered were the bright, shiny, new, gold-and-white ambulances, emblazoned with the name Rowan EMS. We were simply awestruck. Ann Taussig LaFever was the first to notice the inscription on the driver's door of the rig, which read "Volunteering since 1978." "That was us," she declared.

We viewed a slide show of the squad's activities. For those of us at the corner table, our jaws hung to the floor and I don't think there was a dry eye. We watched in amazement at what had grown out of an idea we often thought would never see the light of day.

—Joel Gordon '81

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### Rowan babies, round 1

1. Matthew, son of **Lauren Levine DeStefano '11** and James; note, p. 42.
2. Theo, son of **Dave '06** and **Kristen Materek Rubman '09**; note, p. 40.
3. Landon, son of **Chris '07, M'10** and **Makenzie Devine D'Angelo '09, M'10**; note, p. 40.
4. Talia, daughter of **Mindy Albalah '08** and **David Sauchelli**; note, p. 40.
5. Christian son of **Eric '12** and **Michelle Lanzano Mendes '11**; note p. 42.

## class notes

**Dave Rubman '06** and **Kristen Materek Rubman '09** announce the March 14 birth of Theo, their first child. Photo, p. 39.

**Jade L. Cooper '07** is engaged to Jose M. Cruz who is from St. Croix, Virgin Islands. They plan to marry in June 2019.

**Chris D'Angelo '07, M'10** and **Makenzie Devine D'Angelo '09, M'10** announce the March 30 birth of Landon, their first child. Photo, p. 39.

**Keri Humen Intagliata '07** and her husband, Anthony, announce the October 2017 birth of Valentino, their first child. Photo, p. 45.



**Jared Krause '07, M'09** is vice president and deputy general manager of facilities construction services at Urban Engineers, a civil engineering firm. Previously, he was a practice leader and project manager, providing special inspection services in New York City. He is a licensed professional engineer in four states and a certified welding inspector.

**Raphaelita Justice '07** opened Muse Piano Academy in Pottstown, Pa., in September 2007. She credits professors Veda Zuponcic and

Raffi Besalyan with providing her with the skills she needs.

**Rosie Braude Esposito '08, M'09** and **Greg Esposito M'10, Ed.S.'12** announce the birth of their first child, Cecilia Annemarie, on Aug. 2, 2018. Photo, p. 45.

**Mindy Albalah Sauchelli '08** and her husband David Sauchelli, announce the July 24, 2017, birth of Talia, their first child. Photo, p. 39.

**Amanda Tweedie Wells '08** married in 2009. She and her husband bought a home in 2011. They have two children, one born in 2013 and the other in 2015. She uses what she learned

at Rowan to help friends with their businesses, to support the home and school association at her son's school and to volunteer at 4H.

**Kristin Dube Baker '09** started Kristin Baker Photography + Design in April 2016. Since then, she has photographed more than 150 newborns, (several Rowan babies on p. 39), and 200 families. In February, she opened a studio in Ocean Grove.



**Kate Gamble '09** earned a master's degree in science in finance and MBA at Drexel University.

## 10s



**Sarah Ginder Awad '10** married in 2016. She

works full time as a self-employed photographer. Contact her at [sarahginderphotography.com](http://sarahginderphotography.com).

**Corin Hardy Lewis '10**, who married on March 14, 2015, announces the June 22, 2017, birth of Jonathan and Gabriella. The family lives in Deptford.

**Samantha Griggs Merkowsky '10** married **Matthew Merkowsky '10** on May 13, 2017. Both were law/justice graduates



### Beach fun at Bar-A

The Alumni Association's annual Rowan Reunion @ Bar-A drew more than 600 Profs to Lake Como, including members of the Class of 2013 who celebrated their five-year reunion!

1. Jake Mangaviello, Shannon Cahill '18, Kelly Connors '18, Joey DeBosa
2. BACK: Ola Fadojutimi '17, Tim Krulikowski, RJ Schielke '15, Luigi Diaz '15 FRONT: Brandon Rivera '16, Kyle Morrison '15, Ed Martinez '16, Harrison Ford, Mark Bernath '12
3. Kat Brown '17, CJ Boon '17, Taylor Feldschneider '16
4. Sal Garfi '13, Sean Halucha '13, Jen Josephs '13, Jacquelyn Diaz '13, Chris Yard '13, Katie Ciaramella '13, Lindsay Finkelstein '13
5. FRONT: Debbie Boduck Lentini '90, Lisa DiVece Taylor '90, Tammy Gordon '90, Christina Weir Jannarone '92, Anne Bakalian '91, Paige Callery Ryan '91, Aileen Gibb Clark '94, Dawn Adatto McGhee '93, Betsy Stearne-Gibson '94, Lynne Hogan '91. MIDDLE: Maria Anagnostopoulos '91, Heidi Glantzberg '88, Eden Wexler '89, Robyn Cibak Sison '89, Gina Rayser Borton '90, Lori Kavka Devany '91, Amy Lemanowicz Nicholls '94. BACK: Jacqueline Smith Cardini '87, Laura Donovan Niland '93, Anne Cassagrande Duffy '93, Maria Millilo McMahon '92, Roseanne Rossi Jahnke '90, all Sigma Sigma Sigma.





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**Weddings & engagements**

1. Matthew Merkowsky '10 and Samantha Griggs Merkowsky; note, this page.
2. Michael Kissel '71 and Thelma Caabay; note, p. 33.
3. Kathryn Rich McGuire '11 and Michael McGuire '10; note, this page.
4. Courtney Schulmann '13 and Nick Pantle; note, this page.
5. Kellie Larsen '13 and Brian Gibson '13; note, this page.
6. Scott '15 and Laura Vines; note, p. 43.
7. Gina Matero '13 and Chris Garriott '11; note, this page.
8. Lisa Sienrukos '13 and Ryan Reynics '13; note, this page.

**Lauren Levine DeStefano '11** and her husband, James DeStefano, announce the April 27 birth of Matthew, their first child. Photo, p. 39.

**Kathryn Rich McGuire '11** and **Michael McGuire '10** married in October. They met when they were resident assistants.

**Francesca Parrillo Ragonese '11** and **Kyle Ragonese '10** announce the June 23, 2017, birth of James, their first child. Photo, p. 45.

 **Charles J. Vaccaro '11** is an associate in the litigation department at Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, where he concentrates on commercial litigation. His experience encompasses various areas of civil litigation at both the state and federal level, including contract and business disputes, employment law, insurance coverage, consumer fraud, real estate and personal injury matters. He is based in the firm's Woodbridge office and practices in New Jersey and New York.

**Eric '12** and **Michelle Lanzano Mendes '11** welcomed their first child, Christian James Mendes, on June 6, 2017.

**Wilmer Castro '13** is director of learning development at Vitalyst, a global provider of support services for more than 150 software applications and mobile devices. Previously, he worked at Google, eBay and the University of California, Berkley.

**Waldy Diez '13** is a video content coordinator at USA Today. Previously, she was a reporter at *The Press of Atlantic City* and a TV news producer.

**Phil Goldenberg '13** earned first prize in the 2018 Philadelphia Classical Guitar Competition. Judges based their selection on "his pleasing calm, juxtaposed with pockets of technical brilliance, and his considerable sense of drama, displaying varied color and dynamic range." While at Rowan, he gave six classical guitar recitals instead of the required two. He attended the Cleveland Institute of Music, one of the most competitive music conservatories in the country. Photo, p. 44.

**Kellie Larsen '13** and **Brian Gibson '13** will marry on Oct. 26. They met during public speaking class in 2011. Kellie spent a lot of time cheering for Brian as Rowan ice hockey D3 captain.

**Gina Matero '13** and **Chris Garriott '11** are engaged. They plan to marry in March.

**Lisa Sienrukos Reynics '13** and **Ryan Reynics '13** were married on Nov. 18, 2017. They met during their first year in Chestnut and have been together ever since.

**Kymberleigh Romano '13** earned a doctorate in microbiology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in fall 2017. After graduating, she accepted a postdoctoral fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic.

**Courtney Schulmann '13** is engaged to Nicholas Pantle. Courtney is a marketing specialist at Teknion in Mount Laurel. Nicholas is vice president of financial planning services at Masso Torrence Wealth Management & 401K Consulting in Marlton.

**Timothy Vitale '13, M'17** has been named a Phys-Tec Teacher of the Year by the Physics Teacher Education Coalition. The award aims to highlight the classroom impact of recent graduates from physics teacher preparation programs. Vitale, who teaches physics at Clearview Regional High School in Mullica Hill, is one of only 10 local award recipients nationwide. He spent most of July in Geneva as one of five high school teachers from the U.S. chosen for a three-week program of activities based on particle physics. He applied for the Geneva program through QuarkNet, an organization that helps educators modernize their curriculum. In summer 2017, he took part in a similar program in Greece.

**Steven Giambrone '14** is a project manager with Inspira Health Network.

**Jonathon Lavengetto '14** is the video producer/editor for the New Jersey Devils ice hockey team. He produces content for all home games and creates videos for the team's social media channels.

**Joe Albanese '15** has published his first novel, *Caina*, a crime comedy.

He has also published *Smash and Grab*, a novella. Both books are available on Amazon. He also has had short fiction, nonfiction and poetry published in the U.S. and nine other countries.



**Morgan Mahler '15** is a New Jersey licensed attorney.

**Chris Massari '15, Melchor Sapiandante '12, Matthew Perez '13 and Elaina Unger '12** are part of a team that created *Six Swords*, a new comic book series that has been described as a futuristic version of Sam Peckinpah's "The Wild Bunch" written by Quentin Tarantino. The book was written by Chris, Melchor and

Matthew and Elaina did the color art. Two other team members provided line art and lettering.

**Scott Vines '15** is working on a doctorate in physical therapy at Texas Woman's University in Houston. The program was named number two in the nation last year. Scott, who was wounded

in Iraq and attended Rowan on the GI Bill, credited professors Leslie Spencer and Gregory Biren with giving him the exceptional foundation that has enabled him to succeed at TWU. The program has included training at Memorial Hermann Sports Medicine clinic in League City, where



**Rowan on the rise**

Rowan is on the rise and has been on the road! During the last year, the Alumni Association visited alumni in nearly 30 cities all over the United States. The events aimed to update alumni on all the exciting things happening at Rowan and to provide more information about getting involved in the University's exciting growth.

1. Ashlie Walker '15, Tiffany Bethea '14
2. Jeff Dib '17, Adam Moises D.O.'94, Reza Shah D'93
3. Liz Ryan '11, Amy LoSacco Miele '10, Sabrina LoBue '12 M'15
4. Catherine Flack, Victoria Flack '06
5. Joe Akinskas '70, M'73, Anthony Gurcsik '92, Joe Petrucci '93
6. Tiffany Harris-Greene '98, M'12, Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03, Diane Miller Harris '04



**First prize**

Phil Goldenberg earned top honors in Philadelphia. Note, p. 42.

Scott and his wife, Laura, hope to settle.

**Erin Callahan '16** is in her third year of teaching fourth grade at Anne Arundel County Public Schools in Maryland. In June, she earned a master's degree of education in learning and technology from Western Governors University.

**Alicia Nordberg '16** is working on a doctorate

at the Temple University School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia.

**Mary Pat Torres Maciolek D'17** is a Fellow of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The designation recognizes her commitment to the field of dietetics and celebrates her professional accomplishments and pursuit of life-long learning. Dr. Maciolek heads the hospital-ity, culinary arts, and dietetics department at Middlesex County College. She earned a bachelor's degree from College Misericordia and a master's from Georgian Court College.

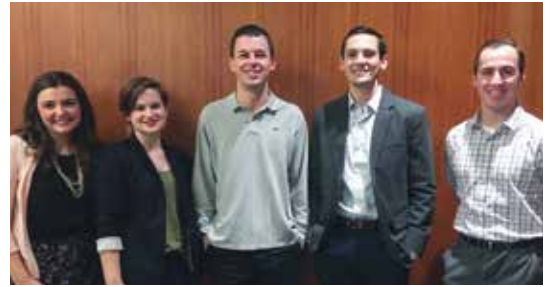
**Iris H. Richardson '17** is working on a master's degree in fine art at Studio Art College International in Florence, Italy.

**Rachel Walsh '17** is an associate media planner at CMI/Compas, one of the fastest-growing

pharmaceutical advertising agencies.

**Abigail Gardner '18** is working on a master's degree in teaching at Rowan. She is the fourth generation of her family to attend GSC-Rowan. Others are Abigail's mother, **Margaret LaBattaglia '90**; Margaret's sister, **Gina LaBattaglia Schultz '97**; Margaret's mother, **Dorothy Jeanne Stetser DeLiberis '64**, Margaret's father, **Leonard La Battaglia '63** and Margaret's grandmother, **Kathleen Happel Stetser '73, M'76**.

**Brandon Graham '18**, who is working on an MBA at Rowan, has received the first-place 2018 Charles T. Main Student Leadership Award from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The award goes to an ASME student member whose leadership and service qualities have contributed for more



**Surviving Your 20s (from grads who know how)**

Grads from various programs in the last decade came back to Rowan to speak with current students about what it takes to survive post-undergrad life.

Darcy Lucia '15, Mary Spanarkel '11, Shane Karolyi '15, M'16, Mark Errera '16, Jeff Dib '17

than one year to the programs and operations of a student section of the society, the student's department and other related activities. The award includes \$3,000, a gold medal and a certificate.

**Lance Johnson '18** is an on-air reporter at KTVE/KARD-TV In West Monroe, La. KTVE is an

NBC affiliate and KARD is a Fox affiliate. The stations serve Louisiana and Arkansas. While at Rowan, Lance completed an internship at Fox 29 News in Philadelphia.

**Megan Lutes '18** owns Unboxed Personal Training LLC, which offers certified fitness training for people of all abilities. This includes

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**And more Rowan babies!**

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autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and vision, speech or hearing impairments. Her aim is to help those with special needs find independence and improve their daily living with a healthy lifestyle.

**Leon Purvis '18** is an on-air reporter at NBC affiliates KIEM and

KVIQ in Eureka, Calif. While at Rowan, he completed internships at "The TODAY Show," "Good Morning America," "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," 6abcAction News in Philadelphia and at radio stations iHeart Media in Philadelphia and TownSquare Media in Atlantic City. Leon's sister is **Ashley Purvis'18**.

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# Remembrances

Fond eulogies of campus friends offered by AFT colleagues

## Frank A. Goodfellow

### *Secondary Education*

Frank A. Goodfellow III, 80, formerly of Haddonfield, died on May 28 at the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Frank was a member of the secondary education department from 1965 to 1999, retiring as associate professor. He held a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the College of Wooster in Ohio, and a master's degree in library science from the Drexel Institute of Technology.

He served as chair of his department and was active with the AFT. He helped to design the core curriculum that education majors take.

Known for his social conscience and activist personality, Frank took part in civil rights demonstrations and anti-apartheid protests in Camden, Philadelphia and Washington. He joined the Society of Friends and was active in Quaker Meetings and was a member of Newton Friends Meeting in Camden.

Former colleague and friend, Rose Glassberg, AFT Retirees Chapter president, said, "I treasured Frank for his sweetness and his good will toward everyone. Frank was funny and incredibly good natured." His son described him as "a modest and unpretentious man, a great storyteller and helper who tried to follow the tenets of modesty and pacifism."

He spent the last several years of his life in the Green Mountains of Vermont with his former wife, Joan E. Tracy, after living in Philadelphia and Haddonfield.

He is survived by sons David and Andrew and daughters Bronwyn, Lepore and Martha and 12 grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

## Theodore B. Johnson

### *Educational Leadership*

Dr. Theodore B. Johnson, 84, of Pennsauken, died June 21. Dr. Johnson joined the department of educational leadership in 1990 and retired as associate professor in 1999. He also served as assistant vice president of student services.

Dr. Johnson held a B.S. and M.A. in elementary education from Temple University and an Ed.D. in educational administration and supervision from Rutgers University. During his career, he served as superintendent, principal and chairperson in several South Jersey school districts.

Dr. Johnson participated in various community activities and held many posts, including president and member of the Camden County YMCA Board of Directors and president of the Cape May County Mental Health Center. He also taught Sunday school at three churches.

"Ted, quite simply, was one of the best people I knew," said Rose Glassberg, AFT Retirees Chapter president. "His death is a real loss for his family and for his community."

Dr. Johnson was active in choirs and singing groups, such as the Mt. Zion Youth Choir, Cherry Hill Community Choir and the Cape Harmonaires-Barbershop in Cape May Court House. He also enjoyed traveling to places such as Africa, Australia, China and Europe.

Dr. Johnson is survived by daughter Angela Johnson, son Theodore B. Johnson Jr., brother Donald Johnson and life-long friend Morris L. Smith, several nieces and nephews and an extensive devoted family.

Viewing and services were held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Lawnside.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Mt. Zion UMC Mentor Ministry, c/o Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 134 South White Horse Pike, Lawnside, NJ 08045.

## Lois Strauss

### *Psychology*

Lois T. Strauss of Voorhees died June 14. She was a psychology department member from 1973 to 2014, retiring as professor. She was also an AFT and AFT Retirees Chapter member.

Dr. Strauss held a B.S., M.S., and Ed.D. from Temple University.

She served as coordinator of Assistive Technology for the Disabled, an initiative that focuses on adapting and designing assistive devices for disabled individuals.

She is survived by daughter Ellen (Robert) Fensterer and son Jordan (Kari) Goldberg, five grandchildren, sisters Judy Gershman and Shelley Lipschultz and loving friend, Barbara Lilien.

Funeral services were held at Platt Memorial Chapels, Cherry Hill. With interment at Locustwood Memorial Park. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Philadelphia Orchestra.

## Mary Taney

### *History*

Mary Taney, 90, of Sewell, died March 22. She was a history department member from 1967 to 1991, when she retired as professor.

Dr. Taney held a B.A. from the College of St. Theresa in Winona, Minn., and an M.A. from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She earned a doctor of letters from the University Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy, and a Ph.D. from Catholic University.

Before coming to GSC in 1967, she was an English professor at University Cattolica and professor and chairperson of the classics department at Saint Teresa.

From 1950 to 1967, she was a member of the Order of the Sisters of Saint Francis, adopting the name Sister Jordan. After leaving religious life, she married Francis Xavier Taney Sr. in 1968.

She is survived by a son, Francis Xavier Taney Jr. (Shelia), and two grandchildren, Patrick Francis Taney and Bridget Ann Taney.

Services were held at St. Mary's Church/Our Lady of Peace Parish in Williamstown. Private burial was at the Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown.



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## Our sympathies

Martha Warke '37	Mary Homan '71	Joseph Mulhern '82
Helen Ryan Thomas '40	Rodgers King '71	James Preziosi '82
Phyllis Clunn '41	Cynthia Frederick Still '71	Mary Spaulding Weil '82
Elizabeth Keaser Mixner '46	Eric Dichter '72	Martha Bradley '83
Marion Coyne Whalen '46	George Friebis M'72	Cynthia Nash '83
Charles Goess '48	Alice Huber M'72	Barbara Camp '84
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# Our Astaire of the mind

By Bruce Krajewski '81

*Bruce Krajewski was editor of The Whit when educated people debated whether the “h” is silent. Became an English professor. Condolence cards still accepted, but not for the reason you think. Wants to be arrested for collusion with unforgettable prose.*

In the context of political discourse’s decay in the United States, it seems appropriate to conjure up Dr. Richard Mitchell, a man who said, “When a human being makes some kind of assertion in his language, he takes on a moral responsibility.” Mitchell pleaded with people to be accountable for their words. Mitchell made that statement on a December 1979 Johnny Carson show,\* which included Fred Astaire and Al Hirt. Mitchell was plugging his then-latest book, *Less Than Words Can Say*.

My memory of Mitchell emanates from an undergraduate mythology course. The class didn’t know what to make of Mitchell. He would do things like pretend to make up the topic of our midterm examination on the fly moments before we were to write. He paced before us, wandered over to the large windows looking out over Bunce Hall’s front lawn, the sun accentuating hair that looked as if the strands emerged from a Tesla coil, ready to rise in a spray of electricity. He spoke, as if talking to himself, about what happens to a youngster’s thoughts in

spring. He asked whether we were familiar with William Carlos Williams’ “Spring and All.” Perhaps he was summoning our “All” for the test. Many of us were squirming, knowing his musings were eating into our response time, but we relished the show.

Then he turned abruptly, raising an index finger in the air: “Aha!”—as if the gods had finally conveyed the writing prompt. He raced for chalk and placed on the blackboard some abstract rumination about Joseph Campbell’s *The Hero with a Thousand Faces* and left us to ponder its meaning.


Mitchell’s theatricality translated well on television. The man made sitting in a dull chair a drama. He made not sitting in a chair a drama. Before the interview begins, Carson pokes Mitchell that he has violated convention by not taking his seat after the applause ended. Mitchell was absorbed in greeting other guests. Meeting Astaire meant something to Mitchell, who praises Astaire’s 1935 film “Top Hat” as the work of a “luminary.” Later in the interview, Carson compliments Mitchell’s playful, if inaccurate, rendering of Churchill: “This is not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning.” Carson quips, “Very good. Now do James Cagney.”

“You dirty, double-crossing rat” is a phrase Mitchell probably would use describing politicians’ misuses of language that “damage the brain” (from *Less Than Words Can Say*, originally titled, as Mitchell tells Carson, *The Worm in the Brain*). Mitchell directs the audience to stop “paying attention to verve.” Pay attention instead to “structure, diction, spelling, punctuation, and form.” These things make our world. Mitchell tells Carson: “The language that we have is a total display of the world that we know. What is not present in our language is not a thing we can know.”

For this holiday appearance on Carson, Mitchell shows himself to be, as he was in the classroom, an Astaire of the mind. ■

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## Join the club

It's the same, solid advice for students every year: Get involved! Try something new!

In 1978-79, members of the Forensics Club (above, from *The Oak*) signed on to brush up their public speaking skills (with professor Joseph Robinette, back left, advising) and made road trip

memories by competing in college tournaments held "all over the East Coast."

That year, students also joined Hillel, PRSSA, the Black Cultural League, the Accounting Society, the Jogging Club, *Avant* and dozens more organizations that connected them outside the

classroom. They made friends, learned things and probably made some of their free time a little more productive.

The 2018 pitch is the same, with more than 160 SGA-chartered clubs and others welcoming members. Forty years from now, we'll run one of their photos.