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—Alumni Board of Directors and Office of Alumni Engagement

## RowanGIVES Day Happy Hour

**Tuesday, March 5**

To celebrate Rowan University's fifth annual day of giving, the Alumni Association is hosting a special RowanGIVES Day happy hour. Registration includes complimentary appetizers and is free for alumni. Drink specials will also be available. Register online at [alumni.rowan.edu/rgdcelebration](http://alumni.rowan.edu/rgdcelebration).  
4–7 p.m., Landmark Americana, Glassboro

## 4th Annual Run for Rowan 5K

**Saturday, April 13**

Kick off the spring running season with the Alumni Association's fourth annual 5K, a timed race through Rowan's continually evolving campus. Proceeds from the event benefit the Flying First program, which supports first-generation Rowan students. Alumni, family, friends and students are welcome to participate. Runners will receive an exclusive Run for Rowan race shirt. Check-in and bib pickup is from 8:30–9:45 a.m. Registration is \$25. Register online at [alumni.rowan.edu/runforrowan](http://alumni.rowan.edu/runforrowan).  
10 a.m., Student Center Patio, Chamberlain Student Center

## G.O.L.D Alumni Trivia Night

**Wednesday, April 24**

Graduates of the past 10 years are invited back to campus for an evening of trivia and prizes with fellow G.O.L.D (Graduates of the Last Decade) alumni. For extra trivia points, bring a canned item for The SHOP, Rowan University's campus food pantry and resource center for students in need. Registration is free for alumni. Register online at [alumni.rowan.edu/goldtrivia](http://alumni.rowan.edu/goldtrivia).  
7 p.m., Owl's Nest, Chamberlain Student Center

## Poses with Profs

**Saturday, June 1**

Join fellow Profs for a 60-minute vinyasa-style yoga led by Alumni Board member Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03. Registration is \$5. Register online at [alumni.rowan.edu/yoga](http://alumni.rowan.edu/yoga).  
9:30 a.m., University Green, Bunce Hall

## 31st Annual Brown & Gold Gridiron Golf Tournament

**Friday, July 12**

Football alumni of all ages are encouraged to reunite with friends and former teammates over 18 holes of golf on a LPGA course. Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/gridirongolf19](http://alumni.rowan.edu/gridirongolf19) to register and for sponsorship opportunities.  
12:30 p.m., Seaview Resort, Galloway

## Rowan Reunion at Bar A

**Saturday, July 27**

The Rowan University Alumni Association is heading back to Bar A for its annual reunion at the Jersey Shore. This is the perfect opportunity to get together with Rowan alumni and friends for a summer night out. The \$5 cost of admission includes an all-you-can-eat BBQ buffet, drink specials and Rowan giveaways. Register online at [alumni.rowan.edu/rowanreunion19](http://alumni.rowan.edu/rowanreunion19).  
4–7 p.m., Bar Anticipation, Lake Como

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### Class of 2014 5 Year Reunion

Saturday, October 13

### Class of 2009 10 Year Reunion

Saturday, October 13

### Class of 1969 50th Reunion

Saturday, October 13

## Golden Years Reunion

Due to renovations in the Eynon Ballroom, the Golden Years Reunion will not take place in 2019 but will return in 2020. During the spring of 2019, the Alumni Association will organize a committee of graduates to discuss ways to increase attendance, grow the pool of Lifetime Service Award candidates and keep the reunion new and exciting. Please contact the Office of Alumni Engagement if you are interested in serving on this committee.

## stay connected

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### EMS kudos

What a great article about the EMS service at Rowan University. The present and past members deserve so much appreciation for their dedication to serving the university and communities. To mix classes, social life and calls/training requires extreme focus.

As a former EMT and a current volunteer firefighter, I understand the special person who fills this role. Too many areas are in trouble for the lack of people willing to make this commitment of time.

Thank them for helping make Rowan University a safer place.

Robert Aeschback '68, M'70

### Online time well-spent

I just spent a half hour reading the magazine online. Beautiful in all regards: writing, layout, artwork.

Congratulations for producing such a professional and inviting publication. AGAIN!

Thanks.

Claudia Cuddy

*Ed. note: find us at magazine.rowan.edu in a PDF, along with back issues and a few extras, including photos that we couldn't pack into the print version.*

### The last word on Tommy Conwell

I must have missed it in the previous issue, but I was just reading *Rowan Magazine* and saw the letters regarding Tommy Conwell, the Smithereens and the Ramones.

I was on the Executive Board of the Student Activities Board and helped book this show. I was there all day (20+ hours) for the set-up, show and load out.

I can tell you unequivocally that Tommy Conwell played the show with the Smithereens.

The Smithereens, however, were late getting to campus, so we kept asking Tommy Conwell to keep playing. The trouper that he was, he kept going back on stage. His band had to delve back into covers from their bar-band days.

Finally, the Smithereens showed up, apologized for being late and went on. It was a great show!

Once we got back to the SAB office in the Student Center, we had several messages on our answering machine (this was before cell phones, texts and email). The Smithereens had left messages at every wrong turn they had taken down the Turnpike, saying they were on the way, but kept getting lost.

And by the way, the Ramones also played GSC—but on a separate bill. In fact, I can't remember any of the artists we booked not showing up—not even Southside Johnny, who was notorious for it.

Anthony Matrisciano '89

*Ed. note: thanks to everyone who told a part of the Tommy Conwell tale. It's been great fun to jog GSC memories.*

### Tour Hollybush this spring

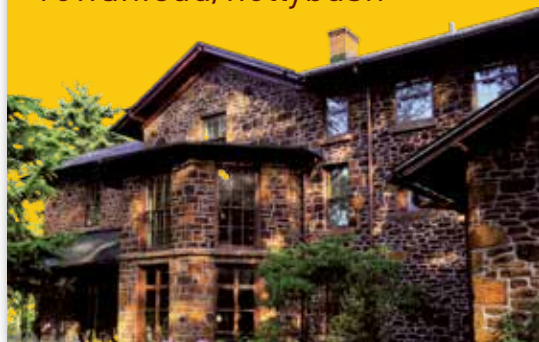
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- Whitney family history in Victorian art, decor and artifacts
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- the 1967 Johnson-Kosygin Summit in photos and memorabilia

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Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 27 at 11 a.m.  
Saturday, May 1 at 11 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m.

To register, please call 856-256-5400 or visit: [alumni.rowan.edu/hollybushtours](http://alumni.rowan.edu/hollybushtours)

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## Unified pride

The smiles—and the banner—say it all.

In November, Special Olympics and ESPN named Rowan Unified Sports a Champion School. The honor places Rowan among the elite schools nationwide in providing inclusive sports and activities. The first program of its kind in the country, Unified Sports pairs Special Olympics athletes who have intellectual disabilities with Rowan student partners in soccer and basketball. ESPN's Michele Steele joined the spirited celebration.







## Climate Scientist Trusel publishes dire warning in *Nature*



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CLIMATE CHANGE  
RESEARCH EARNS  
ROWAN'S FIRST  
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Climate change is causing the polar ice sheet in Greenland to melt at an historic rate, a situation that could have dire consequences as sea levels rise and the potential for flooding worsens, according to a recent study led by Rowan's Dr. Luke Trusel.

Titled "Non-linear rise in Greenland runoff in response to post-industrial Arctic warming," the article was published Dec. 6 in the journal *Nature*, the first Rowan research project to appear in the journal. Upon publication, the news was reported globally—on CNN, in the *Boston Globe*, *USA Today*, *National Geographic*, on the BBC and in dozens of other outlets around the world.

Trusel, an assistant professor in the department of geology, and colleagues from six colleges and universities concluded that the Greenland Ice Sheet (GrIS), which is roughly one mile deep and more than twice the size of Texas, is melting at an unnaturally fast pace that began at the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. The study found that melt from the GrIS quickened measurably in the late 20th century and that the rate of melt is increasing still.

"It's not just increasing, it's accelerating, and that's a key concern for the future," Trusel said.

Based on a study of ice cores drilled in the GrIS, the analysis found that melting there is faster now than it's been in hundreds, if not thousands, of years, and that the resulting runoff is contributing to rising sea levels in a way that could become disastrous for coastal communities around the world.

The article in *Nature* explaining the study's results described the massive amount of water flowing from the thawing ice:

"(The) study shows that Greenland's runoff hit a 350-year high in 2012, when the ice sheet released about 600 gigatonnes of water into the ocean—enough to fill 240 million Olympic swimming pools."

The study determined that increases in Greenland melting coincided with an onset of warming of the Arctic that is associated with





LEFT: With a colleague at the scientific outpost, glaciologist Luke Trusel held an ice core recovered from an ice cap on Nuussuaq Peninsula, west Greenland.


BELOW: Meltwater Canyon, where the mile-thick Greenland Ice Sheet reveals evidence of climate change.

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human activities that began during the Industrial Revolution.

The *Nature* article was Trusel's third published paper in as many weeks. On Nov. 12 and 19 he published the articles, "The Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets under 1.5 °C global warming," and "Antarctic surface hydrology and impacts on ice-sheet mass balance," in the journal *Nature Climate Change*, a subsidiary of *Nature*.

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## Alum's gift honors beloved Swimming Coach Tony Lisa

It never mattered that Tony Lisa wasn't a swimmer. When he stood at the edge of the pool and coached Glassboro State College and Rowan student-athletes, he had done his homework: he studied swimming form and technique. He learned how to prepare athletes for competition. He gave everything in him—gently, sometimes, and also with his trademark intensity—to encourage, mentor and guide.

When Lisa passed away in June, he had built a career that spanned more than 35 years at his alma mater. By the time he retired in 2014, he had become a legend with 469 wins, a .752 winning percentage and generations of student-athletes who loved and respected him.

That sense of devotion and appreciation for excellence drew more than 500 alumni, colleagues, friends and swimmers from the region to Esbjerg Gym in January to rename the pool facility and dedicate it as the Tony Lisa Natatorium, thanks to the generosity of Rowan University Foundation Chair Jack Hafner '93.

A butterfly stroke standout under Coach Lisa, Hafner donated \$100,000 to establish the Tony Lisa Endowment for the swimming and diving program.

Hafner, a J.P. Morgan wealth management advisor and professional investor, has been a Foundation Board member since 2012. He credits much of his

positive student experience to Lisa's ability to instill confidence in him, a quality that helped him to lead a fulfilling life.

"Tony believed in me no matter what and that really helped me believe in myself," he said.

Lisa earned bachelor's and master's degrees at GSC. He led Rowan women's teams to nine consecutive New Jersey Athletic Conference titles and was named the NJAC Women's Coach of the Year three times. He coached three swimmers to NCAA Division III Championships.

The College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America presented Lisa with the Richard E. Steadman Award "for spreading joy and happiness in swimming and diving."

Lisa's supportive and inspiring coaching style impacted Hafner and many others. He is a member of the Gloucester County and Salem County Sports halls of fame.

Connie Lisa '70, his widow, called the swimming community his "second family."

"A good coach isn't just a coach," she said. "A good coach shares in their athletes' lives."

Athletic Director Dan Gilmore said Hafner's tribute will benefit generations of athletes. "Jack's gift is a tremendous honor to a coach who meant so much to so many."

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At the dedication program with the memorial plaque, Jack Hafner, Connie Lisa and President Ali Houshmand





**HOT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE JAR**

Houshmand's Hazardous is hot in more ways than one. The branding and PR project for the President's scholarship fundraiser earned Gold from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in its largest district's annual competition. Rowan's entry bested entrants that included University of Pennsylvania and SUNY.



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# Real funds for artificial intelligence

The Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering is furthering educational opportunities in artificial intelligence and related areas thanks to a \$1.5 million U.S. Department of Education Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) grant, which supports a multidisciplinary Ph.D. fellowship program in big data analytics, machine learning and artificial intelligence.

Rowan's Prepare AI Fellowship Program will fund 11 GAANN fellows for three years and provide training for other Ph.D. associate fellows supported by other sources.

Focused on data science and machine learning, entrepreneurial skills, multiaudience communication and professional conduct, the program also will initiate discipline-specific and data-driven research projects that may address advanced energy, intelligent transportation systems, data analytics in digital immersive environments and aviation safety research, and it will offer hands-on experience through internships.

"Graduates of our program will be able to leverage the massive

amounts of data available from social media, health care and government entities to build computerized systems that perform tasks that previously could only be accomplished with human intelligence," said fellowship program leader Dr. Nidhal C. Bouaynaya, electrical and computer Engineering professor and associate dean for research and graduate studies. "GAANN graduates will meet the growing workforce needs of AI-based industries, which can boost economic productivity, improve healthcare, transform political and social landscapes, thwart terrorist activity and save lives." Graduates may work in academia, government and/or industry.

She noted that graduates will have the skills, experience and aptitude to be leaders in the scientific community and—importantly—will be able to improve society by addressing the challenges and opportunities arising from the growth in use of artificial intelligence. The program, which begins this spring, is open to U.S. citizens/permanent residents with bachelor's or master's degrees in engineering or related disciplines.

"These awards are among the most competitive and prestigious awards made by the Department of

Education. This is significant recognition of our research program's quality and our faculty's expertise," said Dean Anthony Lowman. "This support of Rowan Engineering's doctoral students addresses an important need in growing fields that will impact the future of engineering, business, health care and more."

## QUICK THINKING, BIG WIN



Mark Tallaksen, Mac Hennaut, John Dunn, Zeaenna Brackett, Chase Finnigan and Matthew Jenkins won the TechStars StartupWeekend Philly entrepreneurship competition.

A group of Rowan students from different majors took top honors for their quick oil change idea during a 54-hour community startup competition in the fall.

The team's idea—Quick Change, a product that makes oil changes fast and mess-free—won Techstars StartupWeekend Philly in November. The group spent the weekend designing and prototyping a coupling system for oil changes that doesn't result in stains to clothes, hands or the floor.

The product was the idea of junior nutrition and exercise science major Mark Tallaksen, who cut and burned his hand while changing the oil of a car the evening before the competition. The experience led Tallaksen to propose a better oil-change system to his teammates.

The team moves on to compete in the Techstars 2018 Global Startup Battle this spring.

Eric Liguori, executive director of the Rowan Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship in the William G. Rohrer College of Business, arranged for Rowan's participation in the competition. Rowan entrepreneurship advisory council members Dan Ruotolo and Greg Payton '14 coached teams during the competition.

Altogether, 68 individuals from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York and California competed in TechStars StartUpWeekend Philly.



# Strengthened by differences, from Pre-K to college

In preparing and partnering with P-12 education professionals, as well as cultivating its own higher education community, Rowan is dedicated to developing individuals and systems made stronger and more effective because of their differences, not in spite of them. Two recent initiatives show Rowan's commitment in action.

## Diversifying the teacher workforce

More than 150 educators across the nation—many of them giants in the field—met at Rowan in the fall to address a persistent problem in education: the lack of diversity in the teaching ranks of the nation's schools.

Hosted by the College of Education and the New Jersey Department of Education, the inaugural New Jersey Convening on Diversifying the Teacher Workforce brought together prominent scholars, educational leaders and classroom teachers from across the country to focus on increasing diversity in education.



Representing schools from South Carolina to Massachusetts, Chanda Jefferson, Ashley Toussaint, Jenny Patel and MacArthur Cheek accepted Rowan's invitation to meet and develop a plan to bring more diversity to teaching.

"The convening was not about discussing the problem. It was about finding the solutions," said College of Education Dean Monika Shealey. "New Jersey is ready to take this work on."

With an action plan submitted to the state the immediate result of the convening, plans are already underway for next year's event.

## New division, new advocates

Rowan continues its commitment to diversity with its January announcement

about the development of a Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. The new entity will be tasked with making Rowan "a model institution where diversity is valued and equity and inclusion are routine," said the announcement from President Ali Houshmand. Dean Shealey will become senior vice president of the new division with bold advocacy goals for all members of the community.

## STEM ED AND INNOVATION: KUDOS FOR DR. HOUSHMAND

For his contributions to science and technology education and for public-private partnerships that drive innovation and STEM instruction, the Research & Development Council of New Jersey named President Houshmand "Educator of the Year" last fall at the 39th Edison Patent Awards Ceremony.

Houshmand's continuing statewide recognition has developed from the transformation begun with his vision to serve South Jersey's higher education needs. Rowan College at Gloucester County President Fred Keating reflected on his fellow president's commitment to develop new programs and expand access through institutional partnerships. "We never once talked about education as it was, but as it should be," Keating said.

The R&D council recognized Houshmand for overseeing the opening of Cooper Medical School of Rowan University; the integration of the




School of Osteopathic Medicine; the partnership with Rutgers-Camden to develop a life sciences research hub; the University's \$50 million commitment to support research in Camden; and

the partnership with Lockheed Martin to develop a workforce credentialing program.

One who knows the state's greatest challenges and can speak to its progress, New Jersey Senate President Stephen Sweeney said about Rowan's dynamic seventh president, "He was willing to step up and see what wasn't there and what could be, and really has transformed Rowan University and Glassboro in an amazing way."

Also in November, Houshmand was named for the third year running to the *Philadelphia Business Journal* Power 100 list of the region's most influential people.

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## 6th FASTEST GROWING RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

The Chronicle of Higher Education's Almanac of Higher Education 2018-19 named Rowan the sixth fastest-growing university in America among public doctoral institutions based on enrollment—and the fastest-growing in New Jersey (jumping 81.4 percent in 10 years, from 9,578 students in 2006 to 17,372 in 2016).





## “Biobank” and medical education focus on opioid crisis

Age, race, gender, socioeconomic background—opioids can impact anyone, including people who had their first such drug prescribed for pain relief for even simple procedures.

In fact, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse website, 2.14 million people ages 12 and older had an opioid use disorder in 2016.

Researchers at Rowan University are working to change that in several ways through a variety of projects.

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU) is partnering with The Coriell Institute for Medical Research and Cooper University Health Care to launch the Camden Opioid Research Initiative (CORI), funded through a three-year state of New Jersey grant. This unique undertaking is investigating the genetic and biological factors contributing to the development of opioid use disorder.

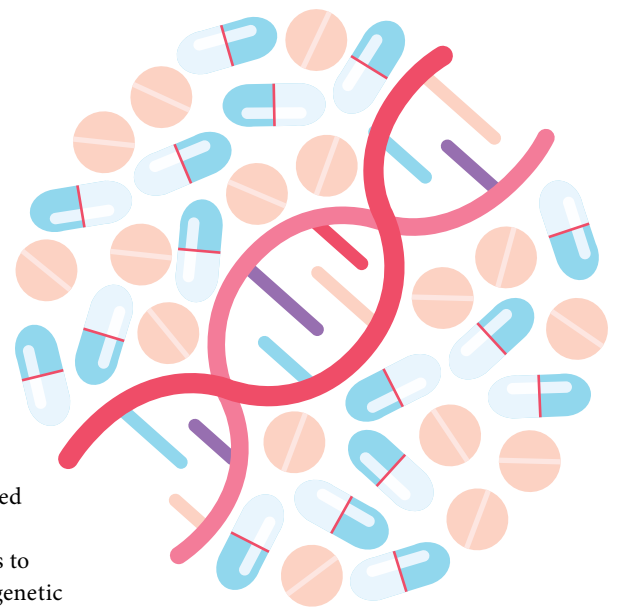
As part of CORI, renowned CMSRU neuroscientists Dr. Russell Buono and

Dr. Thomas Ferraro are assisting in the creation of a one-of-a-kind biobank of biological samples collected from individuals who died from overdoses. These samples will be made available to qualified researchers studying opioid use disorder and conducting studies to investigate the genetic and nongenetic factors that underlie opioid use disorder.

In addition, CMSRU faculty member Dr. Kaitlan Baston, director of addiction medicine at Cooper, is working with Dr. Annette Reboli, dean, and other colleagues on several opioid education projects.

As part of a \$1.9 million primary care training and enhancement grant led by Reboli, CMSRU received supplemental funding to create an opioid curriculum for students, faculty and physician assistants.

In addition, Baston received a three-year, \$432,000 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration



grant to develop a multidisciplinary opioid use disorder curriculum for practicing physicians.

“The opioid crisis is a major public health emergency,” Reboli said. “We are grateful that federal and state agencies are funding these important research and educational programs.”



National political correspondent Steve Kornacki (front, center) found an eager audience at Rowan for his talk about the midterm elections. After, he signed books and visited with students and Institute for Public Policy & Citizenship Director Ben Dworkin.

### NBC'S KORNAKCI LOOKS BACKWARD AND FORWARD AT ELECTIONS

Donald Trump likely will be the Republican nominee seeking his second term and suburban voters nationally could have an impact on the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Those were two messages from MSNBC and NBC national political correspondent Steve Kornacki, who came to campus in December to discuss the future of the nation's politics after the crucial midterm elections. Kornacki's presentation,





Sen. Cory Booker and Rep. Donald Norcross spent more than an hour with Rowan active duty students and veterans last semester. The legislators listened to the students' concerns just before the kickoff of Rowan's November focus on military-affiliated students.

## Student Vets and active duty find support

Rowan, which has a long history of supporting student veterans of America's fighting forces, expanded that commitment during the fall 2018 semester with a variety of events and programs.

Rowan hosted a meeting with Sen. Cory Booker, Rep. Donald Norcross and about a dozen student veterans on Oct. 30 for a frank discussion about concerns of veterans and active duty personnel.

The meeting, which included President Ali Houshmand, was an opportunity for the students to give direct input to the legislators on such issues as the application of military experience to careers, access to health care and health problems related to their service.

For the sixth consecutive year, Rowan honored veterans and active duty military personnel during Military Appreciation Week, Nov. 9-16, with activities before and during the last regular season Profs football game of 2018 in Coach Richard Wackar Stadium.

As the semester concluded, Rowan hosted a commissioning ceremony during which two seniors, civil engineering major Matthew Grosnick and computer informatics systems major Jack Minishak, both of whom were active in ROTC, became Army second lieutenants.



## ART PROFESSOR OHANIAN EARNS PRESTIGIOUS BERRYMAN AWARD

The National Press Foundation (NPF) named Professor of Art Nancy Ohanian, whose syndicated political illustrations run in some 250 newspapers weekly, the recipient of the Clifford K. and James T. Berryman Award for Editorial Cartoons.

Ohanian is the first full-time educator to win the prestigious Berryman since the NPF awards program began nearly 30 years ago.

“So What Happened?: An Evening with Steve Kornacki,” was presented by the Rowan Institute for Public Policy & Citizenship (RIPPAC).

During his talk, Kornacki told a rapt audience of 250 that he's unsure how the midterm results—in which Democrats gained 40 seats in the House of Representatives—will play out in 2020.

Suburban voters have helped the Democrats' resurgence nationally, Kornacki said. Across the board, the areas that traditionally voted Republican are increasingly

turning against Trump and supporting Democrats, according to Kornacki.

That sets the stage for an intriguing, though unpredictable, 2020 presidential election, Kornacki said, when ex-urban and rural voters are expected to be the core of the Trump base.

“The divide has been growing a long time in American politics, but it has accelerated in the Trump era,” Kornacki said. “Demographically similar voters in [different] areas of the country are behaving in very similar ways.”

He expects Trump to again lead the GOP. “I suspect, barring something we haven't seen yet, that he'll be the nominee,” said Kornacki.

Founded last January, RIPPAC had an active—and engaging—inaugural year. Among many other guests, two former New Jersey governors, Jim Florio and Chris Christie, spoke at Rowan. Christie's appearance was his first public address since leaving the governor's office. At press time, New Jersey Senate President Steve Sweeney was scheduled for a February talk.



## Wilson Hall plaza debut

The new courtyard on the east side of Wilson Hall is almost ready to come to life as the weather warms, featuring outdoor spaces for education and performances, casual seating, native plants and sustainable materials. The renovation offers a small “outdoor black box theatre” and a larger venue for scheduled and pop-up shows, plus plenty of open area for just hanging out.

Part of the University’s Greenway Master Plan, the project reduces impervious surfaces (remember the endless concrete around the building?) and uses natural and recycled materials and landscaping to improve drainage.

At press time, the College of Performing Arts was planning spring and summer performances in the new spaces for campus and community. For events indoors and outdoors, visit [rowan.tix.com](http://rowan.tix.com)

### Greener by the numbers

In addition to managing stormwater through the reshaped terrain and plantings, runoff will filter through 1,075 sq. ft. of concrete salvaged from the old pavement and “upcycled” for reuse in the plaza by the Chestnut Branch Creek bioswale.

#### More green features planted to shade audiences and attract pollinators and other wildlife:

- 80 canopy and understory trees  
*78 are native species*
- 84 flowering deciduous shrubs  
*100-percent native*
- 85-percent native mix of perennial forbs and grasses

### KEEPER OF “DREAM” SPEECH HELPS LAUNCH ROWAN SPORTS COMM PROGRAM

Sometimes, you just have to ask.

That was one of many lessons that George Raveling, keeper of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech, imparted during an appearance in Tohill Theater last fall.

Raveling, who later became a world-renowned college and U.S. Olympic basketball coach, as a recent college graduate provided security for King on Aug. 28, 1963, when he delivered the “Dream Speech”

in Washington, D.C. He came to own the sole copy of the now-legendary speech by simply asking the civil rights leader for it, and King gave it to him.

Also a former head of basketball for Nike, Raveling visited Rowan at the behest of Dr. John Giannini, a celebrated coach in his own right who led the Profs to the 1996 NCAA Division III basketball championship. Giannini returned to Rowan this year to lead the new Center for

Sports Communication & Social Impact, which hosted Raveling as its inaugural speaker.

Easygoing and avuncular, Raveling advised the packed

audience to cherish things that matter to them and to safeguard meaningful relationships.

“Don’t keep score,” he said. “Just give, give, give.”

Onstage with Dr. John Giannini, basketball coaching legend George Raveling told about his courtside career and his stint on Martin Luther King’s security detail.







The Profs excelled on and off the field in the fall. Field hockey (above) and women's soccer teams advanced to the NCAA postseason and numerous student-athletes earned athletic and academic honors.

## Fall athletes and teams finish strong

### FIELD HOCKEY

The field hockey team won the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Championship and advanced to the semifinals of the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. The Profs broke the school record for wins in a season with a 22-1 record.

Forward Rachel Galante was selected the Longstreth/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) South Atlantic Region Player of the Year. She was joined on the Longstreth/NFHCA All-America first team by back Julie Johnson. Galante was named the NJAC Offensive Player of the Year and Johnson was the Defensive Player of the Year. Michelle Andre was chosen the NJAC Coach of the Year.

At the national championship, back Casey Wagner received the Elite 90 Award from the NCAA. Wagner is a chemical engineering major with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA). The Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA Championships.

### WOMENS SOCCER

The women's soccer team made its 14th appearance and fourth straight in the national tournament. Rowan finished the season with a 13-4-2 record.

Goalkeeper Shelby Money was named to the United Soccer Coaches All-America third team. Midfielder

Darah Wagner and Money were members of the South Atlantic All-Region first team. Back Ali Hicks and Daria Jones were All-Region second team selections. Jones was chosen the NJAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year and Wagner was the Midfielder of the Year. Money was tabbed the NJAC Goalkeeper of the Year. The All-Conference first team consisted of Hicks, Jones, Wagner and Money.

Hicks and Money earned Google Cloud/CoSIDA Academic All-District II and United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-East Region honors. Money was chosen to the United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-America second team and Hicks was selected to the Google Cloud/CoSIDA Academic All-America second team.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The men's and women's cross country teams finished second at the NJAC Championships. Daniel Henry won the individual conference title and earned NJAC Runner of the Year. Cyril Harvey finished in second place and was the conference's Rookie of the Year. Madison Edwards was the first runner to score for the women's team.

She came in seventh overall and was chosen the NJAC Rookie of the Year.

Matt Russo took 17th place at the NCAA Cross Country Atlantic Region Championships and was an at-large selection for the NCAA Championships. It was the second straight year he competed at the national championships.

NCAA Elite 90 winner  
Casey Wagner



### MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team advanced to the semifinals of the NJAC Championship Tournament and finished with a 12-7 record. Back Modou Sowe was chosen the NJAC Defensive Player of the Year for the second straight season. He was joined on the All-Conference first team by forward Ryan Campbell. Sowe earned United Soccer Coaches South Atlantic All-Region first team honors and Campbell was on the All-Region third team. Back Ryan Logar was named to the Google Cloud/CoSIDA Academic All-District II Team.

### FOOTBALL

The football team ended the season with a 6-4 record and nine players earned NJAC All-Conference honors. Return specialist Elijah Rehm and end David Gajderowicz were selected to the All-Conference first team. Rehm was a D3football.com All-East first team selection on special teams and he was chosen to the All-America second team. Gajderowicz was a member of the All-East second team.

### VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team earned the second seed in the NJAC Championship Tournament. Outside hitter Erin Keegan was named the NJAC Defensive Player of the Year and Deana Jespersen was the conference's Coach of the Year. Opposite Kailey Gallagher was selected to the All-Conference first team while outside hitter Megan Jacobi and middle hitter Jamie Shirtz were members of the second team.

# On a Quest: helping students return to graduate

by Steve Levine '87, M'07



In 2011, Rowan launched an ambitious program to encourage students who left school prior to graduating—sometimes just a few credits shy—to return to complete their degree.

The initiative began in the Rohrer College of Business and evolved into Project Graduation Quest, a program orchestrated by Rowan's Student Success Team within the Division of Student Affairs. The undertaking involves not only locating hundreds of students who left school for a variety of reasons but, also once contacted, offering them assistance, advisement and encouragement to come back and graduate.

Since 2015, when Student Success members began contacting more than 400 students who left school without graduating, dozens have returned and completed their undergraduate degree.

For Carlos Maldonado, who graduated *magna cum laude* last spring with a bachelor's degree in psychology, the contact from Rowan was the push he needed.

Maldonado, who had transferred to the University from Burlington County College (now Rowan College at Burlington County), said he left for financial reasons after the first semester of his junior year but always hoped to finish his degree.



**Do you know someone interested in returning to complete a Rowan degree?**

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Tiffany Fortunato, senior academic advisor/degree completion specialist, Office of Academic Transition & Support Programs, James Hall, Room 3069, 856-256-4937 or fortunato@rowan.edu.

“I wanted to complete it eventually but I didn’t know when that would be,” he said.

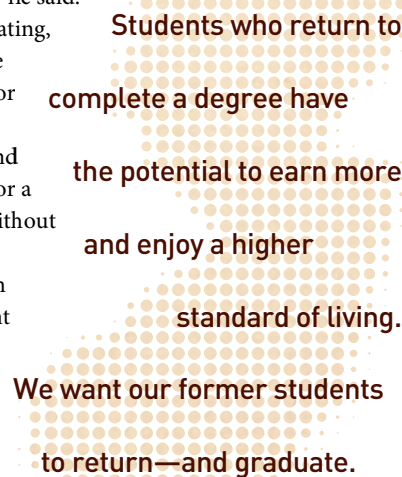
About 45 credits short of graduating, he’d served an internship with the Philadelphia distribution center for TJX, the international parent of retailers TJ Maxx, HomeGoods and Marshalls, but could not qualify for a full-time job with the company without his undergraduate degree.

Nudged and supported through Project Graduation Quest, he went back to school and got it.

“Once I graduated they offered me a job full time,” said Maldonado, who today serves as his company’s Leave of Absence/Family and Medical Leave Act administrator.

Student Success administrator Dr. Rory McElwee, vice president for Enrollment and Student Success, said Maldonado’s journey back to complete his undergraduate degree is similar to stories she and her staff hear often.

“We don’t always know why people leave without graduating. Sometimes it’s for financial reasons, sometimes there are family issues that call them away and sometimes they find that finishing their degree, at



**Students who return to complete a degree have the potential to earn more and enjoy a higher standard of living. We want our former students to return—and graduate.**

least at one moment in time, isn’t right for them,” McElwee said. “Our goal is to ease the transition back and to support students who return because we know, statistically, that college graduates have the potential to earn more and to enjoy a higher standard of living.”

She said Rowan support for returning students can come in a variety of forms including financial assistance, rigorous academic advising and, when appropriate, the option of a bachelor’s of general studies.

McElwee said from 2006 to 2012 more than 2,600 students left the University after completing 60 credits or more. Of them, 550 had earned 120 credits or more. Roughly 120 credits, earned in the proper courses, are required for most bachelor’s degrees. “More than one million former students in New Jersey face the same situation and more than 31 million other Americans do as well,” McElwee said. “Not only are these students often carrying debt, they are doing so without the benefit of their college degree. We want as many of our former students as possible to return—and graduate.” ■

LEARNING ABOUT GENOCIDE AROUND THE WORLD—  
PAST AND PRESENT—WITH RIGOROUS SCHOLARSHIP,  
SURVIVORS' STORIES AND COMPASSIONATE  
COMMITMENT TO FIGHT NEW THREATS

# Remembering to NEVER FORGET

by Barbara Boals

First, Natalie Morris held the yellow star, a tangible symbol of discrimination and hatred toward Jews during the Holocaust. Then, she looked into the soft eyes of Alice Kraus.

"She was very at peace," Morris, a junior history major, said. "She had no hate. She didn't exhibit any victimization."

It wasn't always that way.

"At first, I hated it. I jammed it in a drawer. I wanted to spit on it," said Kraus, whose paternal grandmother, a generous woman whom she adored, wore the yellow star. Her grandmother died in a concentration camp, a victim of Nazi experiments. Kraus lost three grandparents and four uncles to the Holocaust.

She almost lost her father, who was imprisoned at Buchenwald concentration camp. Had it not been for her uncle's pleas to her parents to

escape Germany, Kraus, then only four, also could very well have perished.

"I am, of course, one of the incredibly lucky ones," Kraus, 84, said. "I can't tell you how grateful I am."

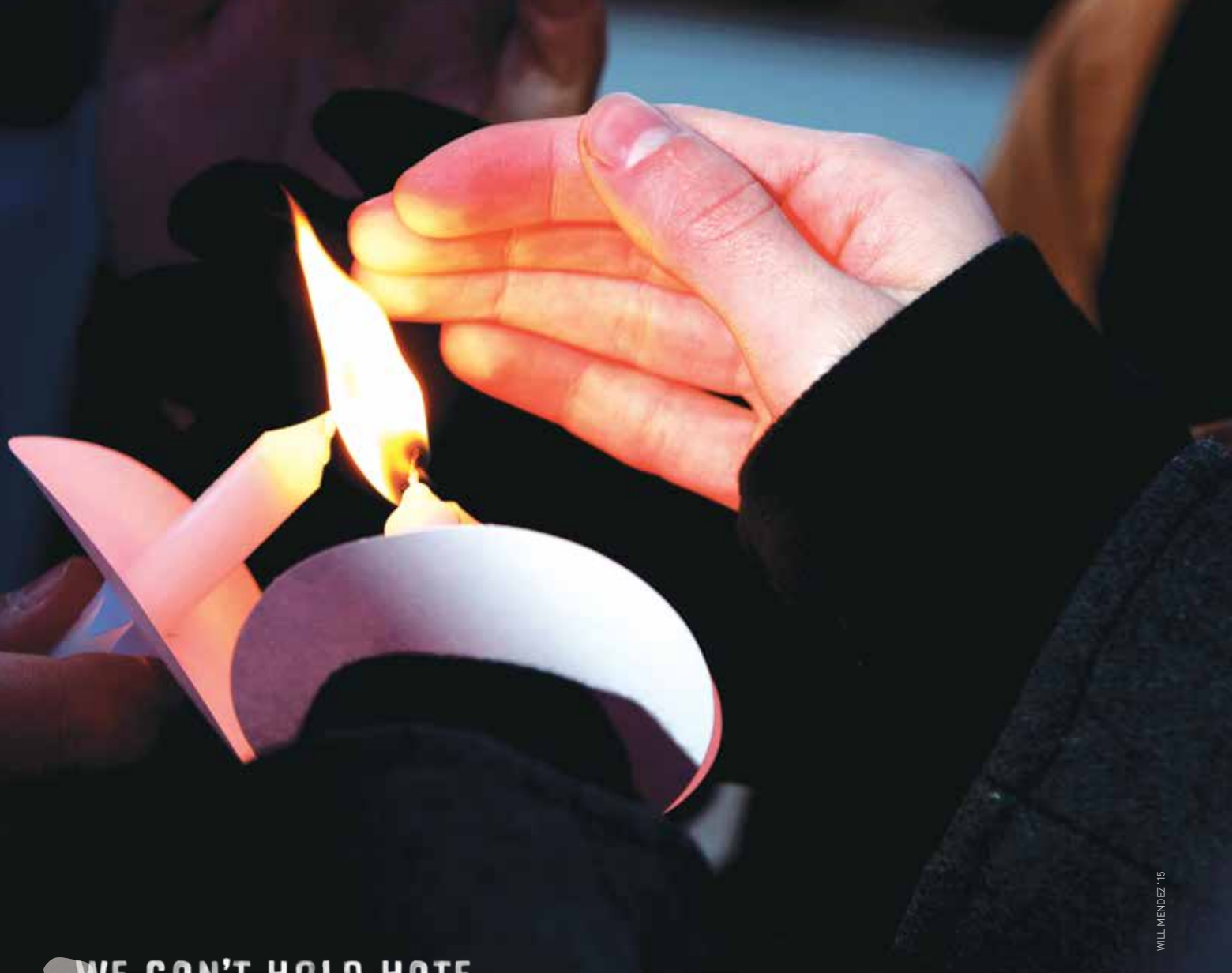
In November, Kraus '79 brought that message—and her family's story—to Rowan as part of a commemoration marking the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

Presented by the student organization of the Rowan Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies (RCHGS), Rowan Hillel and Chabad at Rowan, Kraus's talk helped the Rowan community learn about the atrocities of the Holocaust, when approximately 13 million people—6 million of them Jews—were slaughtered by the Nazi regime.





CRAIG TERRY



WILL MENDEZ '15

**WE CAN'T HOLD HATE  
IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER.**

*Natalie Morris*

*Committed to remembering loss and encouraging hope, Rowan students and staff gathered for Holocaust Remembrance Day in January (top) and after the massacre in Pittsburgh last fall (above).*

*Opposite: Alice Kraus's grandmother wore this yellow star before she died in the Holocaust.*



## TERROR, COURAGE AND FORGIVENESS

In 1938 during Kristallnacht, known as the Night of Broken Glass, the Third Reich destroyed more than 7,500 Jewish businesses and hundreds of synagogues in Germany and annexed areas.

A successful clothing store owner, Kraus's father was one of approximately 30,000 Jewish men removed from their homes and businesses, arrested and sent to concentration camps during that single night of terror and violence. Remarkably, her father ultimately escaped Buchenwald by hiding in a ditch during a work detail. The others in his group, who tried to run into a forest to escape, were gunned down by the Nazis.

Wearing a cap to mask his shaved head, her father found his way home on foot. Boarding a ship bound for Cuba, he stayed there nine months before emigrating to America.

Meanwhile, Kraus, an only child, escaped with her mother in 1940. Implored by her Uncle Herbert, her father's brother, to leave Germany—"If it hadn't been for him, I would have died," Kraus said. "He was adamant that we must leave."—the pair escaped by way of Moscow, Siberia, China, Japan, and Hawaii en route to California. Eventually, the family was reunited in America.

"I have such a love for this country," Kraus said. "It saved my life."

As Morris listened to Kraus, she was moved by her kindness, her grace, her resilience.

"I'm impressed at how survivors are able to be so forgiving. It shows me that we need to move forward. We can't hold hate in our hearts forever."

Morris, who helped Kraus digitize some of her records and artifacts, plans to pursue a doctorate in European history with a focus on Holocaust and genocide studies. She

knows that people of her generation need to educate their peers about the genocide atrocities.

## LEARNING FROM PAST AND PRESENT

A 2018 study by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany reported that 22 percent of millennials say they've never heard of the Holocaust.

"Mrs. Kraus asked me if I have any connection or ties to the Holocaust," Morris said. "I said I didn't. She said, 'You are the inspiration because this was generations ago and, yet, you want to teach it... to educate others.'"

Morris does. And so do dozens of Rowan students, who, because of the interdisciplinary work of the RCHGS, have been inspired—and emboldened—to educate themselves, their peers and others about historical and modern-day genocides.

Founded just three years ago, the RCHGS is a collaboration between the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, the College of Education and the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. The center serves as the focal point for students, faculty, teachers and community members to learn the history and lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides, such as those in Rwanda, Armenia, Cambodia, Bosnia and Darfur.

Students, including Morris, intern with RCHGS, working with Stephen Hague, center director; Jody Russell Manning, program director; and Jenny Rich, research and education director. All three—Hague and Manning hail from history, while Rich teaches in interdisciplinary and

*As she portrayed Auschwitz survivor Manya Perel, theatre major Darby Pumphrey shared the stage with treasured photos of Perel's family. Perel survived eight concentration camps before she escaped a death march from Auschwitz, but lost nearly all her loved ones.*

IT IS MY GENERATION'S  
JOB TO TELL THE STORY.

*Darby Pumphrey*





inclusive education—share an abiding passion for the work.

Hague drafted the initial white paper that led to the creation of RCHGS. He's a former museum curator who worked and conducted research for more than a decade in the U.K.

The center thrives for a variety of reasons, Hague said. Chief among them is the intellectual engagement—“We do some really, really interesting things,” he said—and, of course, the cause.

“Inherently, is there anything more important than thinking about what human beings can do to one another and facilitating what we can do to be better to each other?” he said.

The center is the academic home for Holocaust and genocide studies in Gloucester County. Its robust academic year calendar boasts upwards of eight events monthly, including book club discussions, remembrance nights, guest talks by genocide survivors, research talks by scholars from Rowan and other universities, films, presentations and performances. Most are open to the public.

Each year, a noted scholar delivers the Dr. Paul B. Winkler Annual CHSS Lecture, named for Winkler, the late executive director of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education and a titan in the field. On March 7, Taner Akçam of Clark University, the preeminent scholar on the Ottoman-Turkish Genocide of the Armenians during World War I, will deliver the lecture.

Each spring, the center presents workshops for area teachers to help them better teach about the Holocaust and genocide.

## FACING TERROR AND TRAGEDY AROUND THE WORLD

*Rowan students examine atrocities around the world, past and present. This map shows just some of those studied recently.*

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|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Armenian Genocide (Ottoman Empire/Turkey) | 6. Democratic Republic of the Congo | 11. Myanmar         |
| 2. Bosnia                                    | 7. Darfur, Sudan                    | 12. Native American |
| 3. Cambodia                                  | 8. Holocaust, Roma/Sinti            | 13. North Korea     |
| 4. Chile                                     | 9. Holodomor (Ukraine)              | 14. Rwanda          |
| 5. Rape of Nanking (China)                   | 10. Indonesia                       | 15. Syria           |
|  |                                     | 16. Venezuela       |

## GRANDMOTHER'S STORY

On a spring day in 2008, Rich sat down with her grandmother and told her she was not leaving until her grandmother shared her own story of survival. Both of Rich's maternal grandparents were Holocaust survivors. Her grandfather, who died when she was five, was a member of the Jewish partisans, a group that lived in the woods and fought the Nazis.

Her grandmother, who lived in the Ukraine, survived with her father when the rest of their family was killed and buried in a mass grave. She and her father lived beneath the floorboards of a barn, surviving on a potato or a piece of bread daily for years.

Before their talk, her grandmother, who died seven years ago and to whom she was very close, wouldn't discuss her experiences.

“I called her and said, ‘I'm coming to you and I'm bringing a tape recorder.’ I said, ‘This is for me. This is for my son. It's important for your story to live on.’

“It was the first time she had ever told her story,” Rich continued. “It was important to her, I think, that my son, Ethan, and my cousin's children know her story. She told me, ‘Be the

writer.’ That meant to me to live a legacy of some sort.”

Through her work with RCHGS and her research—she's writing a book on how surviving the Holocaust has affected generations of survivors—Rich is honoring that directive.

“We need to change society in positive ways,” said Rich, whose op-eds on social topics and education have appeared in national publications, including *The Hechinger Report*, where she's a regular contributor. “I want to help the center think about what it means to be involved in social activism. We need to keep being conscious and thoughtful about how we create social change.

“Our students learn about the past in order to make change to the present. We can't change what happened. But understanding what happened, you can use history to make positive social change.”

## SMALL CHOICES, HARD HISTORIES

Activism, she maintained, can begin in the classroom.

“Teaching is inherently political... not in a way in which you push your



politics,” Rich said. “But, as a teacher, you do have to take a stand. With every book you choose to read—or choose to omit—you are making an inherently political decision. With every choice you make, it’s very obvious to kids who’s ‘in’ and who’s ‘out’ in a classroom. It’s about very small choices.”

Every day, Manning teaches the hard history of genocide. The first American to intern at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, he first learned about the Holocaust when, while a middle schooler in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, he saw a documentary film.

“It changed my life. It was something I’d never seen. Every paper I did after that was on Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. I went to memorials, looking into how it happened, why it happened,” Manning said.

In 2002, while in his 20s, he visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum in Poland, where more than 1.1 million people—1 million of them Jews—perished. He knocked on the

director’s door and, through a translator, told her he wanted to work there.

The director told him the museum was state-run and they only hired Poles. Manning wouldn’t leave, volunteering to work for free. He returned for eight straight summers, sometimes living on site in quarters formerly inhabited by the SS, Hitler’s brutal paramilitary enforcement squad.

## LIFE AMID LOSS

He lived several summers in Oświęcim, the town around the 470-acre concentration camp.

“It’s overwhelmingly enormous,” Manning said of Auschwitz-Birkenau. “You can’t believe how big it is.”

In 2010-11, Manning, who by then was pursuing his doctorate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, earned a Fulbright fellowship to study in Poland.

He spent 18 months conducting dissertation research on Oświęcim, exploring how living in the town affected generations of residents.

“Visitors would ask, ‘How can you live in Auschwitz?’ There are so many layers to the history. It’s not monolithic,” Manning said. “Nobody understood or knew that the residents were victims as well. Nobody has ever talked about how those living near the site of genocide are affected.”

Manning tells the story of walking to a meeting at the Auschwitz museum. The sun was shining. Birds were singing.

“They were sitting on the barbed wire. I started whistling,” Manning recalled. “I realized, right where I was standing, people had died. The barbed wire and the birds hit something deep inside of me. I was literally standing where 1 million people died... and I was whistling. That never leaves you.”

## TODAY’S GENOCIDES

Each semester, Manning teaches an introductory historical methods

course at Rowan. Every course focuses on genocide, both past and present. Hague, Rich and Manning emphasize that genocide continues today. The RCHGS programming reflects that.

“Myanmar is happening now. We are literally living through a UN-recognized genocide right now,” Manning said, referring to the genocide of the Rohingya people by the Burmese military. “The dialogue on genocide continues to shape and shift. And it’s so important.

“This is about humanity and how we can do this to each other. How does it come to this? How did we get there? The work we’re doing in the center... the debates... the discussion... I have to do this work.”

## FAITH AND STRENGTH

Julia Gibbins feels that way, too. A sophomore history and law and justice studies major pursuing the Thomas N. Bantivoglio Honors Concentration in the Honors College, Gibbins is vice president of the RCHGS student association. As a freshman, she earned a coveted Warren Fellowship for Future Teachers at the Houston Holocaust Museum, where she studied with prominent Holocaust and genocide scholars—and alongside mostly doctoral students.

Her interest in the work is fueled by her own thirst for knowledge and her interest in political activism.

“It’s difficult to not be politically active in our current climate,” said Gibbins, whose goal is to become a judge. As an RCHGS research assistant, she examined how the Christian faith of citizens of Rwanda was affected by genocide in that country.

“I found that people got deeper in their faith,” Gibbins said. “I thought I’d find the opposite to be true.”

Her involvement in RCHGS has changed her, Gibbins said, particularly when it comes to hearing survivors’ stories.



HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON

*Julia Gibbins and Rwandan genocide survivor Claude Kataire conferred during Julia’s internship at the summer 2018 Warren Fellowship Program at the Holocaust Museum in Houston. Also a historian, Kataire is scheduled to speak at Rowan April 8 about the 25th anniversary of the Rwandan tragedy.*



WE ARE LITERALLY LIVING THROUGH A  
U.N.-RECOGNIZED GENOCIDE RIGHT NOW.

Jody Manning

“There’s incredible strength for them in getting up and continuing on,” said Gibbins. “The life that survivors have built outside of their stories is humbling. Someone was trying to get rid of them, but they survived—and created a life for themselves.”

## “WHY? I HAD TO.”

Theatre major Darby Pumphrey understands that better than most. For her senior capstone project last fall, Pumphrey presented “Forever Lost: Manya Perel’s Shoah Experience.” The one-woman show, co-sponsored by RCHGS, tells the story of Perel, who survived eight concentration camps before escaping a death march from Auschwitz. Perel lost almost all of her family members to the Holocaust, including her beloved 8-year-old niece.

Pumphrey performed the play, written by Rowan theater instructor Anthony Hostetter, before a rapt audience that included Perel and her family. Pumphrey’s late great-grandparents survived the Holocaust.

“It is my generation’s job to tell the story,” said Pumphrey, who took dialect lessons to master Perel’s Polish accent. “When I met her, she asked me, ‘Why would anyone want to do this play?’ I had to do it. Who else would? We have to keep the story going. It was a privilege.”

“There was a really strong connection between Darby and Manya,” Hostetter said. “Our hope is to get this piece into high schools in the spring semester.”

For sophomore international studies major Alex Rossen, involvement in RCHGS and Rowan Hillel is a deep labor of love. His grandmother, Selma Rossen, is a survivor. In a talk arranged by her grandson, she spoke at Holocaust Remembrance Night.



*The slaughter of Rohingya people in Myanmar that began in 2012 continues today, a tragic imperative to raise awareness and take action to help the oppressed. This year, Rowan students also learned about humanitarian crises in Indonesia, Armenia, Sudan and others, past and present.*

“She was all for coming to Rowan the minute I brought it up,” said Rossen, who is eyeing a career in international aid, perhaps in disaster relief. “She was really impressed with our students. My passion for helping people is something my grandmother instilled in me.

“I’m so proud of the person she is. She went to college and got two engineering degrees. She eventually learned business, too. She’s very empowered. That’s her defining trait.”

## DIFFERENT AND LUCKY

Today, Kraus considers her grandmother’s yellow star to be part of her family’s history. She and her husband, Ernest, raised two children and have nine grandchildren. While a young mother, she earned her history degree, *magna cum laude*, from then-Glassboro State College.

Returning to the University last autumn, she was awed by the students and faculty she met. Kraus regularly shares her story with students of all ages. Recently, a sixth-grade student

### TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Educators and Rowan students are welcome to attend this spring’s session:

Teaching the New Jersey Mandates:  
Amistad and Holocaust/Genocide Education  
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Chamberlain Student Center, Room 221

For more information, please contact  
Jenny Rich: richj@rowan.edu

A collaboration between the Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, the Office of Social Justice, Inclusion & Conflict Resolution, and Africana Studies

wearing a hijab approached her after her talk at a local school. The girl softly kissed her cheek.

“You know,” the girl said, “what it’s like to be different.”

“My greatest joy has been the way my story has been received,” Kraus said. “I speak as often as I’m wanted. Every day, I know how lucky I am.” ■

*Assistant Director of Media & Public Relations Barbara Baals is in her 13th year at Rowan.*



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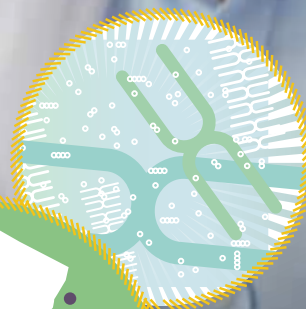
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# RESEARCH REACHING INTO REAL LIFE

By Patricia Quigley '78, M'03

**W**hether exploring treatments for diseases, investigating ways to protect consumers when they shop online or creating new artistic works, Rowan professors and students are immersed in research that addresses real-world problems and celebrates real-life conditions.

At Glassboro, the South Jersey Technology Park, the School of Osteopathic Medicine and Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, teams—often in collaboration with partners—tackle a wide range of projects, work that recently led to Rowan's designation as a Carnegie research institution.

Increasingly, business, nonprofit and government organizations turn to Rowan, seeking the innovative ideas

that come from an excellent education, curious minds and the drive to solve problems.

The Department of Defense, National Science Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts and others fund the Rowan research, which not only benefits them but also provides students with the hands-on experience that prepares them for their professions—and often lands them internships and their first post-college positions.

“Our reputation for research is on a steep upward trajectory, which provides more opportunities for our students and produces new knowledge that is impactful,” said Dr. Beena Sukumaran, vice president of research.

Here's a sample of the hundreds of projects underway at Rowan.





**DR. DANIELLE ARIGO IS DETERMINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MIDLIFE WOMEN**

Her goal? Keep their hearts healthy for years to come.

Arigo, an assistant professor of psychology in the College of Science & Mathematics and adjunct assistant professor of family medicine at the School of Osteopathic Medicine, plans to do that through research on midlife women and the barriers that keep them from going for a walk or hopping on a bicycle—barriers that can impact their health and lifespan.

A Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health—the first to a Rowan professor—supports her work. She is using the \$700,000 grant, which runs through February 2023, to explore the psychosocial barriers that 40- to 60-year-old women with cardiovascular risks deal with to maintain physical activity, which is critical to reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease and early death.

Arigo said menopause, weight gain and other conditions can impact the cardiovascular health and mortality of midlife women, and psychosocial barriers like negative moods, lack of body satisfaction and comparisons to other women can impact their view of themselves and their approach to exercise.

Her long-range goal is for her team, which includes Dr. Mary Lou Kerwin, psychology; Dr. Andrea Lobo, computer science; Dr. Adarsh Gupta, School of Osteopathic Medicine; students and mentors, is to

develop a mobile health tool that addresses each individual's needs, prompting women to exercise based on their own data.

“What I’ve seen in my clinical work and research, and what literature shows us, is that a lot of women have a hard time being active. They juggle so much—like work and family care—and they put themselves second. That makes it even harder to take care of other people, which many say is a priority for them,” she said. “One of our goals is to help these women prioritize their own health, without sacrificing their other priorities. Ultimately our goal is to help them learn what derailed their physical activity in the past and how to develop the tools to maintain that activity,” Arigo said.

The grant is significant for Arigo as well. The NIH presents Career Development Awards to individuals it believes have the potential to become leading experts in their fields.

## DR. JOEL CAPELLÁN'S RESEARCH TAKES HIM BEYOND HEADLINES ABOUT COLUMBINE AND BEYOND POLITICAL POSTURING ABOUT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS



The law and justice studies assistant professor studies crime, whether mass shootings during the last six decades or the potential for undocumented immigrants to break the law today. Capellán began investigating mass shootings during graduate school, hoping to help law enforcement officials and mental health professionals better understand the people behind the incidents.

The 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School rampage captured his attention while he was a doctoral criminology student at the City University of New York. “I wanted to come up with a topic for a final paper. Sandy Hook was such an incredible event in my mind,” he said. “I had to find out what was going on.”

What he discovered—besides details about the tragedy—was a huge gap in information available on mass shooters. His thesis became his first professional paper, published in the journal *Studies in Conflict*

& *Terrorism*. He went on to read everything written about mass public shootings from 1965 to 2017 and develop a database outlining details of 320 crimes.

“My job as criminologist is to understand why people commit crimes,” he said. “One task is looking at all the mass shooters and determining a common thread.”

He also is exploring the impact of immigration enforcement on crime in America. Funded by \$250,000 from the National Institute of Justice, he and colleague Dr. Evan Sorg are working on “Does the Detention and Deportation of Illegal Immigrants Reduce Crime?” and exploring the impact of the Department of Homeland Security’s 287(g) agreements on violent and property crimes nationwide from 2005 to 2010. The 22-year-old program, which President Donald Trump wants to expand, allows Homeland Security to empower state and local law enforcement agencies to perform the functions of an immigration office, including detaining undocumented immigrants and identifying them for removal from the country. The duo in part is evaluating whether that impacts crime rates, pushes crime to neighboring jurisdictions and more.

“My job is to answer relevant questions about mass shootings and other crimes and criminal justice issues,” he said. “I don’t have a grandiose mission.

I am working to provide insights that people can use to craft smarter policies.”

## DR. CHARLES MCGLYNN WANTS PEOPLE TO LIVE THROUGH EARTHQUAKES

That’s not wishful thinking—he’s actually working to improve the chances of survival should a big one occur.

The department of geography, planning and sustainability instructor and collaborators Dr. Cheng Zhu, civil and environmental engineering, and Dr. Hong Zhang, mechanical engineering, earned a \$50,000 grant from the National Science Foundation in December to develop Shaker Shield.

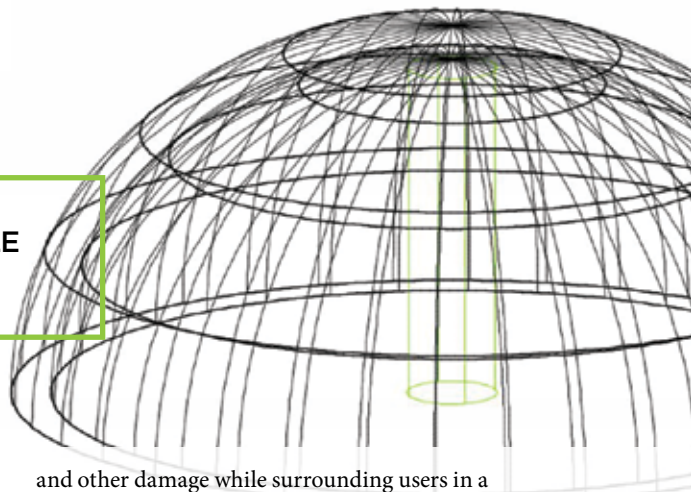
Shaker Shield is a seismic-protection device designed for individuals and small groups to activate when they know an earthquake is imminent. Think of it like inflatable slides used to evacuate airplane passengers, much smaller but using the same type of technology.

The patent-pending Shaker Shield can be user-activated and inflate instantly, withstanding punctures

and other damage while surrounding users in a mushroom-shaped protective shell that distributes direct force across a broader surface.

That’s important, McGlynn said, because more people are killed in earthquakes by blunt force trauma than anything else.

“When a big one strikes, phones ring, sirens go off. You’ve got maybe 40 to 50 seconds from the first shock to the continuous violent shaking, which can last up to five minutes,” McGlynn said. “This inflates in 10 seconds. It’s a matter of thinking, ‘This is the big one. Take shelter now.’”





**TEMPERATURES OF -4°F ARE NOT THE NORM FOR A JERSEY WINTER, BUT THEY'RE NOT UNHEARD OF IN THE ARCTIC**

That's an important consideration for Center for Research and Education in Advanced Transportation Engineering Systems (CREATES) researchers, who are undertaking their largest project ever, led by civil and environmental engineering professor and CREATES' director Dr. Yusuf Mehta.

Under a \$3.4 million U.S. Department of Defense grant, they will support U.S. Army initiatives in the Arctic more than 2,600 miles away from their labs at the South Jersey Technology Park.

The grant—the largest ever to researchers on Rowan's main campus—funds “Innovative Construction Materials to Protect National Security Interests in the Arctic Region.”

The team, which also includes co-principal investigator Dr. Ayman Ali, CREATES' manager; collaborators Drs. Doug Cleary, Will Riddell and Gilson Lomboy, civil and environmental engineering; post-doctorate associates and undergraduate and graduate students, is exploring furthering innovative and cost-effective methods the DoD has been developing to support U.S. interests in the Arctic and other cold regions.

The CREATES team is working in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers' Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) Cold Regions

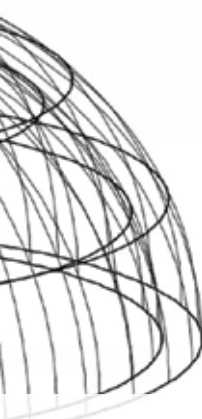


Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL). Rowan is focused on seven projects, all aimed at improving the DoD's ability to rapidly project and sustain capabilities in cold regions and also support state departments of transportation in the Northeast working to improve their infrastructures.

The team will complete some of the research on developing innovative construction materials and processes for the cold regions using CREATES' \$4 million Heavy Vehicle Simulator (HVS), the only such device at a Northeast college or university. Housed at CREATES through a cooperative research and development agreement with CRREL, the HVS can simulate decades of traffic on highways and runways in less than six months while controlling temperature and other environmental conditions.

That will benefit the cold regions project, determining the long-term effects of wear and tear on roadways and airstrips and evaluating the potential of new materials and how they will hold up under various climates and conditions.

Mehta said the \$3.4 million award reflects the faith the DoD/Army has in Rowan. He said, “These projects are complex, and I am excited that the CREATES team will be conducting research in developing solutions for these challenging problems.”



The inventor has related background. “I worked with American Airlines for almost 20 years and took part in safety and emergency landing drills. I've seen those slides inflate. They're strong and effective and fail-safe,” said McGlynn.

He is working with Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering teams to test materials for the Shaker Shield—including laminated, resin-coated items such as urethane and chlorosulfonated polyethylene fabrics—and evaluating how much weight can be supported.

McGlynn says people can keep Shaker Shields in

houses, offices and elsewhere. That hits close to home for McGlynn, who has a son and daughter living on the earthquake-prone West Coast.

The instructor expects to have a prototype ready later this year. Meanwhile, executives from Pennoni Engineering and the World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia are providing advice, helping develop a business plan and forging connections for the team, which also includes civil engineering senior Taylor Groves and McGlynn's daughter Melissa, a senior marketing major.

# RESEARCH THROUGHOUT THE CURRICULUM

With Rowan's sponsored projects reaching \$39.6 million in FY18, opportunities to expand understanding and develop solutions continue to increase. The projects below are a few more of the hundreds underway in dozens of disciplines throughout the university.

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## WILLIAM G. ROHRER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

**Dr. Ihsan Isik, accounting and finance**, received the "Best Paper Award" at the National Institute of Valuation's 9th International Real Estate Research Symposium in Malaysia for a paper on Malaysian real estate investment trusts.

The U.S. Association of Small Business Entrepreneurship recognized **Dr. Susana Santos, entrepreneurship**, and co-authors for their book *Poverty and Entrepreneurship in Developed Economies*.

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## COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION & CREATIVE ARTS

**Communication studies' Rui Shi's** study "Nicotine Misperception and Tobacco Products Use" evaluates the potential to correct misperception to influence the use of nicotine replacement therapy and electronic cigarettes.

**David Bianculli, radio, television and film**, collaborated on the book *Television Finales: From Howdy Doody to Girls*.

**Megan Atwood, writing arts**, published six books, including *A Fall for Friendship*.

**Sheri Chien Biesen, radio, television and film**, published her book *Film Censorship: Regulating America's Screen (Short Cuts)*.

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## COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Dr. Lawrence Markowitz, political science**, is collaborating on a \$953,500 Department of Defense-funded study on the intersection of drug trafficking and terrorism in Eurasia.

**Drs. Jeanna Mastrocinque, law and justice studies, and Elizabeth Cerceo, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University**, are researching health consequences of homicide victims' loved ones, supported by a Researcher-Practitioner Fellowship from the Center for Victim Research, funded by the Department of Justice.

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## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

With \$400,000 Jobs for the Future and \$1 million Hewlett Foundation grants, **Dr. Shelley Zion, Center for Access, Success and Equity**, conducts research in regional schools to involve students in changing cultures, policies and systems.

The State Department of Education awarded **Dr. Lisa Vernon-Dotson, interdisciplinary and inclusive education**, \$1.2 million+ to establish the Learning Resource Center-South, supporting special education learners.

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## SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE & GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

**Dr. Robert Nagele, New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging**, received a \$1.7 million grant from the National Institute of Aging for his study "Blood-Based Biomarkers for Early Detection of Alzheimer's Disease."

**Dr. Jessica Loweth, cell biology and neuroscience**, received a \$747,000 grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse for her study "Do Cocaine and Chronic Stress Converge in the Basolateral Amygdala."

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## COLLEGE OF PERFORMING ARTS

The Library of Congress awarded **Davide Ceriani, music**, a 2017 Kluge Fellowship for his work "Defining Italian Cultural Identity in American Urban Centers through Opera from Mass Migration to World War II, 1881-1941."

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## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

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## SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

With \$419,088 from the National Institutes of Health, **Dr. Ileana Soto-Reyes, molecular and cellular biosciences**, is studying effects of a mutation associated with Niemann Pick Type-C disease on brain development and degeneration of nerve cells.

**Dr. Nicole Vaughn, health and exercise Science**, is collaborating with the Cumberland/Salem/Gloucester Health and Wellness Alliance under a Horizon Foundation for New Jersey grant to examine the impact of a fresh food pharmacy program on the health of individuals with diabetes.

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## SCHOOL OF EARTH & ENVIRONMENT

**Dr. Kenneth Lacovara, dean**, was awarded The Explorers Club Medal, the highest honor in the field of exploration. Previous honorees include Admiral Robert Peary, Neil Armstrong and Jane Goodall.

**Dr. Harold Connolly, geology**, is chief mission sample scientist for NASA's OSIRIS-Rex spacecraft, which in December arrived at asteroid Bennu two years after it launched. The space probe is on track to return rock samples to Earth in 2023.

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## COOPER MEDICAL SCHOOL OF ROWAN UNIVERSITY

The Health Resources and Services Administration/Department of Health and Human Services awarded \$2 million for "Champions for Health Advancement through Mentoring and Primary Care Partnerships," which will strengthen primary care and the South Jersey workforce and provide a blueprint for national health care delivery. Principal investigator is **Dr. Annette Reboli; Drs. Robin Perry and Eddie Mahamitra** are co-investigators.

**Drs. Russell J. Buono and Thomas N. Ferraro, biomedical science**, collaborated on a study published in *Nature Communications* that identifies 11 new epilepsy genes.

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## HENRY M. ROWAN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

**Dr. Kirti Yenkie, chemical engineering**, under a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant, is collaborating with industry partners on a roadmap for solvent recovery, aimed at enhancing sustainable business practices, conserving resources and preventing pollution.

**Dr. Rouzbeh Nazari, civil and environmental engineering**, concluded an \$800,000 N.J. Department of Community Affairs project developing an online flood mapping platform to better predict and plan for major storms' effects.

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# class notes

## 40s

**Gloria Izzi Scaffidi '45** lives in Hammonton with her daughter, **Gloria Scaffidi-Wilhelm '82**, and her family. Grandson Joseph graduated with honors from St. Augustine Preparatory School and is enrolled in the honors premedical program at Jefferson University.

schools is named for him. He was a member of the Gloucester Township Rotary for 58 years and a Rotary district governor for South Jersey. He lives at Medford Leas, a 600-resident senior village in Medford, where he is a member of the residents' association committee.

Douglas by painting a 4-foot by 4-foot portrait of him that is displayed in a Quaker meeting house in New Bedford, Mass.

**Cleo Leyck Martin '68**, who has worked for AFLAC for 38 years, moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C., from North Port, Fla.



**Connie Certaro Cervati '69** was inducted into the Midland

Park Education Hall of Fame in June. She was an elementary health education teacher at Highland and Godwin Schools in Midland Park for 25 years.



### Artistic tribute

**Beverly Crymes Davis '67** painted this portrait of Frederick Douglas. Note, this page.

## 50s

**James W. Lilley Jr. '51** was Gloucester Township superintendent of schools for 27 years. To recognize his 34 years of service, one of the district's elementary

## 60s

**Beverly Crymes Davis '67** celebrated the 2018 bicentennial of African American social reformer, abolitionist and writer Frederick

## 70s

**David Mullen '71, M'77** has published *New Jersey Uncorked: A Snob-Free Taste of NJ Wine*. The book is available at [store.bookbaby.com/book/New-Jersey-Uncorked](http://store.bookbaby.com/book/New-Jersey-Uncorked) or other major outlets. It is also available as an ebook at Apple iBooks on iOS systems.

**Mary Ritzer Christianson '72** notes that she and all of her GSC friends are "suddenly" retired senior citizens. She credits the start they received at Glassboro with giving all of them prosperous lives and an enjoyable retirement. She and **Pam Bathgate Husik '71** and **Linda Romano Gardner '72** are still best friends.

**LaNetta Patterson Hammill '72, M'85, D'01** is a certified master gardener and is



### Rowan grads on duty at Lakehurst

Rowan alumni from the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Lakehurst gathered for a photo op at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Garrett Hoagland '18, Ric-Rey Vergara '17, Ed Trapper '11, Bill Pappas '17, Bobby Samuel '17, Andrew Mato '18, Collin Westcott '18, Jeff Nelson '18, Todd Tornari '09, Jason Hoffman '18, Jacob Ryan '18, Xavier Rose '18, Ryan Godfrey '18, Danielle Baldwin '04, Walter Olt '04, M'05, Eric Skibbe '05 and Dana Kaminsky '05.





### Class of 1968 comes back to the 'Boro

Members of the Class of 1968 planned a variety of special activities around this year's Homecoming to celebrate their special 50-year reunion milestone.

1. BACK: Terry Halter '68, Pete Herral '68, Ian Hughes '68, M'85, Thomas Fry '68, Dan Baker '68, Jane Harmon Hubert '68, Mike Feldman '68, Larry Sinder '68, Rod Taylor '68, Nancy Osborne Ireland '68, Dallas Long Heinemann '68, M'73, Roger Baker '68, Charlie Brown '68, M'73, Rosemary Ridley '68, M'76.

MIDDLE: Linda Elshove Jobses '68, Richard Daniels '68, Virginia Dombrowiecki-Sabba Daniels '68, Mary Ann Pascucci Valenti '68, Diane Graupner Bergvall '68, Theresa Mangaro Capece '68, M'72, Patricia Healy Birbiglia '68, Helene Wierzba Bauer '68, Kathleen O'Brien Bauman '68, Bonnie Post Kish '68, Eve Shultzberg Rose '68, M'72, Agatha Alleva Husenica '68, Mary Owings-Henris '68, Joann Natkie Magoun '68, Theresa Genovese Drapczuk '68, M'75, Patricia Lackett Kuzio '68, Nicholas Kuzio '68, M'83, Joyce Egizi Ditomasso '68, Robert Barbetti '68, '74, Cami Stringari DeCriscio '68, Rachael Verri Cubellus '68. FRONT: Jill Henninger Wallace '68, Rosemary Begley Reiss '68, Harry Mount '68, M'69, Zandria Mapson Little '68, Wayne Johnson '68, M'76, Joyce Kitlan Johnson '68, Dennis Lynch '68, Diane Casapallo Lynch '68, Phyllis Locascio Shaw '68, Walter Shaw '68, M'76, Susan Lapp Murphy '68, Robert Murphy '68, M'71, Theresa Lista Sakes '68.

2. Terry Halter '68, Joanne Natkie Magoun '68, Robert Murphy '68, M'71, Susan Lapp Murphy '68

3. Marc Little, Zandria Mapson Little '68, Bonnie Post Kish '68, Ray Kish

4. Richard Daniels '68, Virginia Dombrowiecki-Sabba Daniels '68, Kathleen O'Brien Bauman '68, Paul Bauman

## class notes

choir director/pianist at the First United Methodist Church in Cape May. She was Miss GSC in 1970.

### Suzanne Butynes

**Deyo '74** is an aide and substitute teacher in Berlin Township and Hammonton. Her husband, **Steve Deyo '74**, taught 35 years at Harbor School in Eatontown. Both are retired.

### Kenneth A. Figgs '74

retired from the New Jersey Department

of Education, where he managed training programs for superintendents, principals and school business administrators. He is advisory board chairperson of the Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Newfield.

**Elaine Groh '75** is a graphic designer at KnowBe4 in Clearwater, Fla. She develops information technology security awareness training programs.

**Carol Salva Servino '75** and **Jim Servino '78**, who will celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary in May, retired and moved from Astoria, Ore., to Sun City in Georgetown, Texas. They have two sons and six grandchildren.

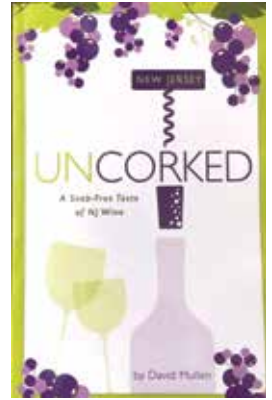
**Dale Swindlehurst Seeley '76** retired after teaching high school chemistry for 23 years but continues to teach and perform laboratory work part time at Central Georgia Technical

College, mostly in the biology and chemistry departments.

**Jesse Glenn Ware '77** is a substitute teacher in Lyon County near Reno, Nev.

**Eric Horsley '79**, who retired in 1991 as Camden's Cramer School assistant principal, returned to teaching from 2005-2012 for a total of 42 years.

**Hugh O'Donnell '79** and his wife toured all of New England.



### Down-to-earth wine wisdom

Blogger **David Mullen '71, 'M77** wrote about wines from the Garden State's 51 wineries. Note, p. 30.



### Class of 1970 music educators reunite

Hosted by the College of Performing Arts, members of the music education Class of 1970 celebrated turning 70 together at Wilson Hall with family, friends and faculty.

1. BACK: John Schofield '71, Brian Ayscue '70, Randy Staub '70, Jim Ode. MIDDLE: Carol Wucher Wolff '70, Joe Akinskas '70, Helen Aranglo Akinskas '72, Ruth McBride-Ode '70. FRONT: Carol Slater '70, Luella McClernan, John McClernan '70, Diane Curran '70

2. BACK: College of Performing Arts Dean Rick Dammers, Scott West '69, Nick Potalivo '73, Mike Januszewski, Jim Davis '71, Jaye Laurel Davis. MIDDLE: Rachel Brashier-Professor, Music Ed, Rich Cummines '72, Susan Stack '72, LaNetta Patterson Hammill '72, M'85, EdD'01, Tom Holland '79, Cheryl Rheiner '72, M'75, Bob Rawlins '75, M'96, music department chair. FRONT: Rhonda Locklear Holland '72, Roberta Beckler '69, Nancy Rawlins '77.

## 80s

**Gregg Feistman '80** is assistant chair for public relations in the department of advertising and public relations at Temple University.

**Karen Gant Heiser '82, M'95, M'02** is living her dream on a homestead in Gloucester County.

**James McHugh '82** has a daughter, **Megan McHugh M'15**, who is assistant director for special events and service areas in the Chamberlain Student Center. His daughter, **Kaitlin McHugh '18**, works for the American Cancer Foundation.

**Gloria Scaffidi-Wilhelm '82** and her husband, Andrew, are proud to announce that their son, Joseph, graduated with honors from St. Augustine Preparatory School and is enrolled in the honors

premedical program at Jefferson University. The family, including grandmom **Gloria Izzi Scaffidi '45**, lives together in Hammonton.

**Ginni Rickmers Taylor '82, Jean Van Vladricken Graham '82** and **Millie Campbell Wingler '82** celebrated the 40th anniversary of meeting during GSC freshman orientation with a cruise to Bermuda. They remain close friends, along with husbands, Paul, Colin and John, and fellow '82 friends Tony Daggett, Bill Santillo and Geoff Rabinowitz. Photo, p. 33.

**Marguerite Maines '83, M'95** retired in December 2017 and departed in January 2018 on a 180-day around-the-world cruise, visiting 87 ports in 40 countries and 40 islands on five continents. The cruise covered over 39,000





### Asian encounter

On a tour through South Asia, Rick Wonderlin '70 and Mary Wonderlin M'88 (right) discovered they were traveling with Political Science Professor Emeritus Bruce Caswell and his wife, Carol Caswell (left). They paused for a photo at the Taj Mahal before leaving India for Nepal.



### 40-year friends

Pals since 1982, Tony Daggett, Ginni Rickmers Taylor '82, Bill Santillo, Jean Van Vladricken Graham '82, Geoff Rabinowitz, Millie Campbell Wingler '82. Note, p. 32.



### Never better than the nineties

FRONT: Tammy Vollman Helmstetter '94, Angela Sharp Tripido '94, Kathleen Conlon Gibney '93, Sharon Murphy Buckle '93, Kevin Buckle '92, Craig Helmstetter '93, Mike Jenkins '92, Maggie Morrison Jenkins '92, Anthony Tripido '93, Evan Steinberg '92, Sue Steinberg, Brady Gibney. Note, p. 37.



## Invest in what is important to you...

*For Bill and Joanne Runner, supporting higher education is a lasting and vital commitment. The couple established The Runner Family Scholarship to benefit students in the College of Education who are pursuing the Teacher of Students with Disability endorsement. Their generosity honors the impact Rowan has had on many of their family members while supporting the continued progress of the University and its students.*

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- Bill and Joanne Runner

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nautical miles through three oceans and 13 seas.

**Zoe Savas Gerbino '85** has a son, **Gregory Gerbino '18**. Gregory's uncle is **Steven Savas '89**.

**Kerri Lee Farrell '86, M'90** is in the 28th year of teaching in Morris School District. Kerri is a New Jersey Education Association executive committee member and has served three terms as the Morris County Council of Education Association vice president.

**Anna Durning Paglione '86** will retire after teaching for 40 years at Glendora Elementary School in Gloucester Township. She and her husband, Bob, plan to become snowbirds in Florida, enjoying the sun and their grandchildren.

**Lee Steele '86** is features editor for Hearst Connecticut Media Group, which owns eight daily newspapers. Lee was *Whit* editor from 1985-1986.

## 90s

**Michael Butler '90** has a son who is a Rowan freshman.

**Kenneth Scott Carpinelli '91** will be ordained a deacon for the Office of Diocese of New Jersey in the Episcopal Church this year.

**William Scott Jett '91** is the North Wildwood city clerk. He has published *Borough of Anglesea 1885-1906*, a book about North Wildwood's early history. It is available on Amazon.

### Fossil finds at Alumni Dig Day

Last September, nearly 500 alumni and friends got their hands dirty to participate in a day of scientific exploration at the Jean and Ric Edelman Fossil Park at Rowan University.

1. Makayla Waysome, Judy Waysome '00, Madelyn-Joy Waysome, Martin Waysome '01, John Waysome
2. Laura Kaighn '91, Jill Taylor '90
3. Joe Radino, Sadie Radino
4. Jaggar Davis, Sharon Epaldo '01, Christine Davis, Brodi Davis

## One for the books!

Lost your yearbook? Never got one? Want to see your mom's photo from '52 or '82? We found some yearbooks that you might like to have! If you want one, we'll send it to you free of charge or you can pick it up on campus. Just fill out the online form at [alumni.rowan.edu/yearbookrequest](http://alumni.rowan.edu/yearbookrequest) or call Alumni Engagement: 856-256-5400.

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1961	1965	1981	1986	1992	1997	2001	2005	2009	2013	

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**Joellen Collins Cardona M'92** is a counselor at Shalick High School. Her son **Jody Cardona '17** is a special needs aide in Alloway Township School District and son **Daniel Cardona '17** is in Rowan's master's in counseling program. She has two other sons at Rowan: **Collin Cardona '20** and **Thomas Cardona '22**.



**Elisha M. Clucas Elliott '92** is thrilled that her daughter, **Maddie Elliott '19**, has continued the Rowan tradition and has thoroughly enjoyed her four years just as she did 25 years ago.

**NJEA Convention and alumni mixer**  
 The Rowan University Alumni Association checked in with hundreds of #RowanPROUD educators at the annual NJEA Conference in November. After the conference, alumni enjoyed a mixer to meet and mingle with fellow Profs.

1. Tajauna Shorter '97
2. Ryan Smith '03, Diane Casey '04, Michael Dias '95
3. Dale Smallzell Russo '01, Jim Russo



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|---|--|
| 1. Marie Heym Razzano, Dan Razzano '87, JoAnn Perrino Razzano '56, Tony Razzano '54, Kevin McCarthy '82, Carolyn Slade McCarthy '85, Charles Stuto '85  | 4. Ed Dean '09, Steven Calakos '08, Gavin Farber '08, Marina Floratos, Chris Bavoso '18, Meg MacMillan '08   |
| 2. Joi Allie Hopkins '86, Nneka Obufor, Sherry Buford Ford '82, Wilma Thomas Williams '82   | 5. Harry Mount '68, Lauren Merkel Mount '70  |
| 3. BACK: Robin Moore '99, Michaela Fallstick, Cori Brown, Zalphia Wilson-Hill M'90, Mary Cocove Lamey '63, Beth Wassell '97. MIDDLE: Karen Rosa FRONT: James Miceli, Nancy Pagliughi, Mandy Jiang '17, Madji Fall '11 | 6. Takiyah Bowen Dumas '98, Marla Jones Banks '98, Donna Marie Ferriola-Brosh '97, Karen Brown Cavalieri '97 |
|   | 7. Samantha Eannucci '17, Julio Silva '18, Hayley Owens '17  |
|   | 8. Alia Reeb '17, Ryan Rossi '17, Vincent Colantuoni '17   |
|   | 9. Liana Dillard '13, Javier Woodard, Lovelle Hallman Kendall '73, Tiffany Ramirez Daly '11                  |





**Christa MacDonald Williams '92**

has a country music program on She, an all-female streaming channel she created. It is carried on the TuneIn app and at WorldwideShe.com. The channel offers country's greatest hits, current stars, album cuts, independent and unsigned singer/songwriters and artist interviews.

**Kathleen Conlon Gibney '93** and alumni from San Francisco, Philadelphia and New Jersey met at Triumph Brewery in Princeton to celebrate nearly 30 years of Prof friendship. The group included **Sharon Murphy Buckle '93, Kevin Buckle '92, Craig Helmstetter '93, Mike Jenkins '92, Maggie Morrison Jenkins '92, Anthony Tripido '93, Evan Steinberg '92, Tammy Vollman Helmstetter '94** and **Angela Sharp Tripido '94.**

**Gabrielle Chinnici Heyel '93** is a counselor at Woodstown High School. Her husband, Dave Heyel, is an educator at Delsea High School. Their son, **Matthew Heyel**, is a Rowan finance major and their daughter, Mariana Heyel, is a freshman at the University of South Carolina majoring in civil and environmental engineering.

## PGA honors GSC alum with national award

Dan Pasternak first swung a golf club in fifth grade. Today the Glassboro State College alumnus and NCAA Division III standout is the Professional Golfers' Association's Golf Professional of the Year.

Pasternak, a 1990 graduate, was a history major who considered a career in education or law but his first love was golf. After making a run at professional golf after college, Pasternak embarked on a career as a golf professional.

"Professional golfers play on the PGA Tour, which is what most people identify with because they see them on TV," he said. "Golf pros with the PGA of America are professionals within the industry."

He said PGA golf pros are typically men and women who teach members and visitors at clubs across the country to play better. The PGA chose him from among some 29,000 golf professionals to become the organization's 2018 Golf Professional of the Year.

Today the general manager and chief operating officer of Essex Fells Country Club in Essex Fells, Pasternak is the first golf pro to become GM of the historic club, where he runs all operations from golf, tennis and swimming programs to gourmet dining, banquet and lounge facilities.

"I worked at various country clubs over the years, teaching and running golf programs," he said. "It wasn't until later in my career did I get into running the facilities."

Pasternak became the 65th recipient of the PGA's Golf Professional of the Year Award in November during the organization's annual meeting in Palm Springs, Calif. It's an honor that, according to the organization, recognizes "qualities of leadership, strong moral character and a substantial record of service" to the PGA and the game of golf.

"It's more overwhelming than I ever thought it would be," he said of the award.

While the recent accolade recognizes excellence at the top of his field professionally, Pasternak could always play. Coached at GSC by the late, great Richard Wackar—the only coach in New Jersey Athletic Conference history to win conference championships in football, golf, basketball and cross-country—Pasternak was Glassboro State's 1988 golf team MVP.



*Dan Pasternak's love of golf grew at GSC while playing for Coach Richard Wackar. The PGA honor recognizes Pasternak's 22 years of leadership and service to the game and the PGA.*

He said despite a busy, demanding career, he returned to the area regularly after college for his former coach's golf outing.

"Every year Coach Wackar had an alumni golf event at his home and it was always a lot of fun," Pasternak said.

A statement released by the PGA this fall noted that Pasternak has served as a New Jersey PGA section officer as well as at the national level on the PGA of America's Board of Directors. "This commitment to volunteerism and service is reinforced by his current role as president of the New Jersey Golf Foundation, which he helped launch in 2004, as the charitable arm of the NJPGA," the statement read.

A PGA member for more than 22 years, Pasternak said the foundation's focus on youth golf, students with special needs and members of the military enables it to make a substantial impact in the community.

"We run programming in all three areas," he said. "There are quite a few programs for people with special needs including WOW—World of Work—in which we provide internships for kids still in high school. It's sort of a bridge program to provide opportunities to build experience and try different things."



**GSC-Rowan family**

Another Gerbino generation turns a Rowan tassel. See **Zoe Savas Gerbino '85** note, p. 34.



**Jodie Hawks Hanrahan '94** is the program director

of Keiser University Tampa's occupational therapy assistant program.

**David Hummell '94** has been teaching special education and science for 24 years at the Camden County Technical School's Gloucester Township campus. He and his wife have two children, a daughter who is a Rowan student and a son attending Rutgers University.

**Michael Dias '95** teaches first grade in Belleville's School Number 4. He has a master's degree in educational leadership

and is certified for supervisory and principal positions.

**Kyle Brown '97** is vice principal of West Side high school in Newark.

**Susan Groover '97** teaches third grade in Millville.

**Brian Startare '98** has been in radio/media in Philadelphia for 15 years. He is the author of *This Day in Philadelphia Sports 3rd Edition* and a public address announcer at St. Joseph University.



**Alicia Smith '99** is in her second year as superintendent/principal of the Oldmans Township School District. During

the 19 years she has been employed there, she has also served as an aide, teacher and supervisor.

**00s**

**Timothy Quinlan '01** was a finalist for Best Animated Series at the International Academy of Web Television Awards for his show, "Utopia City." The show is available for purchase on Vimeo.com.

**Jon Repece '04** (Kappa Sigma) and **Sarah Glessner Repece '04** (Phi Sigma Sigma) welcomed their second child, Brody, on July 14.

**Karen Mannino Mortensen '05** is an



**Marathon medals**

Siblings **Danielle DiPinto '13** and **Donald Brasco '19** finished their first 26.2-miler. Note, p. 42.

active member of the Art Educators of New Jersey, where she serves as State Youth Art Month chair. She invites anyone who wants to get involved in promoting the artwork of K-12 students to e-mail [yam@aejn.org](mailto:yam@aejn.org).



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



## Weddings

1. Patricia Frey DO'12 and Evan Gleimer DO'12; note, p. 42.
2. Kristin Mays '08 and Christopher Good; note, p. 40.
3. Lauren Criscione '12 and Kyle Clugston '11; note, p. 42.



## Alumni know best

The Student Alumni Association hosts a panel of alumni each year to share with current students their post-graduation experiences.

This year's panel included Colleen Scott '18, Wayne Field '03, Angelina Armenta McIntire '08 and Anthony Marino '02, M'03.

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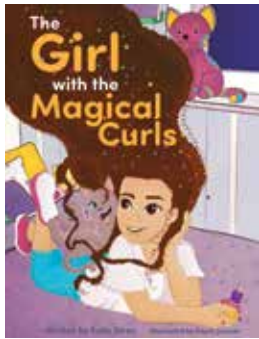
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**Inspiring girl power, curl power**

Evita Giron '06 found inspiration for her book in her daughter. Note, this page.

Evita Giron '06 has published her first children's book, *The Girl with the Magical Curls*, a story inspired by her daughter, Tatiana, which is also the main character's name. This book is about a fun-loving, curious girl who learns to love her curls and becomes a neighborhood superhero along the way. The book, illustrated by Rayah James, is available at Amazon and other online sites.



**Nicholas Malfitano '06**

is a district court reporter with The Pennsylvania Record, an online legal publication which covers civil litigation throughout Pennsylvania. Several of his major stories have been published on *Forbes.com* through its partnership with the Record's sister publication, Legal Newline. An avid runner, he completed the



**Diamond Club Golf**

Baseball alumni kickstarted Homecoming 2018 weekend with Friday on the greens at Scotland Run Golf Club.

1. Bill Johnson '00, Mike Dickson '02
2. Nick Urbanovich '04, Craig Waggner '03, Keith Smicklo '03, Mike Sclafani '04

Philadelphia Marathon for the third time in November in a personal record time of 3:34:46. He's training for the 2019 Chicago Marathon in October. His brother is **James Malfitano '07**.

**Karolyn Donovan Bianco '08** married in May 2017. She works at Community Brands in Event Fundraising, helping over 100 nonprofits to use technology to enhance their fundraising efforts.

**Katelyn Frevert Glennon '08, M'09** and her husband, **Neil Glennon '08**, met at Rowan and were married in 2016. Scott is in sales and Katelyn teaches special education in Perth Amboy, where she was named teacher of the year. They live in Manville and have three bulldogs.

**Kristin Mayes Good '08** and Christopher Good wed on September 30, 2017.

**Stefan Griffin '08**, who served six years in the Navy music program, is the district director of bands in Middle Township.

**Austin Martinez '08, M'09** and **Catelin McGrath Martinez '07** welcomed their second daughter, Mackenzie, on Sept. 13.

**Juan Sanchez '08**, who works in consulting in New York City, is a Rowan Alumni Board of Directors member.

**Jason Sloan '08** is a charge registered nurse on an inpatient child/adolescent psychiatric unit.

**Michele Woodward '08** teaches prekindergarten in Clifton as a part of the Clifton Early Learner Academy.

**Jennifer Fitzpatrick Daly '09, M'10** married Dennis Daly on August 18.



**Class of 2008 10 Year Reunion**

Members of the Class of 2008 celebrated graduating from Rowan a decade ago during this year's Homecoming festivities at Chickie's & Pete's.

1. Michael Amato '08 and Jason Sloan '08 with a friend
2. TJ Bailey, Lauren Cimino '08, Karolyn Donovan Bianco '08, Lawrence Bianco '08
3. Brian Kanady '08, William Huggins '08, Ashley Smith Huggins '08





## Colonel and doctor, Hou blends military service and medicine

Physician. Mentor. Leader. Humanitarian.

Each of these words describe Col. Lisa J. Hou, DO, New Jersey's Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and a 1996 SOM graduate.

She was inspired to military service at a young age by stories from her grandfather, a two-star general in the Chinese Nationalist Army, and, later, by the chance to assist a fellow medical student Brian E. Trainor, DO '94 on a research project involving Army helicopter pilots.

"I got to fly in the helicopters and I just thought it was the coolest thing," Dr. Hou recalls. "Not long after that, I talked to a recruiter."

Colonel Hou commissioned in the New Jersey Army National Guard in 1994. Deployed to Iraq in 2005 with the 42nd Infantry Division, she provided routine and advanced emergency medical care in a combat theater for coalition soldiers and Iraqi civilians.

During her deployment, Dr. Hou also traveled to other bases in the area, consulting on ear, nose and throat cases as well as more than 500 cases of suspected hearing blast injuries. She served as the head and neck trauma consultant at a combat support hospital on her base.

When not on duty, she routinely participated on off-post humanitarian missions with the civil affairs unit from the 3rd Infantry Division, often traveling in convoys to dangerous areas to provide medical services to Iraqi civilians. During these volunteer missions, she performed procedures on children who would most likely never have received the much-needed medical care. When her initial 90-day deployment ended, Dr. Hou volunteered for three additional rotations, remaining in Iraq for nearly a year.

"In addition to taking care of soldiers, I loved the off-post humanitarian missions," she says. "We were offering something to

the local people and it was really fulfilling."

In 2011, Dr. Hou completed her second tour of duty, this time as the field surgeon on an Afghanistan National Army base. While there, she was the sole medical provider with a team of medics from the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, responsible for the medical care of more than 600 coalition soldiers, contractors and foreign nationals. She was also part of a mentoring team, providing advice to medical counterparts in the Afghanistan National Army.

Promoted to colonel in 2013, Dr. Hou has served in the dual capacities of commander of the Medical Command of the New Jersey Army National Guard and the State Surgeon, responsible for the medical and dental readiness of more than 6,000 soldiers.

At this year's SOM Commencement ceremony, where she administered the oath of office to the school's four military graduates, Dr. Hou also received the school's prestigious Distinguished Alumnus Award.

More recently, she presented the keynote address during SOM's White Coat Ceremony, urging the Class of 2022 to remain resilient, as resilience is a trait often relied upon, often overlooked, but essential for a career in osteopathic medicine.

As Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for New Jersey, Dr. Hou administers the Veterans Benefits sections, which include the state's three long-term care veterans' nursing homes and respite care program along with other state entitlement programs and services including veteran's preference determinations, veteran's status determinations, and the blind and catastrophic veteran pension entitlements.



*Col. Lisa Hou provided care for coalition soldiers and civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan. She now serves veterans in nursing homes and those in transition from homelessness, among others.*

She is also responsible for operation of the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, the state's Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing programs, which provide two facilities for homeless veterans, the state Approving Agency, which certifies the VA-funded educational and training programs and the state-owned monuments and memorials.

In recognition of her service, Dr. Hou has received numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal and NATO medal. She also completed the U.S. Army Flight Surgeon course and earned her flight surgeon badge.

Dr. Hou completed her residency in otolaryngology/facial plastic surgery at Union Hospital and a subsequent fellowship in sleep surgery at Stanford University Medical Center. She is pursuing a masters in strategic studies at the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and plans to graduate in July.

A lifelong resident of Monmouth County, Dr. Hou maintains a part-time practice in the diagnosis and treatment of ear, nose and throat disease in adult and pediatric patients as well as in surgery to correct snoring and obstructive sleep apnea.

# 10s

**Lauren Criscione Clugston '12** and **Kyle Clugston '11** married on June 16 at The Channel Club in Monmouth Beach.

**Patricia Frey Gleimer DO'12** and **Evan Gleimer DO'12** were married in 2018, nine years after meeting at SOM.

**Gabriel Lerman DO'11** is certified in internal medicine and critical care medicine.

 **Darrah Foster Pilieri '12**, who has worked for AKCG–Public Relations Counselors for five years, earned accreditation in public relations (APR) from

the Public Relations Society of America, becoming one of nearly 1,500 APRs nationwide.

**Liani Dillard '13, M'15** teaches kindergarten at the Grenloch Terrace Early Childhood Center in Washington Township, Gloucester County.

**Danielle DiPinto '13** and her brother, **Donald Brasco '19**, ran the Philadelphia Marathon in November. After running several half-marathons and the 10-mile Broad Street Run several times, this was Danielle's first 26.2. She is a school counselor at Bells Elementary in Washington Township, Gloucester County, and an active member of FURever As Friends



### Rowan babies

1. April, daughter of **Samantha Smith '15** and **Jason Acton '14**; note, p. 45.
2. Mackenzie, daughter of **Catelin McGrath Martinez '07** and **Austin Martinez '08, M'09**; note, p. 40.

with her goldendoodle, Riley, providing community service visits throughout the county. Donald is a disaster preparedness and emergency management major. He is a Rowan public safety officer and a Marine Corps reservist.



**Bob Jost '13** is a senior project manager with GZA

GeoEnvironmental Inc. in the firm's Philadelphia office. He is a licensed professional engineer in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and



### Rowan Radio alumni mix it up

Rowan Radio 89.7 WGLS-FM kicked off Homecoming weekend by welcoming six decades of alumni back to campus for an Alumni Mixer.

1. Craig Denning '75, Edward Small '76, M'83, Bob Fox '76, Lawrence DiBona '77
2. Matthew Zawodniak '17, Sam Arcaini '17, Jasmine West, Julia Kantner '18
3. Ken Kopakowski '79, Kevin Cieri '81, Pauline Cieri, Allan Dauber '78
4. Mike Shute '93, Christopher Caira '93, Jacob Caira, Raquel Bruno Caira '93, Jeff Hickman '95, Stephanie Marcucci Hickman '96





**Rec Center welcomes back and bids farewell**

Former student employees, professional staff and graduate coordinators gathered on Homecoming weekend to celebrate 25 years of the Rec Center, as well as the retirement of the first director of the facility, Tina Pinocci, associate vice president of Campus Recreation and Student Center and Campus Activities.

- 1. Tina Pinocci, Anthony Alongi '10, Nicole Cramer '10
- 2. Melanie Alverio '98, M'00, Jeanine Wedler Dowd '00, M'03, Elizabeth Herrick Woolbert M'10, Jerry Dowd
- 3. Donna Bailey '78, Koneea Crawford
- 4. Brian Stelzer '12, Justin Fletcher '16, Paul Goobic '13, Tom Dougherty '11, Dan Hartman '14
- 5. Ana Sanchez '17, Kaitlyn Meddick '16, Stephanie Druziako '16, Naveen Khan '17, Nicole Kides '18
- 6. Assane Drame '17, Juan Sanchez '18
- 7. Gary Baker '04, Kristin Schleher Chapman '05, Drew Carney '08
- 8. Sarah Johnson '14, Austin Johnson '14, Harvey Singh '15



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### House happy

Jill Ogren '12 and her fiancée Chris recently bought a house! You can see house elated they are!

Delaware. He and his wife have two children.

**Marc A. Krisch '13** works for Subaru of America.

**Samantha Smith '15** and her partner, **Jason Acton '14**, announce the April 28 birth of Devon.

**Joseph Feraco '17** is working part time and attending school to become a physical therapy assistant.

**Andrew Stewart '17** works in digital media and social entertainment in New York City.

**Jatin D. Bhakta '18** is a graduate student in computer science at Rowan.

**Oswaldo Delgado '18** hopes to become a CPA this year.

**Onna Payne Jones '18** and her husband celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

**Steven Magown '18** is an operations engineer at Holtec International in Camden. His work involves removing and storing radioactive fuel from nuclear power plants.

**Caitlin Marks '18** is a junior financial analyst at Fame House in Philadelphia.

**Tri Nguyen '18** is a structural engineer at Stainless LLC in Pennsylvania. The company, a leader in tall-tower design, engineering and manufacturing, has built more than 7,500 towers in over 100 countries. Tri credits the College of Engineering with preparing him well to handle practical problems in the workplace.

**Michael Sala '18** is a mechanical engineer at Edmund Optics.

**Shivani Shah '18** is in a Rowan graduate program.

**Adelyn Simeone '18** works at a private preschool, Country Acres, as a behavior support staff for their inclusion students. She plans to continue her education in the fall.

**Emma Stark '18** is attending graduate school at Monmouth University.

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# Remembrances

Fond eulogies of campus friends offered by AFT colleagues

## Edwin Avril

### Music

Edwin F. Avril, 98, of Glassboro, passed away last summer. Originally from Queens in New York City, he lived most of his adult life in Glassboro. He joined the music department at then-Glassboro State College in 1959, shortly after the music major was established, becoming one of the department's five "Founding Fathers." He retired in 1982 as professor.

He received a B.A. from San Francisco State College and an M.A. and Ed.D. from the Teachers College of Columbia University. He has been listed in *Collier's World Book*, *Dictionary of International Biography*, *International Who's Who in Music* and *Who's Who in Education in the East*.

In 2011, his musical works were featured in a concert dedicated to the first four founding members of the music department. Presented by the College of Fine and Performing Arts, and Friends of the Arts at Rowan, the concert was a tribute to Clarke Pflieger, Hoyle Carpenter, Clarence Miller and Franklin Aster, who began the music program. Dr. Avril was the fifth music professor hired. His daughter, Pam Tucker, created an artful sketch of her father for the cover of the concert program and the flier. Dr. Avril's grandchildren, Akshaya and Shankar Tucker, played cello and clarinet, respectively, at the concert.

In addition to teaching music theory, bassoon, clarinet and piano, his course, growth and development of Jazz in America, helped create the university's jazz program and became the basis for a popular course offered on the campus radio station. Dr. Avril was also responsible for instituting Rowan's saxophone and guitar programs, creating the music in world cultures course and composing original music for the university's productions of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "Romeo & Juliet."

## Robert H. Hewsen

### History

Robert H. Hewsen, 84, of Fresno, Calif., formerly of Pitman and Cherry Hill, died Nov. 17, 2018. He was born Robert H. Hewsenian in New York City in 1934 to Armenian-American parents.

He received his B.A. in history from the University of Maryland, M.S. from Catholic University and Ph.D. from Georgetown University. He joined the history department at then-Glassboro State College in 1967, where he taught Byzantine and Russian history for more than 30 years, retiring as professor in 1999.

After his retirement, he taught and lectured as a preeminent Armenologist at several universities across the country and abroad, including the University of Chicago, Columbia University, and California State University, Fresno, where he and his wife, Mary Ellen Hewsen, resided.

He wrote *Armenia: A Historical Atlas*, (University of Chicago Press, 2001) which received wide critical acclaim and is considered a monumental reference book in Armenian studies. He also wrote many other books and articles on the history of the Caucasus, especially Armenia. He was co-founder and president of the Society for the Study of Caucasia and president of the Society for Armenian Studies from 1988 to 1989. A lecture by him is available on YouTube: *The Mekhitarist Contribution to the Armenian Renaissance (3/04/12)*.

## Clarence "Larry" Howe

### Mathematics

Clarence "Larry" Howe, 73, of Avalon, passed away February 26, 2018. He joined the mathematics department at then-Glassboro State College in 1970 and served as the department's chairperson. He retired 2014 as assistant professor. He held a B.S. from the University of Delaware and was also ABD at that university.

He served on the committee to found the Rohrer College of Business and the 2012 installation of a Rowan chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, the mathematical honor society. He was recognized in 1998 on Rowan's Hall of Fame for his contributions to logistical and statistical studies and was greatly admired by his students.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia A. Howe, two daughters, three sons and nine grandchildren. Family and friends were invited to a memorial reception at the family home in March. Burial was private.

Donations in his memory may be made to Animal Outreach of Cape May County, 600 Park Blvd., Unit 3, West Cape May, N.J. 08204. Arrangements were by Radzieta Funeral Home of Cape May Court House.

## James Michaelson

### Secondary Education and Foundations

James E. Michaelson, 87, of Washington Township, Gloucester County, formerly of Pittsgrove Township, passed away August 24, 2018. He was a member of the secondary education and education foundations departments from 1967 to 1991, when he retired as assistant professor from then-Glassboro State College. He held a B.S. and M.A. from Temple University.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda E. Michaelson, a son, James K, and three daughters: Laurie Warren, Carol Watson, and Janice Michaelson. He was grandfather and great grandfather to several children.

Donations in his memory may be made to Veteran's Advisory Council "Veterans Helping Veterans", P.O. Box 337, Woodbury, N.J. 08096. Arrangements were by Egizi Funeral Home (egizifuneralhome.net), where memories and condolences may be shared with family and friends.



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# You should meet Lem

By Patricia Quigley '78, M'03

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If you show up on the Hollybush side of campus, you may have crossed Lem's path. He mans the guard gate at the entrance to Lot P off Whitney Avenue. If you've attended a class in Bunce, a meeting in Bole, a performance in Tohill or a baseball game near Bozorth, no doubt you already have met him.

Lem is one of the best PR people for Rowan. Trust me: I'm a two-time alum of the University who happens to work here in, well, PR. Sometime a few decades ago, I'm sure—in between survey research and PR planning—Tony Fulginiti or Larry Litwin or one of the Dons (Bagin and Gallagher), told those of us studying public relations that manners matter. And kindness. And personality.

Lem's got a whole bunch of all of that. He's a seasoned gentleman and *gentle* man, with salt-and-pepper hair, a natural grin and a ready greeting. He'll usher you into the parking lot with a wave or, on some days when you are not rushing too much, with a few words that go with a thoughtful look or a warm smile.

"How's that leg? Are you walking better?" He wanted updates many a time after I tore the meniscus in my right knee.

"Your mother, does she still drive? Really?" He'll check on my family periodically.

I know I'm not special in this case. Lem is a gracious soul who as best I can tell extends kindnesses to everyone. As one of the first people some of our guests meet when they arrive at Rowan, he couldn't be a better face for our University.

You'll find a lot of people like that around here. No, not everyone. No place is quite that good. Everyone has a bad day once in a while. And, truth be told, some people are just not friendly by nature.

But after being away from my Glassboro "home" for two decades more or less, I've been at Rowan 20 years now as an employee. I still remember being amazed during my first few months at work by how many strangers would greet me as I walked from Bole to the Student Center and elsewhere. I knew then I had stumbled on a unique place to work. And by and large, I still feel the same way.

I trust my coworkers feel that way, too. Even more important, I hope our students sense this. I hope they know their professors will go out of their way for them, that staff will extend themselves as best they can.

I hope, too, our guests—whether people whose names regularly appear in the newspaper or people with little claim to fame—feel at home when they come to any of our campuses.

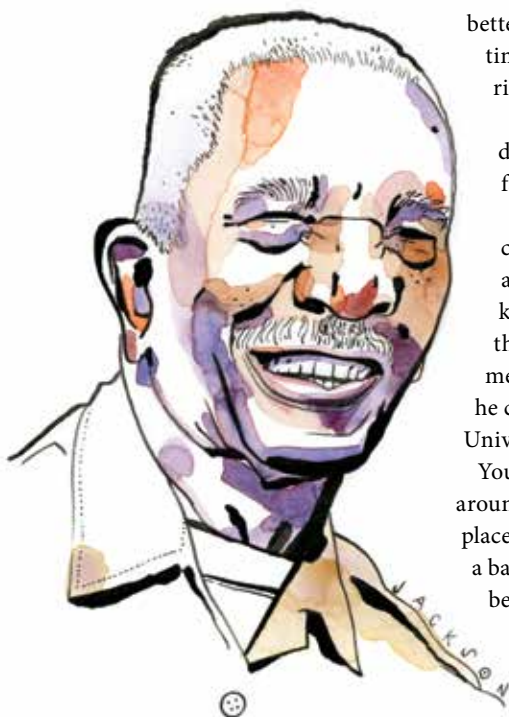
And I hope our alumni not only feel welcome but also carry a sense of pride about what I call the "Rowan spirit." We talk about that "spirit" including vision and grit and determination. I like to think it also includes friendliness and a sense of family.

We've been going through a lot of changes and growth at Rowan during the past few years, including becoming home to two medical schools, developing the West Campus, Rowan Boulevard and the Jean and Ric Edelman Fossil Park. Our enrollment and graduation stats increase every year. We anticipate a lot more changes: more programs, more buildings, more responsibility, more influence.


Growth can be exhilarating, and it can be scary. But so far, so good: I think we still have the feel of the college I started working at 20 years ago and first attended in...well, you do the math.

I think people still know each other by name or face for the most part. I know they are always ready to lend a hand.

If they have any doubts, I have a suggestion: They should go meet Lem. ■







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Professor Sam Witchell was one of the Glassboro State College innovators with “University of

the Air” noncredit courses which covered modern art, sociology, psychology and poetry.

In spring 1959, Witchell presented 19 weekly programs that aired in Philadelphia, central Pennsylvania, Connecticut and western New York. Sharing insight on teens, he recorded an interview with Dick Clark at Philadelphia’s

WFIL TV, where Clark hosted *American Bandstand*.

Today, Rowan online education connects 360 faculty and 10,000 students across the country, many with webinars and other realtime video sessions in degree and certification programs. No doubt, tech-ambitious Dr. Witchell would approve.