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## Rowan Reunion at Bar A

**Saturday, August 2**

This is one summer tradition you can't afford to miss. Join Rowan alumni from all generations at the shore as we celebrate one more month of summer! Registration is \$5 and includes access to a BBQ buffet and drink specials. Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/RowanReunion](http://alumni.rowan.edu/RowanReunion) to register and don't forget to #RowanReunion! 4-8 p.m., Bar Anticipation, Lake Como

## School of Osteopathic Medicine 17th Annual Golf Classic

**Sunday, September 28**

Join alumni, students and friends of RowanSOM at the Harbor Pines Golf Club for a round of golf and connections with colleagues, alumni and friends of SOM. Visit [alumni.rowan.edu/SOMGolfClassic](http://alumni.rowan.edu/SOMGolfClassic) for registration and sponsorship information.

8:45 a.m., Harbor Pines Golf Club,  
Egg Harbor Township

## Homecoming 2014

**Saturday, October 18**

Mark your calendar and make plans to return to campus for "PROFtoberfest." Rowan will take on Morrisville State College at 2 p.m. but the festivities will take place all day! More details to follow.

If you'd like to organize an alumni meet-up with classmates, members of a student organization or a specific department, please reach out to the Alumni Engagement Office and we'll help you coordinate a mini-reunion during Homecoming weekend.

## Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

**Sunday, October 19**

Celebrate with friends of Rowan Athletics as we honor the 1981 Men's Soccer team, Robert Bechtloff '84, Jennifer Hodgins Kuenzel '97, Ernest Lattimer '80, Andrew Mackoff '94, Jamie Musey '99 and Laiton Roberts '95. Tickets are \$30 and will be available for purchase via the Alumni website beginning August 1.

1 p.m., Eynon Ballroom, Rowan University

## WGLS 50th Anniversary Celebration

**Saturday, October 25**

Established in 1964, WGLS-FM will celebrate 50 years of broadcasting this fall. Join fellow WGLS alumni from the past five decades for an evening to remember. Tickets cost \$50 and are on sale now. For more info, please visit [alumni.rowan.edu/WGLS50](http://alumni.rowan.edu/WGLS50).

6 p.m., Eynon Ballroom, Rowan University

## Rowan Alumni at NJEA

**Thursday-Friday, November 6 and 7**

All GSC and Rowan educators are invited to visit our booth at the annual NJEA Teachers Convention at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Atlantic City

## Stan Yeldell 40th Anniversary Law & Justice Celebration

**Saturday, November 15**

Join alumni, faculty and staff from the College of Humanities & Social Sciences to celebrate Dr. Stanley Yeldell's 40th year of teaching at GSC/Rowan and the establishment of the Law & Justice Studies Hall of Fame to honor distinguished alumni.

6 p.m., Eynon Ballroom, Rowan University

## Alumni Association on the Road

Rowan University Alumni Association will hit the road this fall to visit alumni across the region. If you're interested in hosting an alumni happy hour or networking event in your area, or have an idea for an alumni activity, contact Chris D'Angelo '07, M'10, associate director of Alumni Engagement at [dangeloc@rowan.edu](mailto:dangeloc@rowan.edu) or call 856-256-5400.

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A hint of 2023: when it begins its second century, Rowan University will have built new facilities, increased its student body, expanded its partnerships with business and industry and continued to set the standard for nimble, innovative, comprehensive higher education. What won't change: our traditional, student-centered academic community and commitment to leadership and excellence.

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## Treasures to share

Thank you for the marvelous article on Marvin Creamer and his spectacular journey.

Mr. Creamer was my professor at Glassboro State in the early '50s. He came to the West Deptford Middle School and presented his slides and talked to the fifth-grade students.

A few years ago I tried to get the Smithsonian Institution to acquire the Globe Star for display. They turned me down, saying they did not "do" boats.

The reason for my letter is to see if the Alumni Association could somehow acquire the boat and put it on permanent display on campus.

Mr. Creamer has donated all of his logs, etc., to the College—why not try to acquire his boat, too?

Joan Haines Craven '54  
Franklinville

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Globe Star would have been a great treasure to secure. Unfortunately, it was lost after others' failed attempts to save it. Marv tells us it passed through a few owners' hands and may have been sold for scrap. However, a project is under way to place a sculpture on campus commemorating Marv's sailing feat. For information or to contribute, please contact Brittany Petrella at [petrella@rowan.edu](mailto:petrella@rowan.edu) or call 856-256-5419.*

## Going way back

This admittedly goes back a ways but on p. 2 of the fall 2011 edition, Robert Hewsen wrote a letter suggesting that there be a part of the alumni magazine where retired faculty could share info on their retirement activities.

Of all the professors I had in my years at GSC,

Dr. Hewsen was the one I had wanted to write and thank for a single class I took of his in winter 1989.

Could you forward this email? I would appreciate any assistance you may offer.

Keith Lowe '91  
Bainbridge Island, Wash.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *One of Rowan Magazine's most important obligations is helping members of the academic community stay in touch with one another whenever possible. It's our pleasure to remind readers of college days and reconnect the people who made the times memorable.*

## Mistaken mortality

I have had several phone calls in the last few weeks concerning my passing away. I assure you I am alive and well.

The alumni magazine apparently published my name as having died. Please be sure to publish a retraction in the next magazine. If you have any questions about my existence please feel free to contact me. A seance will not be required.

Many thanks. I have had many a good laugh over this.

Charles Angersbach '77  
Staunton, Va.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *We're glad to make this correction without a medium's help and with a grad's good humor.*

## Mistaken identity



We stand corrected: in our snapshot of '43 grads in the last issue, the caption should have been N. Jane Barron Hirt and Barbara Schwalber. Thanks to alumni who help us get things straight.

ROWAN Alumni

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# LAUNCHING SOON!

We're tweaking code and pushing pixels to build our best website and welcome alumni and friends later this summer. We'll have new ways for you to stay connected, tell your stories on our new alumni blog, share memories and photos, find services and resources, and more.

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## Partnerships and major gifts mark big year for research, health care, arts and more

In a year marked with nearly too many institutional milestones to count, some of Rowan's most significant news came in announcements from prestigious industry leaders and respected foundations choosing to support Rowan initiatives.

### Lockheed Martin expands partnership with Rowan

Rowan University engineering students and faculty have long been on Lockheed Martin's radar through high-tech projects, but the relationship has gotten bigger than a few blips.

The U.S. Department of Defense contractor and the University expanded their partnership in March to help develop a broad range of radar system applications.

Carmen Valentino, vice president of Naval Radar and Future Systems at the Moorestown firm, said the partnership is geared toward the development and improvement of next-generation radar technologies.

"Together we can create innovative and affordable technologies while developing talented individuals to work on them," Valentino said.

Rowan's 2013 designation as the state's second comprehensive public research university positioned the school for collaboration with industry and the Lockheed

Martin partnership is early evidence that the designation is working.

College of Engineering students and faculty will collaborate on Lockheed Martin research at the South Jersey Technology Park at Rowan University where it is expected to propel construction of the park's next two research buildings.

"This partnership is critically important to our region," said Rowan President Ali Houshmand. "It will enhance our students' education and, by expanding its presence in South Jersey, Lockheed Martin will further contribute to the economic development of our region."

### \$3 million RWJF grant funds health care delivery probe

Even the best health care does no good if it doesn't get to patients who need it.

To help address that problem, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) in February awarded \$3.05 million to Rowan to help determine how best to respond to the region's health care needs.



Lockheed Martin has long been a Rowan engineering clinic partner. A new initiative addresses radar technology and system innovations in support of national defense.

Researchers in the 18-month project seek to develop innovative approaches for health care delivery that make the most of often-scarce resources.

"Rowan is South Jersey's center for scholarship and discovery in health care and life sciences," said Ken Blank, Rowan senior vice president for health sciences and co-principal investigator for the project. "This grant, along with research expertise from across our campuses, gives us a unique opportunity to develop practical solutions that can be implemented in the communities we serve."

Headquartered in Princeton, RWJF is

the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. The foundation's grant to Rowan underscores the University's expanding impact throughout the South Jersey region.

Rowan's 2013 designation as a state comprehensive public research university and the addition of its two medical schools—Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and the School of Osteopathic Medicine—have uniquely positioned the institution to address the future of academic medical education and health care delivery.

The RWJF grant will seed a multipronged

approach to addressing regional health care needs, including the formation of interdisciplinary teams from Rowan's three campuses. It will also fund competitive startup packages to help recruit new faculty to lead pioneering research.

"The support from one of the nation's most prestigious foundations will allow us to pursue effective solutions for issues faced by our region and beyond," said Blank. "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to develop the academic medical education and health care research programs to address these challenges."

## Rohrer gift endows geriatrics

Once again, the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation showed its commitment to Rowan University and southern New Jersey.

The foundation in December 2013 pledged \$1 million to establish an endowed chair in geriatrics at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine's New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA), a nationally acclaimed institute.

The endowment will provide a perpetual funding source to support research, clinical care and education and, when combined with two endowments already established by the foundation at SOM, will result in a fund of

more than \$2 million.

"This endowed chair will impact students and patients by helping to train the next generation of top geriatricians," said Linda Rohrer, trustee of the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation and chairman of the Rowan University Board of Trustees.

For more than a decade, the Rohrer Foundation has been a generous backer of Rowan University with more than \$13 million of support, including scholarships and a \$10-million pledge for the Rohrer College of Business.

Over the past 14 years, NJISA has led SOM to be ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the nation's top 20 schools for geriatric medical education.

## Rowan Family gifts support engineering, arts

More than two decades after Henry Rowan and his late wife Betty's \$100 million gift forever changed Glassboro State College, the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation continues to benefit the namesake university.

Two recent gifts from the foundation totaling \$500,000 establish Ph.D. and undergraduate fellowships in the College of Engineering and support cultural activities in South Jersey.

In the College of Engineering, \$300,000 will establish the Henry Rowan Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship Program and \$100,000 will initiate the Henry Rowan Engineering Globalization

Fellowship Program for Undergraduates.

With this funding, the College will establish its first Ph.D. program and the initial group of Ph.D. fellows will receive full stipend and tuition support. The inaugural cohort will consist of one student from each of the College's five disciplines: biomedical, chemical, civil and environmental, electrical and computer, and mechanical engineering.

"The College of Engineering has proven itself to be an excellent steward of our family's gifts," said Virginia Rowan Smith, vice president of the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation. "These new Ph.D. and Globalization programs will provide more opportunities for students at all levels and will further distinguish Rowan engineering as a leader in the field."

## Gift supports Marie F. Rader Memorial Fund

The Rowan Family fund also made a \$100,000 gift supporting performing arts through the Marie F. Rader Memorial Fund. The gift will be used to further educational and cultural initiatives, revitalize Rowan's Center for the Arts and support

programs in the College of Performing Arts.

Rader volunteered with the Philadelphia Orchestra for more than 20 years, served on the N.J. Committee for the Orchestra and chaired numerous committees and fundraisers.

"In the spirit of my dear friend, Marie, I am happy to support performing arts at Rowan through this investment," Smith said, "and I am especially pleased that it continues the work Marie was so passionate about."

The Rader fund also benefits from an annual concert in December.

"The College of Performing Arts is a cultural hub for the campus and South Jersey," said Dean John Pastin. "This gift shows the support and commitment the Rowan family and the University community have given to the arts. We know it is what Marie Rader would have liked to see, and we hope to make her name well-known throughout the region."



A seniors boot camp helps keep adults active at the Stratford campus, home to New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging. A \$1 million Rohrer Charitable Foundation grant established an endowed chair in geriatrics at SOM.

## CMSRU students plant and harvest more than vegetables

As gardeners all over New Jersey plant their summer crops, nearly a dozen medical students from Cooper Medical School of Rowan University will gather at a previously vacant quarter-acre lot in the middle of a Camden neighborhood to help residents cultivate their own community garden.

They will meet here throughout the summer, nurturing and harvesting. By fall, this garden will have provided hundreds of pounds of free produce—tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, lettuces, herbs and more—to all who want it.

“Camden is a food desert, so it’s important

for us to increase access to fresh produce so we can help improve the health of those who live here,” explained student Kathy Williams, who for the past two years has helped lead the CMSRU student group that regularly volunteers at the garden. “Because so many of the neighbors have invested time and energy into this garden, they seem to be empowered to keep it going, which is so rewarding to all of us.”

Working in the community garden is just one of dozens of ways CMSRU students are impacting the City of Camden. They are

teaching English to Spanish-only speaking adults, tutoring and mentoring city children after school, serving meals to the hungry and coaching youth sports.

With time specifically reserved in their weekly academic schedule, each CMSRU student completes a minimum of 40 hours of nonmedical community service in Camden each academic year. In 2013-2014 alone, CMSRU’s 114 students gave over 5,000 hours of service to the Camden community.

“Service learning is a hallmark of the CMSRU curriculum and the heart of our pledge to give

back to the community,” said Jocelyn Mitchell-Williams, associate dean for diversity and community affairs. “By volunteering in the community our

students will learn more about humanity, and more about themselves. We believe this will ultimately help them become better physicians.”



Kathy Williams and Gabriela Chaviano, both '16, harvested chard to share with Camden neighbors as part of their service learning commitment.

## Student filmmakers make “PACT” to stop sexual violence

It’s almost an epidemic on college campuses across the country: one in five women is sexually assaulted during her college career.

To help reverse this trend, students and faculty within the College of Communication & Creative Arts are leading students at five colleges and universities

nationwide in creating films to address the violence and help end it.

Collectively known as PACT5 for the five schools involved, the film series includes documentaries and narrative film work from students at Rowan, Framingham State University (Mass.), California State University: Northridge,

Northern Illinois University and Western State Colorado University. The 10 short films created by students for students demonstrate that sexual assault can happen to anyone at any time. The films urge viewers to make a pact to help prevent it.

“This project is part of a war on sexual assault and rape,” said radio/

television/film professor Ned Eckhardt, who, with colleague Diana Nicolae, led instruction for the project. Eckhardt noted that the campaign reinforces an effort by President Obama, who, in January, created the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault.

“This is one of the most important issues of our time,” Eckhardt said.

Eckhardt and department chair Keith Brand, in cooperation with the Clery Center for Security on Campus, secured a \$200,000 grant from the Wyncote Foundation to fund the project.

Katya Palsi of Brielle,

a 2013 Rowan art and advertising alumna and a survivor of sexual assault, is profiled in “Katalyst,” one of the Rowan films. Her involvement, she said, helped her heal... and motivated her to become an activist.

“The whole project was like a catalyst for me to stare my demons in the face,” said Palsi. “It was a powerful experience for me. Every single filmmaker that worked on this project with me was committed to making it true, raw and honest. I hope I can help people take the first step on their journey of healing.”

To view the films, visit [www.pact5.org](http://www.pact5.org).



An April evening brought out the Rowan community to rally around victims of sexual assault on campus and pledge to protect more from being subjected to it.



## U.S. News & World Report ranks Rowan #2 for vets and places geriatric medical education among Ivy League schools

For Rowan, *U.S. News* is good news.

*U.S. News & World Report*, which for decades has ranked the top American colleges and universities, ranked Rowan 3rd among public universities in its 2013-14 Best Regional Universities (North) category and 18th (tied) among universities in that category overall.

In the last five years, Rowan's rank jumped 10 places in its category.

The College of Engineering ranked 12th in the nation among

public schools whose highest engineering degree is a bachelor's or master's and tied for 33rd in that category overall.

The geriatric medical education program at the School of Osteopathic Medicine has long been one of the nation's best according to *U.S. News & World Report*. This year, it placed at number 11, between the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University.

In the magazine's first-ever rankings of schools for U.S. veterans, Rowan placed #2 in its category.

The Best Colleges for Veterans rankings, released on Veterans Day, placed Rowan behind Ithaca College and tied with Rider University from among 40 schools in its group. Rowan served more than 270 veterans and their dependents in 2013-14.

"For years, our place in the *U.S. News* rankings has confirmed that we're doing all the right things," said President Ali Houshmand. "But the rankings for veterans make me especially proud. We are honored



Like so many of her peers in the service, Emily Konzelmann '17 found that Rowan's support for veterans helped her focus on academics after deployment.

by our servicemen and women and are glad to support them."

## Newest, biggest building under way on Rowan Boulevard

Growth continues on Rowan Boulevard with construction of a massive, six-story building that will bring retail, restaurants and, perhaps most exciting, urgent care and other medical facilities to downtown Glassboro.

Dante Germano, Glassboro native and COO of the new building's developer, Nexus Properties, said the building will continue to foster a feeling of community along Rowan Boulevard that many downtowns

lost when shopping malls became popular in the 1960s and 70s.

"People loved the downtown shopping experience," he said. "It was intimate, walkable and neighborly. We're reinventing the downtown in Glassboro

and that's exactly what we will have again."

Germano said the new, 315,000-square-foot building will have retail, medical and restaurant space and include upper-level housing for students and non-students. It is expected to be complete in 2015.

Already popular with students, Rowan Boulevard features a variety of food and shopping outlets and a winter ice rink. And, starting this summer, students will be able to spend a portion of their meal dollars at restaurants along the boulevard.

Begun in 2008, the \$300 million Rowan Boulevard project linking the University's main campus with a reimagined downtown is about half complete. It features a 129-room Courtyard by Marriott hotel, a Barnes & Noble Collegiate Superstore, the Rowan Boulevard Apartments complex and the mixed-use Whitney Center.

The project has already won a Smart Growth award from NJ Future, a statewide policy and research group that promotes walkable communities with street-level shopping and upper-level housing.



On the west flank of Rowan Boulevard, a new building set to open in 2015 will offer market-rate housing and space for offices, retail and health care services.

## SOM: first class, big grants in first Rowan year

The July 1, 2013, celebration welcoming the School of Osteopathic Medicine and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) heralded a year filled with news from the Stratford campus that helped cement Rowan's status as South Jersey's hub for research and health care education.

Soon after the excitement of that day came the announcement of the first research grant to Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM)—a four-year, \$998,895 grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation that will help fund an expansion of interprofessional medical education at the school's nationally known New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA).

July also saw another first when SOM paired with Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice

to create New Jersey's first hospice/palliative medicine fellowship.

The first weekend in August welcomed 162 students into the SOM Class of 2017, the first class to enter the medical school under the Rowan banner. Later that month, the school announced that the Michael J. Fox Foundation had awarded a \$351,200 grant to SOM researcher Robert Nagele for an expanded study of a Parkinson's disease blood test developed on the Stratford campus.

### Faculty recognition

Two significant research grants and awards to faculty members Xinhua Chen and Rachel Pruchno, respectively, led the news in the fall. In September, the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology received a \$1.8 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for a study that will determine the role



Students donned their white coats for the first time during the 2013 SOM White Coat Ceremony and for the first time, the coats bore the name, Rowan University.

diet plays in the higher incidence of preterm delivery among African American and Hispanic women. In October, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded a grant to the NJISA to examine the effects of Hurricane Sandy on 3,200 older people living in New Jersey's hardest-hit counties.

Later that month, the American Osteopathic Association selected Jennifer Caudle (Family Medicine) to receive the organization's "Emerging Leader Award"

and Dr. Martin Finkel (CARES Institute) was named the "2013 Physician of the Year."

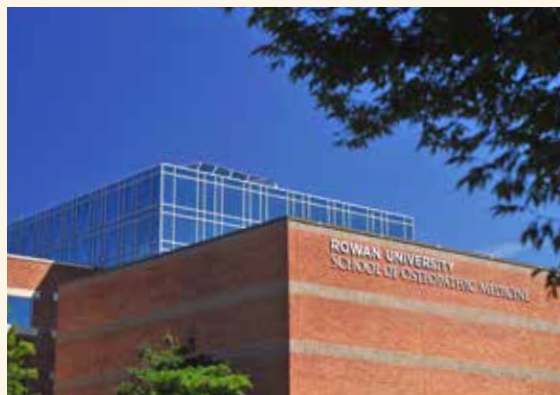
### Geriatrics honors

The final month of 2013 brought the announcement of a \$1 million pledge from the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation to establish an endowed chair in geriatrics at SOM. The endowment will be combined with two others already established by the foundation to create a \$2 million fund to support geriatric research, clinical care and education programs.

At its February meeting the Rowan University Board of Trustees approved the creation of a new Geriatrics and Gerontology Department effective July 1, 2014.

SOM has been a fixture in *US News & World Report's* annual rankings of America's top graduate schools and the 2015 list, announced in March, was no exception. For the 13th time, the magazine named the school one of the country's best for geriatric medical education, ranking it between medical schools at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University.

On May 15 the largest class in SOM's history—and the first to receive medical degrees from Rowan University—joined colleagues from GSBS and the Glassboro campus for Commencement ceremonies in Wackar Stadium.



The Academic Building on the Stratford campus serves the SOM medical education program and dual- and joint-degree options in law, management, public health and research.

## Fulbrights send Rowan women east and west

Stephanie Farrell is off to Ireland. Kauser Jahan is heading to Bangladesh. And Emily Spieker will make her way to Malaysia.

Meet Rowan's three newest recipients of recognition through the prestigious Fulbright Program, which works to increase the mutual understanding between U.S. residents and those of other countries. Since its inception in 1946, the program has provided funding to approximately 300,000 students, faculty and other professionals to study, teach and conduct research, according to the organization.

For the first time, two College of Engineering professors, Farrell and

Jahan, have been selected for the program in the same year. Meanwhile, Spieker, who earned bachelor's degrees in elementary education and American studies in May, is the 17th Rowan student in the past 15 years to land a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.

In their respective Fulbrights, Farrell and Jahan will share their expertise in project-based learning, the backbone of Rowan's approach to engineering education.

Farrell, who teaches chemical engineering, landed the lone Fulbright specifically for engineering education. She will conduct research at the Dublin Institute

of Technology (DIT) in Ireland, where she'll examine the development of professional identity and retention among engineering students. She also wants to build synergistic research collaborations with colleagues at DIT for the benefit of Rowan students.

"I hope to bring back student opportunities—particularly opportunities for international exchange among our students," she said.

Meanwhile, Jahan, a professor of civil and environmental engineering, will teach students, lead faculty workshops and conduct research on

sustainable development at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) in Dhaka, Bangladesh. She'll conduct research on alternative energy; excessive algae growth in open ponds, lakes and rivers; and the use of algae as a source of sustenance in Bangladesh, her homeland.

Through the integration of sustainable development teachings within UAP's civil engineering program, Jahan hopes her curriculum will mold a national model for Bangladesh.

"My key objective for my Fulbright experience is to further enhance my understanding



Spieker will teach English in Malaysia and plans to start an after-school sports club to help build her female students' confidence.

of diversity—and to share that knowledge with my future classrooms," she said.

## \$5M Rowan Venture Fund to drive innovation

Faculty, students and alumni who dream the big dream—develop a new cancer drug, found the perfect franchise, build a better widget—could have a new funding partner in Rowan University.

The University in 2014 did something very few regional public institutions do—it started a venture fund to provide seed money for startup enterprises.

The \$5 million venture fund is financed by the Rowan University Foundation, which believes a new venture capital fund will fuel research initiatives.

"With an endowment of nearly \$175 million, the foundation is in a position to make a meaningful investment in the University's researchers and entrepreneurs in a way few universities can," said foundation chair Paul Tully.

The Rowan Venture Fund is Rowan's first undertaking of this magnitude, which just last year was designated the second comprehensive public research institution in the state. That designation furthers Rowan's drive to increase its commercialization and technology develop-

ment efforts, particularly in growth sectors like business, engineering, medical education and the health sciences.

### Research status, growth

Since Rowan earned research status, federal research funding jumped 35 percent and state funding increased 55 percent.

The new venture fund is expected to catapult Rowan's research enterprise, providing resources to attract entrepreneurial faculty, encourage innovative ideas and stimulate investment in Rowan-generated technologies, intellectual property, inventions and businesses.

"While Rowan's students and faculty will undoubtedly be successful in attracting outside funding, some may first need seed money to get their ideas started," Tully said. "The Rowan Venture Fund will support research ideas at their earliest stages."

### Funds available

The foundation spent a year examining successful venture fund models and will appoint an advisory committee of business leaders, financiers, entrepreneurs and others with biotechnology, biomedical, engineering and venture capital expertise. The fund's initial goal is

to award up to \$1 million annually for five years to support new technology businesses and inventions through a competitive review process.

"The Rowan Venture Fund will open doors for our faculty, students and alumni to bring their studies and research to life," said President Ali Houshmand. "Today we have people working on cures for diseases and on technology that will improve the quality of life. Tomorrow, with this funding, we will see some of this work reach the marketplace and make a difference in all of our lives."



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1. Gov. Christie addressed the Friday morning Commencement audience.
2. College of Engineering graduates celebrate.
3. Grand Marshal Donald Farnelli '59 leads the Thursday academic procession in his fiftieth year as a faculty member.
4. Platform guests rose with the audience to honor Henry Rowan during the main ceremony.

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# Commencement 2014

New University traditions were established, but the time-honored one recognizing Rowan graduates with grace and grandeur was upheld during two Commencement ceremonies in mid-May for the Class of 2014.

In years past, Commencement was held on the University Green in front of Bunce Hall. But the increasing number of graduates and guests meant both graduate and undergraduate ceremonies were moved to Coach Richard Wackar Stadium. The venue change marked the start of a new tradition as the University continues to grow.

And while the weather cooperated on Thursday, May 15, when more than 600 graduate, doctoral and medical school students accepted their degrees under sunny skies, the undergraduate Class of 2014 was forced indoors due to torrential rains on Friday, May 16.

As the undergraduate class of more than 2,500 reported to individual college Commencement ceremonies at indoor venues across campus, the main ceremony was held in Pfleeger Concert Hall, Wilson

Hall, as part of the ceremony for the College of Engineering.

As University benefactor Henry Rowan looked on, Gov. Chris Christie gave the Commencement address and received an honorary doctor of laws degree, as did state Senate President Steve Sweeney and state Sen. Donald Norcross. All three were recognized by the University for their bipartisan efforts to advance higher education in New Jersey.

## Politics aside

Christie took a personal tone as he spoke to the graduates, telling a story about the role his grandmother played in his life, and urging the class to work hard and make the most of the start Rowan has given them.

“Hard work is the key to every success in your life,” the governor said. “You have a leg up. And that leg up is the education you’ve gotten here at Rowan. I hope that you know that the people here with you today believe in the infinite possibilities for what you can make your life.”

Michael Carbone '85, senior vice president for TD Bank Group and regional president for TD Bank's

Metro PA/NJ Market, accepted the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The ceremony also honored members of the classes of '44, '54 and '64 on their 70th, 60th and 50th anniversaries.

## Rowan's first D.O. grads

On Thursday, May 15, for the graduate ceremony, the Wackar Stadium field was transformed into a formal Commencement venue. The graduates included 145 students from the first class at the Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine, who accepted their Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees.

In his Commencement address, Arthur Levine, president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, urged the graduates to use their talents effectively.

“Making a difference,” he said, “is your birthright.”

Dr. Arthur Bartolozzi, a nationally recognized leader in sports medicine and joint replacement who is a former team physician for the Philadelphia Eagles, Flyers, Phantoms and for Rowan athletes, received an honorary doctor of letters degree.







- 5. A family celebrates at the ceremony in Wilson Hall.
- 6. Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences grads celebrated on Thursday. Front: Ashley Pollard, Rehman Ahmad, Stephanie Owusu-Boateng. Back: Patrice Love, Micaela Rehak, Vanessa Heath, Christina Kmiecik, Abisola Oluwu, Elena Ioannou.
- 7. Members of Rowan's first class of School of Osteopathic Medicine graduates take part in the Commencement ceremony.

- 8. Education grads captured a happy day in selfies.
- 9. From left, Provost James Newell and Alumni Association President David Burgin '82, M'02 congratulate Michael Carbone '85 as the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus.
- 10. Families beamed with their D.O. graduates on Thursday.
- 11. At the Thursday ceremony in Wackar Stadium, loved ones capture a memory with their master's degree graduate.

- 12. Criminal justice grads clockwise from top left: Lawrence Achey, Nicole Singiser, Sultan Altikriti, Christopher Popper, Cherish DiSante, Christopher Beam, Andrea Vondran, John Pierotti, David Toscano.
- 13. President Houshmand welcomed more than 600 graduates and 2,000 guests on Thursday to the ceremony held at Wackar Stadium.
- 14. Music master's degree grads Paula DiGianivittorio and Jung Dirkes.



*Visiting Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, President Houshmand looks forward to Rowan's growing distinction as a national leader in innovative medical education.*

## Our seventh President's first

# 1,000 days

*by Patricia Quigley '78, M'03*

**There was no fanfare on July 1, 2011.**

**No regalia. No speeches. No gathering of dignitaries.**

**There was work. Maybe a few congratulations, but mostly work.**

Ali Houshmand, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs since September 2006, officially took the helm of Rowan University as interim president that day and he didn't miss a beat.

Rowan couldn't sit still or take time to celebrate. Neither could he.

He said, "I am honored to serve Rowan University as interim president. This is a strong community. These are exciting times. In the five years I have been at Rowan, we enjoyed remarkable growth and exceptional opportunities. I look forward to continuing

to work to further develop educational opportunities at Rowan that serve our students and build the region."

Exciting times. Remarkable growth. Exceptional opportunities. Those phrases turned out to be more of a prediction than a reflection, more of a vision than aspiration.

This spring, the man who was appointed president in June 2012 and inaugurated in September 2013 marked 1,000 days leading Rowan University. Those 1,000 days have indeed lived up to everything he said three short—and busy—years ago.



## Education first

Though observers are more likely to see Houshmand in a meeting with elected officials talking about funding or with corporate executives discussing research collaboration, but his first commitment is to education.

When it comes to his views on education, people on and off campus often have used the word “visionary” to describe Houshmand. He’ll accept that term, though he doesn’t much think about it.

They also have used the word “demanding.” That does not make him wince. His expectations are high for himself. They are high for others, too.

The results are obvious.

During his tenure, Rowan has reconfigured some of its colleges, a logistical move to join related programs in communication and the arts under one roof and to separate the sprawling College of Liberal Arts & Sciences into two colleges: Humanities & Social Sciences and Science & Mathematics.

The University also expanded its academic offerings to better meet the needs of today’s students and the demands of today’s employers. In the last three years, Rowan added more than 30 new bachelor’s, master’s, doctoral and professional degree programs and program options, including a handful of new concentrations, minors and certifications.

Students have been flocking to Rowan in record numbers. Enrollment grew from 11,392 in fall 2010 to 13,349 in fall 2013. And the profile of the entering classes continued to improve. The average SAT scores for first-time regularly admitted freshmen in fall 2010 were 1,169; in 2013 they were 1,203.

“When we appointed Ali president, we knew we had in him a leader who could address the present and the future of our University,” said Linda Rohrer, chairman of the Rowan University Board of Trustees. “We knew we had a leader who would rethink higher education.”

## Increasing access

For Houshmand, education is “the great equalizer.” At the 2014 undergraduate Commencement ceremony in May, Houshmand told about his life—beginning impoverished in Iran, always striving for opportunity—and why he so values education: “Education does not care about our past, but only our present and future. Education

changes what was and capitalizes on what is, providing us the chance to go where our potential allows.”

With that conviction, Houshmand has led Rowan to solidify its role in providing outreach to K-12 districts and strengthened its relationships with South Jersey county colleges, most notably Gloucester County College.

In January, Rowan and GCC expanded their partnership to provide an alternate, less expensive path to earning a four-year college degree with dual enrollment at the University and GCC—still autonomous, but renamed Rowan College at Gloucester County. The name change emphasizes the commitment the institutions share in improving students’ access to education and the efficiency of the curriculum, made more convenient and effective with professional advisors dedicated to students’ success on both campuses.

Because he knows the power of education to transform, it is a critical concern for Houshmand. Fortunately, what weighs on him also invigorates him. “We have an obligation to our students and to our region,” he said. “We must constantly re-evaluate what we can do and what we must do to ensure exceptional educational experiences in New Jersey.”

## Medical education and research

Those exceptional experiences include medical education. In summer 2012, Rowan, in partnership with Cooper University Health Care, opened Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in the City of Camden to help stem the shortage of physicians in the Garden State and train a new generation of doctors focused on patients and community.

A year later, historic New Jersey legislation restructured the state’s medical education and higher education and transferred to Rowan the Stratford-based School of Osteopathic Medicine and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

*Groundbreaking for the new College of Engineering building brought Gov. Christie and Sen. Sweeney to share the dais with President Houshmand last fall.*



In two brief, breathtaking years, Rowan became only the second institution in the nation to offer both M.D.- and D.O.-degree granting programs. Both medical schools came to Rowan because of confidence at the state level that the institution was up to the enormous challenge and would thrive amidst great change.

The 2013 restructuring legislation took effect just as Houshmand headed into the home stretch of his first 1,000 days leading the University. A great number of those days found the president pointing out the conspicuous gap in higher education resources in the southern part of the state. He demonstrated the disparity in terms of available seats in classrooms: approximately 100 adults for every southern New Jersey college opening versus the national ratio of 30 to one.

Houshmand's telling of the situation ends with a dark and potent result of the higher education data: when New Jersey's youth leave the state for college, many of them don't return to build their careers as professionals and residents. That means fewer talented and skilled New Jerseyans helping build business and industry, fewer teaching, leading and investing in our communities—and fewer returning tax revenues to advance New Jersey's next generation.

Finally, the 2013 legislative support and recognition of Rowan as the state's second public comprehensive research university have opened doors to opportunities for increased government and industry funding and expanded partnerships to increase access to education and tackle some of the most critical concerns in health care, the environment, technology and more.

"We have the qualifications to seek and develop partnerships with public and private innovators who are interested in bringing new processes and products to market," Houshmand said. "Rowan's research focus is on technology commercialization and initiatives that lead to patents that make a difference in the real world. We are doing exciting work, important work."

*At SOM Research Day in May 2013, the president joined Dean Thomas Cavalieri to review medical and biomedical sciences students' presentations.*



In just the last year, the University has received over \$18.4 million in sponsored research grants and contracts from federal, state and private sources. This is the highest total of externally sponsored funding in Rowan's history and represents a 65 percent increase over the previous year. At the same time, the University has solidified existing business and industry partnerships and engaged new ones. Today, Rowan's portfolio includes 20 current or pending patents and five licensing agreements, and the University expects 50 new invention disclosures in FY14.

### Changing campus and town

Rowan's obligations do not end at classroom doors. Programs, services and facilities that support students' success in college are vital. In just the past year, Rowan opened a new Wellness Center where students find health, counseling and emergency medical services. An addition to the Green Team House serves student-athletes and hosts special events. The renovated Tohill Theatre in Bunce Hall opened last fall for performances.

Just a short walk east of Evergreen Hall on the southeast edge of campus is Rowan Boulevard (p. 7). A public-private-public partnership of the Borough of Glassboro, private developers and Rowan, the boulevard is a \$300-million redevelopment project that links the campus to downtown.

Begun in 2008, Rowan Boulevard has flourished during the last three years under Houshmand's leadership with the opening of a Barnes & Noble Collegiate Superstore, Courtyard at Marriott hotel, student housing, shops, restaurants and more.

David Burgin '82, M'02, Rowan University Alumni Association Board president, has watched Rowan's transformation with great interest, and he's in touch with graduates of various generations.

"The alumni from the last 10 to 20 years are really engaged with coming back to the University," Burgin said. "The recent changes have made a tremendous impact on the pride of our earlier alumni and newer ones. Once people come back and see what is going on here, a whole new sense of pride emerges."

### Transformation continues

Among Rowan's watershed moments in its distant and recent past, none was more transformational than the \$100-million gift from businessman Henry Rowan and his late wife, Betty, in 1992. Virtually everyone in New Jersey, higher education and philanthropy knew the story of how the gift helped found a College of Engineering and elevate a solid, small state college into regional prominence. In many ways, that gift defined the institution and still defines it today.

But fast-forward two decades: the definition has expanded and the transformation continues.

As Rowan has evolved, contributions to the University have increased immensely. Since July 2011, Houshmand and University Advancement staff members have raised nearly \$21 million in new gifts and pledges, including 23 major gifts of \$100,000 or more, with several surpassing the \$1 million mark.

That two of those major gifts came from the Henry



TOP LEFT: Project and research partnerships benefit industry and the students and faculty who collaborate on- and off-campus.

ABOVE: Rowan Boulevard has come to life in the past three years, a hub—for students and the public—that continues to grow.

LEFT: Board Chairman Linda Rohrer presented Houshmand the presidential medallion at his inauguration in September 2013.

M. Rowan Family Foundation and William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation (p. 5) reflects the confidence that major donors have in the University and its leadership. A \$3 million grant from the esteemed Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (p. 4) further underscores how major national institutions view Rowan’s capacity to address issues—in this instance, health care delivery.

Corporate and industrial executives—some with longtime ties to the University and others who see the potential—exhibit that confidence, too, and are counting on Rowan to deliver more than ever before.

In March, Rowan announced the expansion of a strategic partnership with global defense giant Lockheed Martin to develop new technologies for a broad range of radar system applications in support of national defense. Lockheed will conduct research with College of Engineering teams in a planned second building at the South Jersey Technology Park at Rowan University, a little more than a mile from the Glassboro campus.

The Lockheed Martin project is one of dozens of research projects under way at the University and the Tech Park. As Rowan welcomes research and development with external partners, it also is producing homegrown innovators with great potential. To encourage these talented and ambitious faculty, students and alumni, in March the Rowan University Foundation committed to allocate \$5 million to a new venture capital fund to fuel new research initiatives coming from within the Rowan community (p. 9). The fund is a bold step for a public university and its philanthropic arm. It’s also a decisive move that affirms Houshmand’s commitment to explore new ideas for the institution and the pioneers it is cultivating.

## Opportunities and challenges

With so much growth and change in academic programs, research and partnerships, Rowan also has plans for construction to accommodate expansion. To that end, in another vote of confidence in Rowan’s trajectory, the state awarded Rowan the second highest amount in 2013 Building Our Future Bond Act funds: \$117 million. The funding will mostly go to new buildings for the College of Engineering and the Rohrer College of Business, enabling both to double their enrollment to nearly 2,000 students each and meet demands in the competitive programs.

“There is something fundamental at play here,” Houshmand said. “The State of New Jersey and its leaders, starting with the governor and Senate President Steve Sweeney, believe in Rowan University. No one makes the kind of investment—no one entrusts one institution to that extent—unless he or she is convinced that the institution will capitalize on the opportunities it has been offered.”

With confidence so strong at the highest levels and expectations so consequential all around, the president keeps working, not only to reach goals, but also to honor the commitment of the many people working alongside him and to honor the promise of countless new possibilities for Rowan.

“Where we are today ultimately is thanks to the professor in the classroom, the graduate donating to her alma mater for decades, the board member volunteering year-round, the business that supports our research. Where we are today is thanks to everyone who has done his or her job—and more,” he added.

“Where we are today is a place we did not even dream about five years ago.” ■

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# 2023

**ROWAN UNIVERSITY IN ITS SECOND CENTURY**

*BY PATRICIA QUIGLEY '78, M'03*

**DR. ALI HOUSHMAND  
IS NOT A BIG FAN OF  
CRYSTAL BALLS,**

*but if he had to predict, the president of Rowan University would venture that the Rowan of today is just a preview of the Rowan of tomorrow.*

*A systems engineer by training, Houshmand is a big fan of ambitious goals, of bringing together interdisciplinary teams to tackle challenges, of pushing people to break patterns, think differently about problems and create opportunities that enable the University to better serve its students and the region.*

*That all starts with knowing what you're facing, creating a vision and having the courage and stamina to pursue it.*



**NOT AS USUAL**

Rowan's first nine decades present an extraordinary backdrop for what lies ahead, especially amid the roiling national discussion on the value and purpose of higher education and the far-reaching responsibilities of institutions that provide it.

Rising tuition; mounting student loan debt; pressure to compromise quality; economic pressures on universities and the businesses and communities that depend on them; demands for innovation and marketable research; shortages in health care; inefficient education models. Doing business as usual, New Jersey's public colleges and universities can't make a substantial difference in any of these areas or others.

But "as usual" doesn't apply to the region's higher education leader, New Jersey's second public comprehensive research university—except that, as usual, the discussion of these pressing national topics pivots toward Rowan University for answers. And, as usual, Rowan replies with a relevant, deliberate and creative plan.

In outlining the vision for 2023, Houshmand and other Rowan leaders have committed to what the president calls "the four pillars:"

- 1 To increase access to college education in a state that lacks enough seats to serve its population, especially in southern New Jersey.*
- 2 To ensure that students can afford to attend college, in part by holding tuition increases at or below the rate of inflation and increasing scholarships.*
- 3 To maintain exceptional quality in education, programs and services.*
- 4 To lead the region's economic development by providing an educated workforce that draws new firms, encouraging entrepreneurship and supporting existing and new businesses of every size.*

Commitment to the four pillars reflects Rowan's values and obligation to serve and lead as a state university. The president requires University managers to consider all four when they weigh major plans. The principles will help guide the entire Rowan community as it anticipates its second century.

## RESPONDING TO NEEDS

Since he has taken Rowan's helm, Houshmand routinely has talked about the mass exodus of the state's high school graduates (New Jersey loses about 30,000 students to other states each year)—and about how Rowan has expanded enrollment and scholarship opportunities to keep students here and help them persist to earn a degree and eventually reinvest as taxpayers who will help provide for the next generation.

He has reported the physician shortage the state faces (3,000 too few by 2020)—and welcomed more students to Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and the School of Osteopathic Medicine to help address the scarcity.

He has discussed South Jersey's need to attract businesses large and small and their need for an educated workforce and has extended professional and corporate partnerships to create appealing options for employers and employees.

These concerns and Rowan's replies are far more broad than those facing the State of New Jersey when it planned to open a much-needed teacher education school in Glassboro in 1923. But the fundamental goal is the same 90+ years later: meet the demand and serve students with high-quality, public higher education that produces professionals—then, solely teachers; now, teachers,



engineers, nurses, doctors, artists, counselors, researchers and more—who will improve society.

To meet students' and employers' needs, Rowan is developing or will develop new programs, including a new undergraduate major in biomedical engineering, a Ph.D. in engineering that welcomes its first cohort in the fall (p. 5), expanded health sciences offerings in the planning stages with Rutgers-Camden, and more. Coupled with an overall expansion and offering more seats (sidebar), the programs will provide increased options for qualified New Jersey students who want to attend college, graduate or professional school close to home.



The addition to the John Green Team House (1) serves student athletes and guests for special events. Proposed construction includes a (2) health sciences building in Camden, (3) Rohrer College of Business in Glassboro and an addition (4) to the Academic Building in Camden. (5) On Rowan Boulevard, Board Chairman Linda Rohrer and Nexus Properties President Michael Ciesielka survey the project's progress.

## CREATING ROOM TO GROW

Accommodating more students, more programs and more services requires more facilities. A stronger relationship with Gloucester County College—renamed Rowan College at Gloucester County but still autonomous—provides for expanded enrollment options in which students may earn a bachelor's degree at the county school's Sewell campus.

Still, progressive arrangements and partnerships such as dual enrollment relieve only a fraction of the demand for space to serve students. Approximately \$117 million from the Building Our Future Bond Act and other sources will jump-start construction of new buildings and improvements throughout the Glassboro, Camden and Stratford campuses.

Taken as a whole, the expansions and improvements are staggering in scope, spanning three campuses and supporting instruction, housing, research and development and student life—a key element in student retention. In more than symbolic terms, they are bricks and mortar evidence of the vast commitment Rowan has made to each member of the University community as well as its neighbors.

## PROJECTS ALREADY ON THE DRAWING BOARD INCLUDE:

- New buildings for the College of Engineering and Rohrer College of Business.
- New buildings at the South Jersey Technology Park, soon also to house a second, larger virtual reality lab that will play a role in Rowan's increased focus on research that leads to product commercialization.
- West Campus development, a mile from the main Glassboro campus, which will include athletic and recreation facilities to serve Rowan and the region.
- New student housing to meet demand on the Glassboro campus, which will include a "Freshman Village" on the northwest edge of campus near Rowan Boulevard.
- An addition to the historic bank building in Camden that now serves as Rowan's Academic Center in the city.



## INVESTMENTS & RETURNS

As Rowan grows into its 10th decade, so, too, will its operating budget. A projected jump from \$400 million to \$1 billion is about more than dollars and cents—it's an indicator that the growth of the University means more jobs in Rowan's hometowns of Glassboro, Camden and Stratford and the region overall. That includes an anticipated 550 construction jobs alone to build the new facilities for the College of Engineering and the Rohrer College of Business, more than 100 permanent jobs and \$180 million in economic activity in Glassboro. Positions related to growth will range from professor to builder, health care provider to support staff.

As Rowan grows, the endowment will, as well. The Advancement Office is committed to building on its last three years of giving—at \$21 million, the most successful in the University's history since the \$100-million Rowan gift in 1992. The major beneficiaries of increased giving, of course, will be Rowan students. More contributions allow for more scholarships, making higher education more accessible and more affordable.

As always, private giving will ensure a measure of excellence not possible with only public funding. Students benefit in classrooms and labs. Alumni benefit from the increased value of their degrees. Employers benefit from better-prepared professionals. The region benefits from stronger communities and healthier businesses.

The model for private support of Rowan University began in 1917 with 107 donors who raised funds to purchase the original campus tract. Since then, thousands of alumni, friends, faculty and business partners made it a point to contribute to the institution.

*Full build-out of the West Campus allows for a wide range of facilities to serve the university and the region.*



Moving toward Rowan's next hundred years, the need to provide private support for students, enhance programs and build facilities will continue. Reaching incremental goals to build the University's endowment to \$500 million by 2023 will produce by design more generous support for students each year. It also will prove the worth more donors find each year in investing in an institution with a phenomenal history of growth, success and perpetual potential.

## CLEAR-EYED & FEROCIOUSLY DETERMINED

The future of Rowan University relies on cooperation, collaboration and creativity. Strategic thinking and planning and transparency are paramount. The president, the Board of Trustees and senior administration will continue to sift through complicated discussions and complex challenges as they chart the future. Reliable data and clear-eyed analyses of Rowan's capacity, the region's needs and available resources will keep lofty goals in realistic perspective.

"The changes at Rowan during the past few years have been unprecedented," Board of Trustees Chairman Linda Rohrer said. "It's been a whirlwind here, a few years of constant growth. As we make exceptional progress, we also will continue to ask hard questions and be sure we do right by the answers—whatever those answers may be."

Houshmand echoes Rohrer's commitment even as he acknowledges potentially competing interests. "As we expand research," he said, "we cannot sacrifice our undergraduate education. As we focus heavily on the intersection of engineering, medicine and business, we cannot neglect the humanities, the arts, communication and education."

Rowan has come a long way during Houshmand's tenure as president. There is still far to go as the first



*Rowan students benefit from a traditional undergraduate education with small classes and the resources of a major university.*





An engineering team assesses storm damage at the New Jersey shore, an example of Rowan's commitment to relevant, rigorous research projects.

## THE COUNTDOWN & BUILDUP TO 2023

Last year President Houshmand and other administrators outlined the future of Rowan University in a vision statement for 2023. The statement is bold and will not only change the face of Rowan University but also will impact the community at large, South Jersey, higher education, health care and the regional economy.

It starts with academic programs and students. It builds from there with growth that includes:

	CURRENT	2023
STUDENT POPULATION (INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTIAL)	13,500	25,000
UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS	85	100+
GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS	65	80+
DOCTORAL/PROFESSIONAL DEGREE PROGRAMS	5	10+
OPERATING BUDGET	\$400M	\$1B
RESEARCH & SPONSORED PROJECTS	\$117M	\$500M
ENDOWMENT	\$25M	\$100M

While the plans for growth are ambitious, maybe even daunting, Houshmand believes Rowan in particular—and the higher education community in general—can and must make huge strides in the next decade.

100 years wind down and the next century beckons, but the vision for the institution invigorates its leadership and promises boundless opportunities as Rowan and the region strive together.

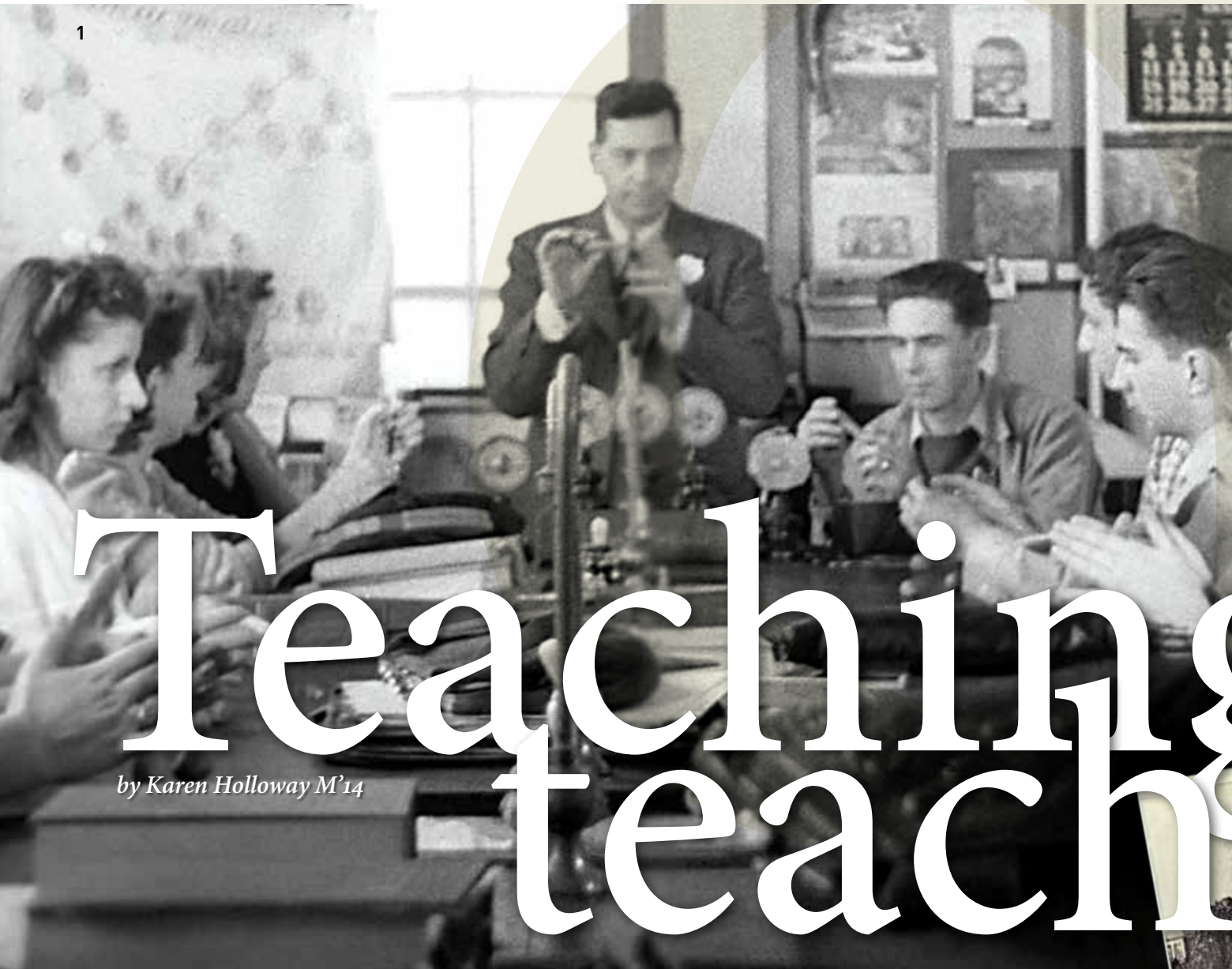
“The Rowan community is ferociously determined, and that’s a large part of what we need to reach such goals,” he said. “We must maintain an excellent reputation for providing a quality education, especially with students and parents in New Jersey. And, elected officials, business leaders and community members value and support our school. We cannot reach any of our goals without that support.”

The president’s eagerness and drive to achieve serve him well and Rowan University, an institution that exceeds by every measure the designs that brought it to be in 1923.

And yet, there is more to do. It’s not that Houshmand is not satisfied with the past few years. He is, in short, delighted. But he knows neither he nor the institution can be complacent. The Rowan of tomorrow, he predicts, offers even more opportunity.

**“WE MUST RESPOND TO CHALLENGES THAT WE SEE AND PREPARE FOR THOSE AROUND THE BEND. WE’RE IN A POSITION TO HELP PEOPLE, TO DRIVE THE ECONOMY, TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. WE MUST DO SO.”**

—PRESIDENT HOUSHMAND



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# Teaching teaching

by Karen Holloway M'14

- 1 Professor Sangree instructs future teachers in a Bunce Hall laboratory, circa 1939.
- 2 During WWII, some students left for military service and others to fill vacancies in schools that lost faculty to wartime needs. College enrollments rebounded after the war, but not until rations had reduced the teachers college yearbook to an eight-page paper handout.
3. Some of the Class of 1925 posed on the steps of College Hall for *The Oak* yearbook, complying with dress code that required modest apparel appropriate for men and women aspiring to educate children and serve as role models.



Teachers



**A photo essay  
celebrating 90 years of  
Rowan's original teaching mission**

In 1923, New Jersey's need for teachers was dire and the faculty and students at Glassboro Normal School had one mission: to meet that need with teachers trained for primary classrooms. Once President Jerohn Savitz recruited the first 236 students to enroll, the education program in Glassboro grew, gained respect and began to serve generations of students, strengthening communities and building the foundation for developing leaders throughout the state.

During the last nine decades, Rowan educators have distinguished themselves and the institution with expertise and service. In 1935, 20 years before mandated public school education for disabled children, professor Marion Little started a clinic for students with reading disabilities. In 1944, Roland Esbjornson expanded the clinic to educate those coping with a wide range of physical disabilities. GSC graduates have long been in high demand in the state's schools and readily earned distinction for excellence in fundamentals as well as innovations. The College has served as a model for best practices and outcomes and has earned prestigious NCATE accreditation for more than 50 consecutive years.

Admission to Rowan's education program has long been highly competitive, attracting thousands of students and professionals into more than 20 programs from early childhood education through graduate and doctoral studies as well as leadership, higher education, counseling and an array of subject-matter disciplines.

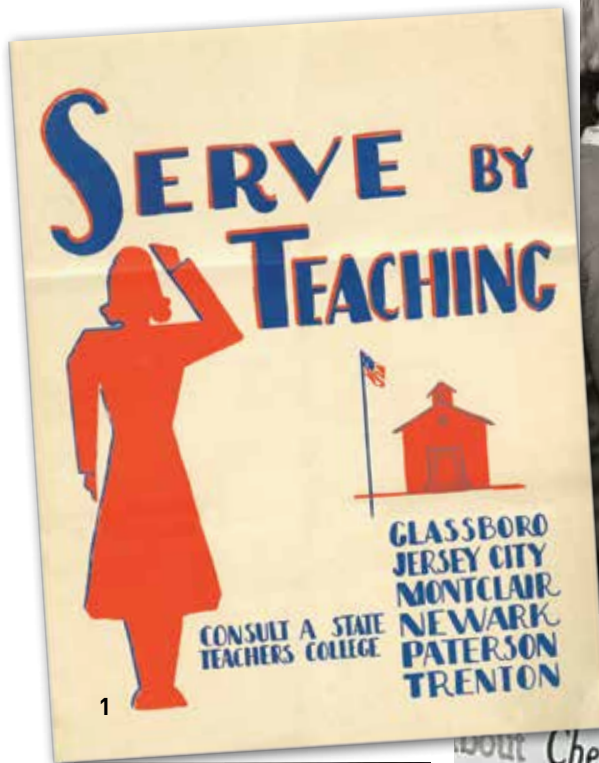
As Rowan approaches its 100th anniversary, we honor those who have responded to the call to teach and those inspired to follow.



1 As World War II drew young men and women away from college and into military ranks and other efforts to support national defense, the state teachers schools encouraged patriotism through pedagogy.

2 Huguette Hendrycksen taught French here for more than 20 years, one of hundreds of GSC/Rowan faculty devoted to traditional classroom instruction.

3 Like today's Early Childhood Demonstration Center, the Training School at Glassboro Normal School prepared teachers for kindergarten and grades 1 to 3. Families from throughout the county sought to enroll their children and eagerly paid tuition, some traveling many miles to reach the prestigious little campus academy in Bunce Hall, shown here circa 1940.



4 Instruction for future educators has long included basic sciences as well as education theory and practice.

5 Students expand their experience as aspiring teachers by joining clubs such as the Education Association, pictured in the 1964 yearbook.

6 Edwin "Ross" Beitzel took the teachers' oath in 1963, pledging, to the best of his ability, to "faithfully discharge the duties of a teacher."

7 The 1969 Oak featured Mary Reeves in a photo essay that paid tribute to student teaching as an experience shared by all GSC students to that point. The following year, GSC would admit students who sought careers outside education.

8 At the annual New Jersey Teachers Association convention, Bob Harris '62 led GSC's community relations staff outreach to alumni and potential students.





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I, Cora P. Beitzel (Teacher, principal, etc.)  
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- 1 Foundations of Education faculty in the 1977 yearbook.
- 2 The University has reinvented itself on a scale undreamed of in 1923, with four name changes indicating the institution's evolution. This pennant celebrates the New Jersey State Teachers College at Glassboro, our name from 1937-1958.



- 3 As a rookie teacher, Elise Plotkin '98 found much-needed support in mentors from the Thomas E. Robinson Beginning Teacher Induction Center, which helped reduce the state's new-teacher dropout rate and trained veteran teachers to help newcomers.



- 4 Rowan's athletic training program is one example of how the science and practice of physical education has become more comprehensive, specialized and sophisticated.



- 5 Using small group activities, Associate Professor Richard Fopeano works with health and exercise science majors on understanding addiction studies strategies.

- 6 With decades of service to schools and the community, the College of Education Reading Clinic provides help to young readers, as well as observation and experience for students preparing to teach, as in this clinic session in 2006.

- 7 In 2015, students learn their craft with advanced tools such as TLE TeachLivE, a mixed-reality teaching classroom with simulated students and experiences. Using a virtual classroom and student avatars, the technology provides immediate feedback for assessment and prepares teachers in training with STEM instructional tools.



- 8 The College of Education made history with the first doctoral program among New Jersey's public universities, graduating its first Ed.D. cohort in educational leadership in 1998.





# Teacher, leader, mentor

by Steve Levine '87, M'07

**Y**ou might think that the legacy of Mark M. Chamberlain, Rowan University's fourth president, would be the sweeping changes implemented under his watch—new landmarks like Wilson and Robinson halls, the Student Center, which was later named in his honor, and a vision that transformed then-Glassboro State College from a well-regarded teachers school to one that educates a wide range of professionals.

And, to a great extent, you would be right.

But Chamberlain, who died March 29 after a heart attack, leaves a legacy even greater than that.

Just 38 when he was hired, Chamberlain led GSC from 1969 to 1984—a tumultuous period not only on campus but also across America.

Hired from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland where he began his teaching career in the department of chemistry and rose to vice provost for student affairs, he brought a sense of calm and vision to GSC that served the institution well during his tenure and set it on a course for greatness.

In a relatively short period, he supervised the development of three new academic divisions and encouraged the start of a dozen major programs, two educational specialist programs and a score of minors, specializations and concentrations. Full-time enrollment more than doubled, from 3,529 in fall 1968 to

8,788 in fall 1984, and the number of on-campus residential students increased from 900 to more than 2,700.

To accommodate this student influx, nine buildings were built or purchased and another five extensively renovated.

Chamberlain also helped students gain new privileges in academic policy and campus life. Minority student enrollment increased appreciably, as did the number of women and minorities among the faculty and administration. College-employee relations were considered to be among the best in the state college system and the Faculty Senate became a strong and viable governing body.

## A humble heart

Chamberlain's vision of developing GSC into a diverse regional institution laid the foundation for the school's evolution into what it is today—New Jersey's second comprehensive public research university.

But it's doubtful Chamberlain would have described it that way.

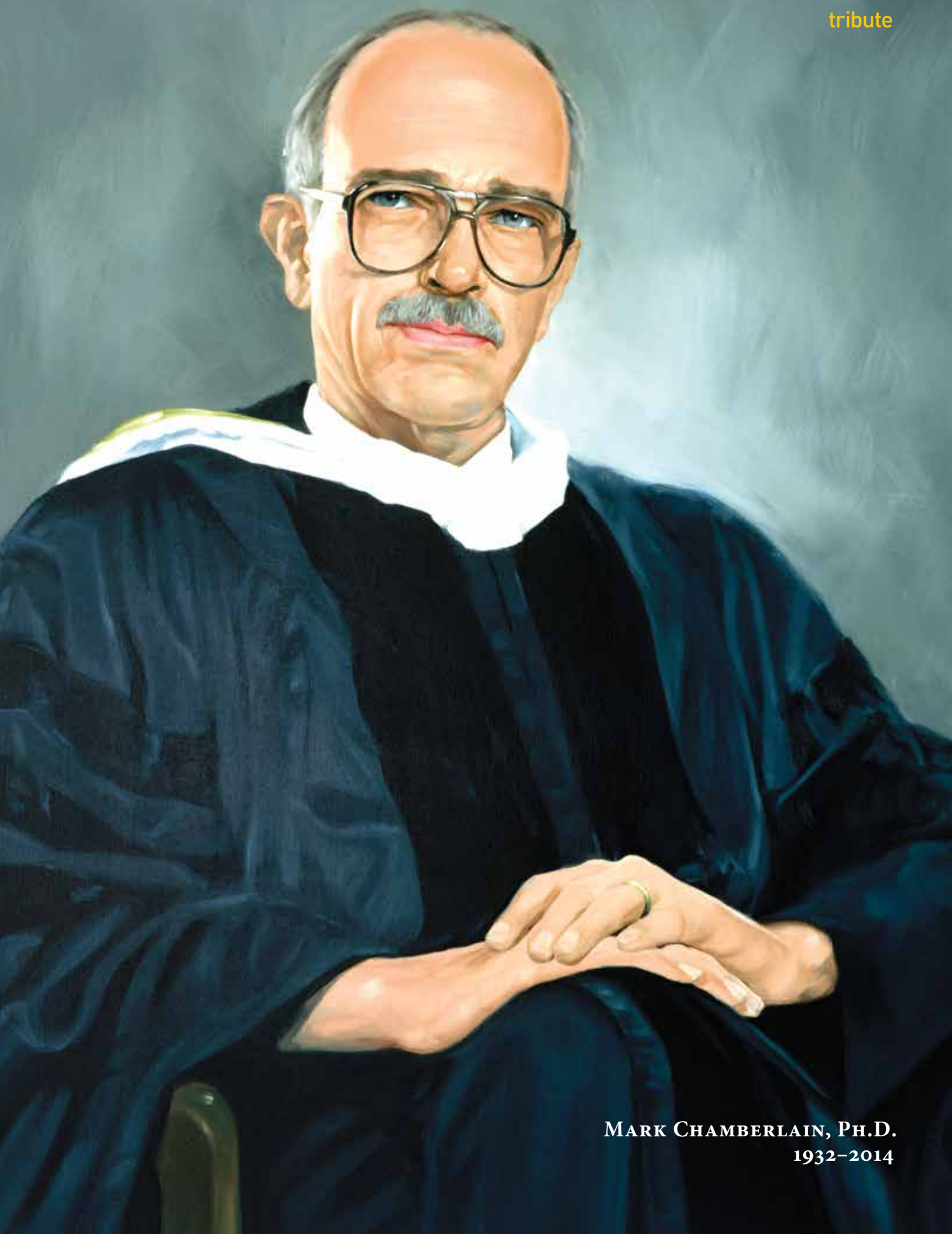
"He was, in many ways, a very humble man," said Robert Newland, professor emeritus in the department of chemistry and biochemistry and a colleague and friend of Chamberlain's since 1983. "He was dedicated to the students and that's one reason the board hired him to be president in the first place."

**"He was  
dedicated  
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students..."**

—Robert Newland,  
*professor emeritus*



tribute



MARK CHAMBERLAIN, PH.D.  
1932-2014

Newland said he and Chamberlain had much in common, from their love of teaching to a passion for chemistry to a fascination with the Civil War, in particular the Battle of Gettysburg, and battlefield ordnance's reliance on chemicals.

He said it amused Chamberlain when, after some 15 years in the President's Office, he moved to a space in Bosshart Hall that was so tight he could spread his arms and touch two parallel walls.

"It was pretty small, especially coming from the president's suite, but it didn't bother him at all," Newland recalled.

Newland and others said despite Chamberlain's meteoric academic career, what always impressed them was his kindness for others—students, junior faculty, even complete strangers.

He believed in service to the community and, upon settling in Glassboro, became a volunteer firefighter who was known to bolt from meetings to answer the wail of a fire alarm.

"When he was advising or mentoring junior faculty he never expected any return," said Cathy Yang, a professor in the department of chemistry and biochemistry who, hired in 1995, had an office near Chamberlain's and Newland's.

"Purely from his heart he wished for people to be successful," Yang said. "If he saw a spark in faculty, particularly in junior faculty, he would encourage you to pursue your dream."

### A faculty "promotion"

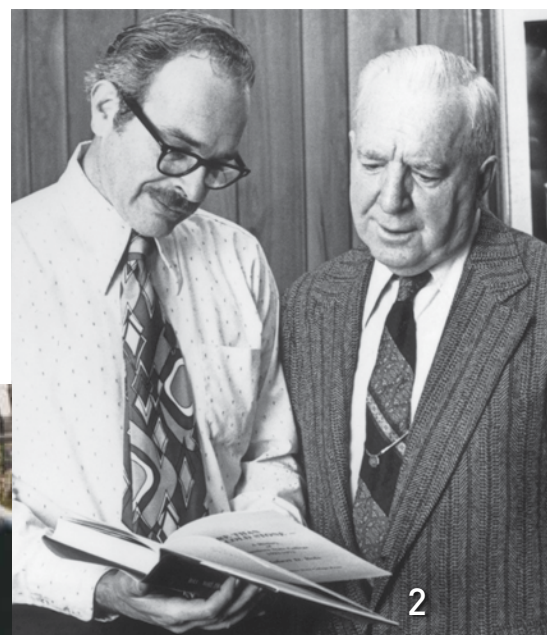
Like many professionals, academics who rise to management positions do not often return to their starting places, but Chamberlain's first and last love was teaching.

Barbara Chamberlain '88, his wife of 26 years, said he relished those times when a difficult lesson hit home.

"When students had that 'a-ha' moment, he really just loved it," she said. "He used to say that when he went back to the faculty he got a promotion. He loved being a teacher."

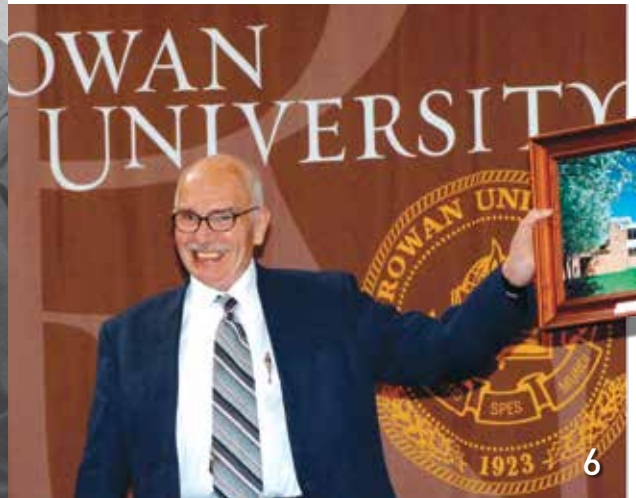
Decades ahead of Rowan Boulevard, the massive construction project linking Rowan's main campus with Glassboro's historic downtown, Chamberlain knew that the institution and borough must overcome difficult town/gown relations that plague many campuses and their host communities.

"He felt there needed to be a strong connection between the college and the community and for that I think he was a visionary," she said. "He somehow could look ahead and see where things were headed."





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1. Outside the Student Center with former presidents Thomas Robinson and Herman James, 1985
2. Receiving the first institutional history, *More than Cold Stone*, from Dean Robert Bole, 1973
3. Commencement 2012 with Tom Gallia '66, M'67, M'70, Barbara Chamberlain '88, Jean Edelman '81, Bob '72, M'74 and Vicky '73 Zazzali
4. An early WGLS booster, 1974
5. Making time for students' perspectives
6. At the Chamberlain Student Center dedication, 2006
7. Groundbreaking for new student housing with Trustee Fran Lax
8. *South Jersey Times* headline praising the president in memorial commentary, 2014



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### History on campus and off

Friends, colleagues and former students agree that Chamberlain's innate gift of diplomacy and compassion helped GSC prosper at a time when America was in crisis and campuses from coast to coast were riven by protest, uncertainty and violence.

He was challenged early in his presidency when, in 1970, President Richard M. Nixon approved sending troops into Cambodia, an escalation of the Vietnam War.

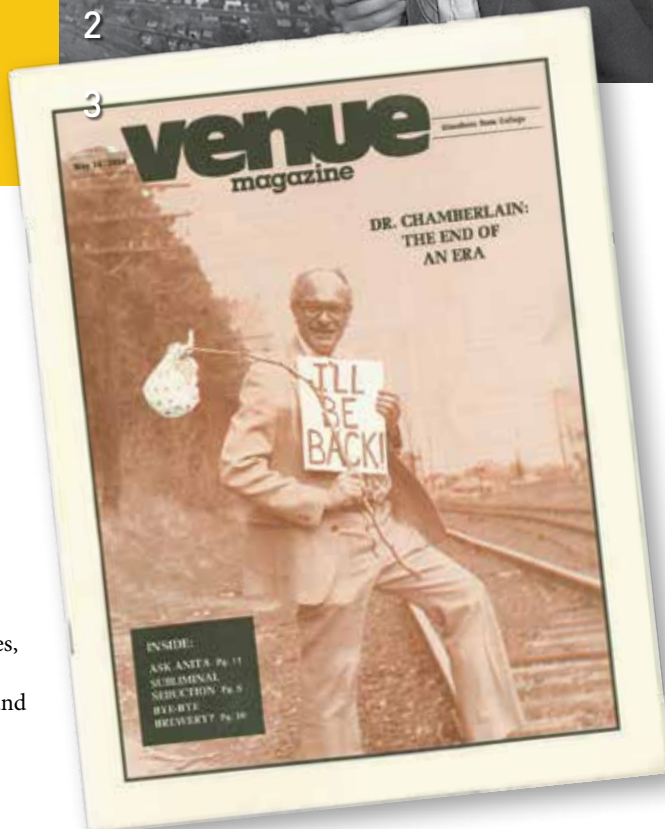
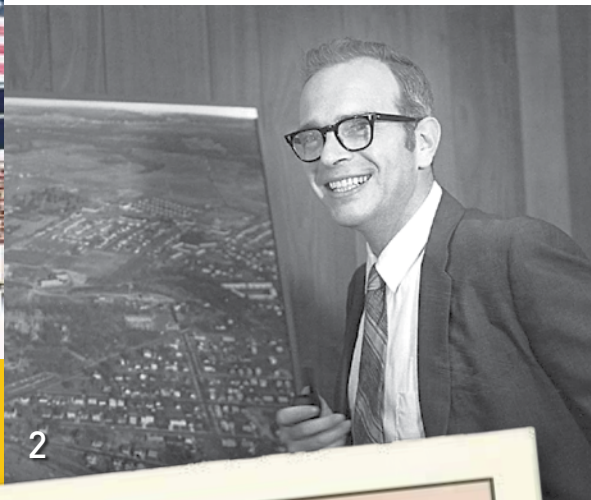
But Chamberlain, who had been hired in part for his background in diplomatically guiding student affairs at Case Western Reserve, didn't disappoint when the possibility of a student strike surfaced that May. He formed a committee of students, faculty and administrators and devised a plan some called the Glassboro Compromise of 1970, which would permit the College to remain open but also allow the more activist students and faculty to express their opinions.



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1. Rousing school spirit with a sidekick, *Venue* 1980
2. Promoting campus growth early in his tenure as president
3. Ever the good sport, 1984



Students were given options: attend classes, use the semester to pursue peace-seeking goals, complete courses through independent study, take an incomplete grade, withdraw or be marked based on work completed to date.

Students and faculty accepted the plan and the crisis was averted.

“One of his great gifts was inspiring calmness,” Barbara Chamberlain said. “His nature was calming and sincere and students would come and talk to him.”

### Natural and approachable

David Burgin '82, president of the Rowan University Alumni Association, met Chamberlain toward the end of his presidency when, as a reporter for *The Whit*, he began interacting with him.

Burgin said part of Chamberlain’s appeal was his natural inclination to be out and about with students, faculty and staff, walking—or running—all over campus.

“This was a time when students were still leery of leadership but we were always comfortable with him,” Burgin said.

And Chamberlain was fast on his feet. When U.S. Rep. Millicent Fenwick was unable to make it to campus for the 1982 Commencement, Chamberlain gave a moving ad hoc address.

“Dr. Chamberlain just stepped right in and took care of it,” Burgin said of the reliable president.

“He was very confident and self-assured and when he made a statement you knew it was going to get done,” he said.

Ric '80 and Jean '81 Edelman said Chamberlain’s influence on them as students and graduates cannot be overstated.

“There are only a handful of people who have truly influenced our lives and Mark Chamberlain is one of them,” said Jean Edelman. “We were both active in student government and Dr. Chamberlain’s guidance and mentoring was priceless to our development as leaders.”

The couple founded Edelman Financial Services, one of America’s largest independent investment and financial planning firms.

Among many fond memories the Edelmans recalled was Chamberlain co-piloting an earthmover on Earth Day 1980 and taking a call on his private home phone late one night after a disturbance broke out at Mansion Park Apartments.

“Dr. Chamberlain has helped to make us who we are, and we cherish our memories of him,” said Ric Edelman.

Chamberlain, 83, held a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Franklin & Marshall College and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Illinois. After announcing in October 1983 that he would step down from the presidency and return to teaching, he was named distinguished professor of chemistry. He taught until his retirement in June 2000 and remained active on campus after leaving the classroom. ■

Gifts may be made in Dr. Chamberlain’s memory to the Mark and Barbara Chamberlain Endowment Fund, which supports research in chemistry and biochemistry, as well as an award for emergency medical service. Donations may be made online at [rufoundation.org](http://rufoundation.org) or may be mailed to:

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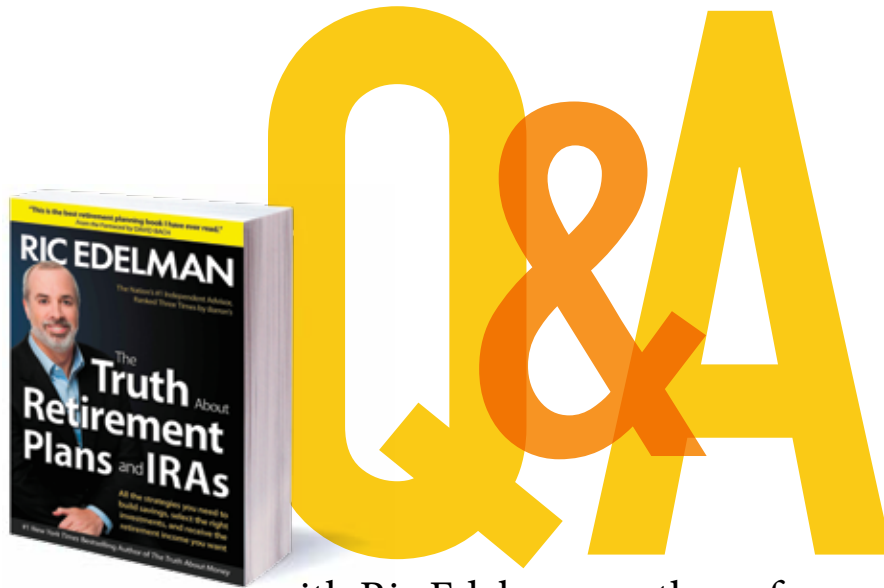
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success will be determined almost entirely by you.

Don't be scared by this reality. Instead, feel empowered! No matter whether you work for a private employer, a publically traded company, a nonprofit organization or charity, a union, the military or a government agency, you can take charge of your retirement by taking charge of your workplace retirement accounts and IRAs. The book provides the steps you can take to accumulate the funds you need for a comfortable retirement.



**Q** | When is the right time to start contributing to your workplace retirement and IRA accounts?

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**Q** | What's the best advice for investing the money in your IRA or workplace retirement plan?

**A** | Although investment options vary widely—ranging from low- to high- risk, the best way to invest money that's regularly deducted from your paycheck is to invest in stock funds. This may seem surprising, since I often talk about the importance of diversification.

But I'm not talking about investing a lump sum at once. In this case, you're investing a small amount with each paycheck—something called “Dollar Cost



Averaging.” Dollar Cost Averaging into the stock market is diversification, but by time instead of asset class. Dollar Cost Averaging is an excellent strategy for new contributions, while more traditional diversification is best for large, existing balances you've already accumulated in your accounts.

**Q** | Do you have specific guidance for people concerned about having enough income in retirement?

**A** | Having sufficient income in retirement is a big concern for most working Americans. It's not enough to generate monthly income; you must also sustain that income for the rest of your life and increase it to offset the impact of inflation! To accomplish this, I recommend a “reverse engineering” approach. The last four chapters of the book explain my strategy thoroughly, and reveal how my Systematic Withdrawal Plan can help you create steady and predictable income for the rest of your life.



Ric Edelman is chairman and CEO of Edelman Financial Services, which manages more than \$12.75 billion for more than 24,000 clients

across the country. Ric is a No. 1 *New York Times* best-selling author with more than one million copies collectively in print. His eighth book, *The Truth About Retirement Plans and IRAs*, a No. 1 national bestseller, was published in April 2014. Ric '80 and Jean '81 Edelman were named Distinguished Alumni in 1994.

# class notes

## 50s

**Stewart Shuster '53** has been retired for a number of years after a teaching career at three higher education institutions in Maine: the University of Southern Maine in Portland, St. Joseph's College in Standish and Bates College in Lewiston. He also was the music director for the Ocean Park Association—a Chautauqua-by-the-Sea summer program—for 49 years. He and his son live in Ocean Park, Maine.

**Wellington C. Woods Jr. '53**, professor emeritus of the physics and astronomy department, completed his last teaching

assignment this past semester. Although Dr. Woods retired in 1998, he has continued as an adjunct, teaching one course in the fall, spring and summer. His teaching career spans 57 years, beginning in 1956 in public schools and ending at Rowan University, where he has taught since 1967.

**Harry T. Beaudet '54** joined the Army just after he graduated from then-GSC. After completing his service, he taught in Gloucester Township and at Triton Regional High School in Runnemede, where he

also coached basketball. He lives in Turnersville and has three children.

**Nancy Dukes Brown '54** is retired after teaching in Salem and Hopewell Township. She enjoys visiting her children in North Carolina, California and Ocean City. She lives in Pennington.

**George Butrus '54** earned a science teaching degree from Ohio State University through the National Science Foundation. He taught a total of 38 years in Linwood, Atlantic City and Oakcrest High School in Mays Landing. He served 27 years in the

Army National Guard and Army Reserve and retired as a major. He and his wife, Nancy, have three children. They live in Mays Landing and winter in Florida.

**June Fitzhugh Cobb '54** retired from teaching in 1998. She has two children, several grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She lives in Millville.

**Joan Haines Craven '54** retired in 1992 after teaching for five years in Williamstown and 33 in West Deptford. She has one child and three stepchildren. She lives in Franklinville and spends winters in Florida. She still meets some 1954 classmates for lunch each month when she's in New Jersey.

**Janet Lee Philipona Dennis '54** and her husband have been married for 61 years. They live in Manassas, Va.

**Janet Nutt Gibbins '54** retired from teaching in 1990 and keeps busy volunteering at her church, at the Methodist homes in Ocean City and at the Blind Center of the Jersey Cape. Her daughter retired from teaching in June and three of her four grandchildren are education majors. She lives in Sea Isle City.

**Janet Saul Magliocco '54** retired from teaching in 1999 after 43 years. She and her late husband were married for 56 years. She is president of the Newfield Methodist Board, vice president of the Newfield School Board and past matron of the Eastern Star.

**Chester M. Ogden '54**, who served on a submarine in the Pacific during World War II, was one of the many veterans who attended then-GSC on the GI Bill. He spent 31 years in New Jersey schools as a teacher, principal and superintendent. After retiring, he drove a school bus for 12 years. He and his wife, Marie, have four children. They live in Linwood.

**Dorothy Tozour Potter '54** taught at Army schools in Munich, Augsburg and Dachau, Germany, so she traveled a lot. She winters in Florida or South Carolina and still meets former classmates for monthly lunches. She lives in Pitman.

**Anthony Razzano '54** and his wife, JoAnn, have been married for 58 years and have three children and seven grandchildren. They like to travel, attend the theatre and visit their shore homes. They live in East Brunswick.



### Six decades later, together again

Members of the Class of 1954 braved torrential rain to celebrate their 60th anniversary at the Commencement reception and luncheon in May. The Alumni Association will honor the Classes of '55, '65 and '75 next May 15.

FROM LEFT: Dorothy Tozour Potter, George Butrus, Joan Chamberlain, Horace Chamberlain, Janet Magliocco Saul, Joan Haines Craven.



**Lorraine Changhin Wheaton '54** and her husband, Jim, have been married for 59 years and have three children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They live in North Wildwood.

**Anita Hayes Ricks '59** earned an M.S. degree from Temple University and did graduate studies at Leeds University (England), GSC, Rutgers University and the University

of Massachusetts. A recipient of a Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities award, she has been a teacher, a team leader, assistant principal and principal. She attributes her success as an educator to her GSC education. She has traveled to many countries including Spain, Italy, France, Jordan, Israel, Nova Scotia, Egypt, Senegal, Thailand, Mexico, Malaysia and many Caribbean islands.

## 60s

**Theresa Zuber '62** is collaborating on a comic strip called "Endangered Species" with Matt Mason, a rock 'n' roll singer and guitarist. The strip follows the pitfalls of the teenage Mason and his garage band, Endangered Species. Zuber draws the strip and Mason supplies the words. The comic strip will be on *EndangeredSpecies.com*

in August. They are also collaborating on *Notes from the Sandbox*, a cartoon book about soldiers in Afghanistan, where Zuber was deployed by the Department of Defense in 2010.

**Judith Normann Ackroyd '64** retired in 2002 after 25 years as a librarian/media specialist in West Milford. She and her husband, Chuck, have two children.

They live in Warner, N.H., and keep busy volunteering, traveling, gardening and reading.

**Jacquelin Casper Agostini '64** taught math for five years before earning a master's degree in math from Temple University in 1968. After time off to raise a family, she earned a master's degree in youth ministry in 1985 from LaSalle University and a doctorate in psycho-educational



### Class of '64 gathers for Commencement anniversary

They arrived on campus 50 years ago during a historic hurricane season, so the Class of 1964 was right at home in Glassboro for a rainy Commencement celebrating their anniversary.

1. FRONT: Loretta Musumeci, Helen Musumeci, Peggy Kirkbride Francis, Marge Cullen Haggerty, Kathy Sheldon Genzano, Sandra Gaines Butts, Marge Hamacher Dantonio. BACK: Patricia Master, Barbara Rulon Wheatley, Anne Hitchner Skinner, Kathleen Walsh, Ann Marie Matt, Linda Maron Reinman.

2. FROM LEFT: Marge Cullen Haggerty, Phyllis Sockwell Joslin, Barbara Heyne Middleton, Marge Dantonio, Jeanne Deliberis, Sharon Saunders McCurdy, Cathy Lynch Goldberg, Beverly Odgers McGarrity, Bonnie Kamman Peterson, Diane Bilbee Fry.

3. FROM LEFT: Chuck Harkins, Bob Mossman, Jack Collins, Jim Gardner, Cathy Lynch Goldberg, Beverly Odgers McGarrity.



**Rohrer Gala salutes business achievers**

Emmy-nominated actor Jeffrey Tambor headlined the second Rohrer College of Business Fall Gala, which drew a packed house at the Chamberlain Student Center. The College invited 2013 Business Leader of the Year recipient Gerry Shreiber to share the stage with Mannington Mills chairman Keith Campbell as the 2014 honoree. The College honored Tony Galvin '89 as Distinguished Business Alumnus and recognized

faculty Tejinder Billing, Jennifer Nicholson, James Roh and Edward Schoen and seniors Rebekah Calverley, Teague Brody-Carney and Leigha Bannon.

1. Ed Warner, Linda Rohrer and Jeffrey Tambor.
2. Tony Galvin '89.
3. Gerry Shreiber and Keith Campbell.
4. Margaret VanBrunt and Leigha Bannon '14.

processes in 1991 from Temple University, where she taught as a graduate assistant. She became a licensed psychologist and a certified marriage and family therapist. She and her husband, Marco, who is from Italy, have been married for 45 years and have three children. They live in Hainesport.

**Jeffrey Anderson '64** taught for 43 years in both elementary and secondary schools. He earned a master's degree from then-Trenton State College and a doctorate in education from Seton Hall University. He also earned an alternate route teaching certification from Raritan Valley Community College.

He is an adjunct professor, EMT, library trustee and church musician. He and his wife, Jane, live in Whitehouse Station and have two children.

**Marianne Garrity Antczak '64** worked in the Pennsauken School District's early education program for 34 years and retired in 2011. She lives in Cinnaminson and has three children.

**Delia Ford Brown '64** and her late husband, **Arthur K. Brown '64**, were married for 44 years and she has three children. She taught, supervised reading teachers and was a curriculum and instruction director in Camden. She lives in Deptford.

**Sandra Gaines Butts '64** earned a master's degree and a doctorate from Widener University in Chester, Pa. She taught elementary grades for 10 years and was a school counselor for 23. She and her husband live in Clayton and have two children.

**Nancy Decker Carpenter '64** and her husband, Don, have two children. She taught kindergarten and retired from the Montville Township School District. After she retired, she and her husband, moved to Savannah, Ga., but now live close to their grandchildren in Easthampton, Mass.

**Loreto "Lou" Coia '64** and his wife, Gracelyn, have been married for 48 years and have three children, including **Lisa Coia DeCesero '88**, and six grandchildren, including **Christopher DeCesero '11**. Lou taught seventh and eighth grade at Delsea Regional Middle School for 36 years of his 38-year career. He and his wife have traveled to Europe and throughout much of the United States. They live in Vineland and spend lots of time caring for their younger grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Bunce Daly '64** taught English in New Jersey and Pennsylvania high schools before

leaving to raise her three children. She returned to teaching at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa., and Cabrini College in Radnor, Pa. She has four grandchildren and lives in Wyndmoor, Pa.

**Margaret Hamacher Dantonio '64** taught in Gloucester City and Mount Ephraim for 14 years. She and her husband, Don, married in 1975 and have two children and five grandchildren. She taught at St. Mary School in Gloucester City from 1986 to 2011 before returning to Gloucester City public schools, from where she retired in 2013. The Dantonios live in Gloucester City.

**Dorothy Stetser Deliberis '64** and her husband, Joe, have two children and six grandchildren. She taught kindergarten for 37 years and was an exchange teacher in New Zealand as a part of Hands Across the Water program. She is a founding member of the Gloucester County Association of Kindergarten Teachers, which was instrumental in developing the first all-day kindergarten program. She volunteers with hospice, Head Start, and presents Mother Goose programs in local schools. She and her husband live in Wilmington, Del., but winter in Florida.

**Ruth S. Dengrove '64, M'79** taught for five years in Clark and eight years in schools overseas before earning her master's degree and teaching for a number of years in both elementary

and secondary schools in Gloucester County. She is enjoying retirement with travel and part-time work. She lives in Mantua.

**Paul C. Duffy '64** taught for only two years before being commissioned as a Navy ensign. His five years of active duty included posts in Vietnam and Washington, D.C. He served in various positions in the Navy Reserve, retiring as a captain. In 1971, he started a 32-year career as a civilian Marine

in the field of training and education. He earned a master's degree at The George Washington University in 1975. He served 12 years at the Marine Corps Institute before transferring to the Marine Corps Training and Education Command where he held several positions, including director of the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. He retired in 2004. He and his wife, Diane, have been married for 47 years

and have two children and four grandchildren. They live in Chester, Va.

**Walt Doherty '64, M'71** and **Donna Dean Doherty '64** met at college and married in 1965. Both began their teaching careers in Toms River School, with Walt teaching fifth and sixth grade and Donna kindergarten. After Walt earned his master's degree in environmental education, he became the district's environmental educator. Donna took

time out to care for two children and returned to teaching fourth and fifth grades. Walt was a successful basketball coach for Toms River North. Both were 4-H leaders, Sunday school teachers and volunteers in their church and community. For a time, they raised Suffolk sheep and grew hay on their farm in Millstone Township but moved to Little Egg Harbor Township after retirement. Their five

grandchildren keep them busy. They enjoy cruising, especially in the Caribbean in winter.

**Patricia Masters Dougherty '64** taught for 45 years in elementary schools in Glassboro, Lexington, Mass.; East Providence, R.I.; Great Neck, N.Y., and Montreal. She earned a master's degree at Boston University and worked as a school administrator for four years. She also supervised student teachers for



### Golden Years alumni gather

Alumni who've been graduated at least 50 years came back to campus for reminiscing and updates on their alma mater in June. The Alumni Association recognized three recipients of the Lifetime Service Award: Marvin Creamer '43, Toni Libro '60, M'67 and the late Richard Smith '62, M'64, accepted on his behalf by his wife, Nancy '62.

1. FRONT: Alma Young Dobson '59, Lillian Gasior Wozniak '55, Joan Michael '56, Rita Barker Krall '59, Anita Ricks '59, Joan Haines Craven '54, Laurel Dirkes Nealer '53, Wilma Jackson Farmer '51, M'69, Charles Valentine '56. MIDDLE: Bill Crockford, Sally Sooy Bridwell '53, Alberta Binaghi Hornyak '58, Martha Swain Norbury '58, Theresa Guadagno Winslow '55, M'70, Maude Wilson Benson '50, Louise Wright '53, M'87, Doris Williams Brooks '51, M'71, Ursula Jena Cutter '50, Mary Maxwell '52, M'66, Priscilla Riegel Flynn '57, Caroline Freno '57, Nancy Steelman '59, M'85, Joan Hoins-Hand '59, Marven Hill '59, M'66. BACK: Joyce Hoffman Cooper '59, M'97, Virginia Lutz Scheetz '56, Carl Scheetz '56, Marilyn Campbell Plasket '50, M'71, D. Adelaide Sooy Weidknecht '57, Leroy Jesse Bright '50, M'68, Janet Thornton Bussom '56, Josephine Campbell Carson '55, Louise Schaeffer Chinnici '55,

Joseph Chinnici '55, M'64, Janet Nutt Gibbins '54, Harry Beaudet '54, Janet Snodgrass Hughes '52, Marion Loew Moore '58, Jean Lange Stelmach '58, Robert Freno '57, Marjorie Hamilton Bill '58, Dorothy Krohmer Purtell '51, W. Robert Smith '57.

2. Nancy Smith, President Houshmand, Toni Libro

3. FRONT: William Williams '60, Alona McCurdy '62, Toni Libro '60, M'67, Nancy Cottringer Smith '62, Ralph Levin M'61, Barbara Powell Frankle '62, Claire Black Lucas '62. BACK: Janice Myers Miller '60, Delia Settanni Fugaro '62, Ronald Griffith '64, M'71, Harriett Reardon Bailey '60, M'66, Richard Trent '60, Mary Cocove Lamey '63, M'83, Elaine Doherty Ansink '60, Richard Klimek '63, Judith Bowen Raine '61, John Gruccio '61, M'65, M'73, Patricia Luciano-Federici '62, Claude DiGenova '60, M'71, Yvonne Tanger Hitzelberger '62



**1953/2013 Grads**

**Sherwood Wilson '53, M'60** attended the Commencement ceremony of his granddaughter, **Elisa Laurelli '13**. He said it was an honor to be there and a thrill to see Elisa graduate from the very location he did 60 years ago.

Harvard's Graduate School of Education during summers in Newton, Mass. She married her late husband, Will Dougherty, in 1989 and was blessed with three stepchildren and three grandchildren. She continues to work with young children by teaching Sunday school and volunteering at Adventures in Learning,

an after school program for at-risk children. She lives in Sea Cliff, N.Y.

**Barbara Buchanan Eastwood '64** taught for 33 years and retired in 1997. She enjoys traveling along the East Coast but her favorite spot is Walt Disney World. She lives in Clayton.

**Karen Shaw Fisher '64** and her husband, Irwin, have been married for almost 49 years and have four children and 13 grandchildren. Three of their children live nearby so they can see them and their grandchildren often. One daughter and her family live in Arizona, giving them the chance to visit the warmer weather and spend time with their two oldest grandchildren. The Fishers live in Eatontown.

**Margaret "Peggy" Kirkbride Francis '64** retired after teaching three years in Mantua Township, four years as substitute while raising her first child and 27 years

in Washington Township. She and her late husband were married for 43 years and she has two children and four grandchildren. She has traveled to many places in the world including a life-changing trip to Kenya and Tanzania. She lives in Glassboro.

**Diane Bilbee Fry '64** retired in 2003 after teaching for 37 years. She and her husband, **Thomas Fry '68**, have two children, **Jennifer Fry '93** and **Thomas Fry '95**. The Frys live in Newfield.

**James Gardner '64** taught in New Brunswick for six years and in Piscataway for 22. After retiring in 1992, he drove an 18-wheeler along the East Coast until 1999 when he retired to Palm Coast, Fla. He has three children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys golf, traveling and taking cruises.

**Kathleen Sheldon Genzano '64, M'93** retired in 2007 after teaching math for more than 30 years. She works part-



**East meets out west**

**Babette "Boe" Andrews Daley '73** and her husband, **Vince Daley '73, M'76**, were visiting their children on the West Coast and met with Babette's GSC roommate, **Karen O'Shanny Issertell '73**, and her husband, **Joe Issertell '73**, who were also visiting their children.

time doing professional development seminars and graduate courses for the University of Pennsylvania under the Penn Literacy Network. She has three children and eight grandchildren. She lives in Audubon.

**Catherine "Cathy" Lynch Goldberg '64** and her husband, Larry, have been married for 50 years and have two children and four grandchildren. She retired in 2003 after teaching for 31

years in Delran and Lindenwold. The Goldbergs live in Sewell.

**Chuck Harkins '64, M'72** began his teaching career at Riverside High School, where he also coached football and track and advised the newspaper and yearbook. He moved to Gloucester County College in 1972, where he taught writing and coached cross country and track and field. He was inducted into the GCC Sports Hall of Fame in 1989, was awarded the "Outstanding Community Service Award" by the Gloucester County College Board of Trustees in 2000 and received the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 2007. He and his late wife, **Peggy Brett Harkins '66**, had two children. He established the Margaret Harkins Memorial Scholarship at Gloucester County College in her memory. The scholarship goes to elementary majors at GCC transferring to Rowan University's education program. He and his wife, Margie, have three children and 10 grandchildren. They live in Sewell.



**Farewell Class of 2014, welcome alumni**

The Alumni Engagement Office and Division of Student Life celebrated the Class of 2014 in May. Now in its third year, the Senior Celebration gives seniors a chance to learn about the Alumni Association and network with classmates and alumni.

1. Pat Boamah, Marcus Rawls, Daniel Dawson.
2. Heather Newman, Kysha Moultrie, Emily Scharen.
3. Pat Lynch, Tyla Murphy, Kathleen Turnbull, Dayna Sakalsky, Patrick Weimer.

**Ann Berger Herrmann-Sauer '64** retired in 2003 after 39 years, 23 as a teacher and guidance counselor at Delsea Regional and 16 as director of guidance, at Hammonton. She volunteers her time to a state program for the institutionalized elderly. She lives in Haddonfield.

**John "Jack" Hitchner '64** has published his first novel, *The Acolyte*; set during the mid 1950s in the fictional town of Lorrence, modeled on his hometown of Pitman. The story concerns a 15-year-old's coming-of-age conflicts with friendship, alcohol, bullying and faith. The book is available at Amazon. Hitchner, who taught English for more than 35 years in New Jersey and New Hampshire public schools, teaches at Keene State College in New Hampshire. His poetry appears in the collections *Seasons and Shadows* and *Not Far From Here* and his short fiction in *How Far Away, How Near*. He and his wife, Pat, live in Keene, N.H., and have four children.

**Carolyn Alwine Jackson '64** and her husband, Tom, have been married for 48 years and have two children and six grandchildren. She retired from the JCPenny store in Milford, Conn., where she was a specialist in the window covering department. Her husband, an electrical engineer, is also retired. They live in Drums, Pa.

**Phyllis Sockwell Joslin '64** taught for 37 years in Mount Ephraim and Gateway Regional in Woodbury Heights. She also coached diving for

## Living donor, giving life

**C**indy Stupinski Santos '91 thinks that anyone in her position would've done the same thing, but she also says many people have told her they wouldn't.

What did she do that many others say they would not? She gave a child she barely knew the opportunity for a healthy life.

On Dec. 10, 2013, less than three months after Santos met Katelynn Ernst while substituting in a kindergarten classroom, Santos and Katelynn were in Hershey Children's Hospital, where Santos had one of her kidneys transplanted into the little girl's body.

But Santos, who grew up in Bayonne, had not yet told her family about the possibility—not even her husband, Matt Santos '88. As the process went on, she shared what she was considering and she got all the support she needed, not just from her husband but also from their three teenage sons, Casey, Brett and Evan.

"My job [as a substitute teacher] is such that I can take two months off," Santos, of Blandon, Pa., explained. "My kids are at a stage where they can pretty much take care of themselves, and I had the help to do it. I'm an extremely healthy person and if all of those things lined up, I think anyone would've done what I did."

The events that led to the life-saving surgery had started when Katelynn was a toddler and contracted an infection which led to chronic kidney failure by the time she was 2. At five years old, she required dialysis 10 hours each day. Santos' donation would change everything for Katelynn and her family.

"It's such an indescribable feeling to know that a complete stranger could do something so selfless to give our daughter another chance at life, free from a machine," Katelynn's mother, Alicia Ernst said. "Every time I think about it, it brings tears to my eyes. We're just so blessed that Cindy and her family can be a part of our lives. I truly believe she's an angel brought to us from God."

"We had given up hope at one point because the testing process seemed to go nowhere," Ernst continued. "It was at this point Cindy sent us a message on Facebook about testing."

Surprisingly, the surgery also helped Santos deal with a health problem. During the testing process for the transplant, she discovered she had a rare medical condition: pelvic congestion syndrome. She had been suffering with stomach cramping but had never seen a doctor about it. Having her kidney removed not only relieved her discomfort but also helped her avoid certain surgery.



*Back in the familiar environment of a classroom, Cindy Stupinski Santos '91 and Katelynn Ernst share a bond secured in a hospital surgical suite last December.*

Six months later, with the transplant deemed a success, Katelynn no longer needs dialysis and Santos is grateful for the experience.

"I know that I came through that surgery a better person because it was a very amazing and humbling thing to be a part of—just to see her progress, to see the gratitude of her parents and seeing that they have, for in all intents and purposes, a healthy 5-year-old now."

"I found that one act of kindness really just snowballs into others. There were people that were helping Katelynn's family, people that gave them donations and food. The same happened on our end. Our community had our family's meals for two weeks taken care of. A lot of stuff happened from that and the kindness continues and I think that is so cool."

"I see Katelynn pretty often (at school)," Santos said. "Her parents, we communicate pretty regularly, too ... You become fast, furious friends when something like that happens because we're pretty much linked forever."

For more pictures of Santos and Katelynn, information about living organ donations or to learn how you can help the Ernst family, please visit Katelynn's Kidney Journey on Facebook.

—Mike Shute '93

*Mike Shute is an award-winning journalist, capturing five awards in the Philadelphia Press Association Media Awards, including two first-place entries. He freelances for several outlets and resides in Mullica Hill with his wife, Colleen '93, and children, Ryan and Keira.*



**Coming home, making memories**

Alumni, family and friends were welcomed back to “Prof Country” this October, as the University celebrated Homecoming 2014. Events included a free outdoor country concert on the Rowan Hall green, pre-game picnic, a special Athletics tent, and the 25th Reunion for the Class of ’88.

1. Gus '68 and Janice Bader '68, M'79 escort Whoop RU through the streets of Glassboro to kick off the Homecoming festivities on Saturday morning.
2. Kathi Pearsall '88, Rick Pearsall '88.
3. Joe Chen, President Houshmand, Adam Ferrara, Adrienne Novak.
4. Tyler Cheli, Rachel Hulsart, Christina Higgins, Cameron Forrest, Alyssa La Pierre, Constanze Sophie Keller, Catherine Kustra, Janet Gleason, Tyler Garamella.
5. A family full of Glassboro pride
6. Keith Forrest '88 and his family, Kristen, Kameron, Elijah, Joshua and Madeline.
7. Jenny Mazzola '98 and Adam Mazzola '99 and their family.
8. James Uzcategui Gaymon '94, Tiffany Bethea '14, Samuel Jay '14, Chanelle Rose, Gardy Guiteau.
9. Anthony Diggs '08, Doneisha Brown, Karyn Coles, Brittney Snider '08.
10. Sandy Maxwell '69, M'84 and David Burgin '82, M'02.
11. Sandy Duda '93, Thelma Fagan '92, Karen Dilmore '94, Dawn Bunting '80, Ann Murphy '75.
12. Selfies in the stands
13. Profs football fun is better than a Saturday afternoon nap
14. Mary Cocove Lamey '63, M'83 and Richard Klimek '63.



## class notes

the Gateway swim team. She has three children and eight grandchildren. She lives in Wenonah.

**Daniel Kopcha '64**, who earned a master's degree at then-Trenton State College, taught for 43 years; six in the Bridgewater-Raritan School District and 37 in Berkeley Heights, where he was the marching band director and girls' varsity basketball coach at Governor Livingston High School. The band included bagpipes and performed all over the United States and in England and Scotland, including performing at Edinburgh Castle for the Queen Mother's 100th birthday. He and his wife, Sandra, have two children and three grandchildren. They live in Warren.

**JoAnne Johnson Lawrence '64, M'94** retired in 2013 after teaching and working with the learning disabled. She and her husband, Bill, have two children, including **Anne**

**Hudock M'96**, and two grandchildren, including **Sarah Hudock '13**. JoAnne enjoys working with children and teenagers in musical theatre productions and leads a youth group at her church. She and her husband like to spend time at their Poconos vacation home. They live in Salem.

**Guy LeValley '64** earned a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Iowa in 1967. He is an associate professor at Prince George College in Kettering, Md. He designed over 150 stage sets and lighting for the Dance Theatre of Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Page, live in College Park, Md.

**Sandra Preziosi Lonja '64** saw her grandson, **Andrew Bodine '14**, receive his diploma.

**Philip R. Mangold '64, M'69** and his wife, **Betty Ann Fritsch Mangold '66**, have one child and two grandchildren. Philip

spent most of his career at Milford, where he taught English and coached cross country, track and field and wrestling. After earning principal-and-supervisor certification, he was department supervisor for many years. The Mangolds live in Barnegat.

**Anne Marie Wright Matt '64** retired in 2000, after 30 years at Audubon High School but returned to teaching for one more year at Gloucester Catholic High School. Her husband, Matt, died in 2004. She has three children and four grandchildren. In 2008, she moved to an active adult community in Marlton. She spends some of her time visiting her oldest daughter in Florida.

**Sharon Saunders McCurdy '64** retired in 2002 after 36 years of teaching but keeps busy as a partner in a licensed building/renovating company and as a real



### Wildwood days for '74 grads

From Indiana, Long Island, Pennsylvania and the Garden State, friends gathered last summer at the shore. **FRONT: Mary Anne D'Ambrosio Linder, Joy Loehnert Graham, Pat Moloney Shelley, Cindy Banyacski Torok. BACK: Karen Martensen, Donna Gurdak Suder, Mary Sue Burke McGovern, Janice Case Corbetis.**

estate agent. She enjoys entertaining, traveling, reading and spending time with her family, especially her two grandsons.

**Beverly Odgers McGarrity '64** taught in New Jersey public schools for more than 20 years when she and her husband moved to Maryland where she taught in a private

school. They have traveled extensively, visiting more than a dozen countries, and they lived in Cambridge, England, for two years. She and her husband live in Gaithersburg, Md., and have two children and four grandchildren.

**Carolyn Tripician McGarrity '64** taught fourth, fifth and sixth grades during her 38 years in Absecon. She is caring for her mother who is 103 years old. Carolyn lives in Egg Harbor Township.

**C. Richard Miller '64** worked for the Burlington Township School District for 37 years as a seventh-grade teacher, high school guidance counselor, middle school guidance director and district director of student personnel services. His wife, **Janet Delekta Miller '64**, died in 1989. He has three children and six grandchildren. He lives in Boynton Beach, Fla.

**Robert Mossman '64, M'68** earned a doctorate in education from Rutgers



### Wine mixer

Now in its second year, the Rowan Alumni Wine Mixer brings together alumni from all generations. This year's special guests were our 2014 Prof Sweetheart contest winners, Joe and Shannon Costal.

1. Mary Wurst '73, Sam Wurst, Paula Delia Buchler '74, Ed Buchler, Debbie Derkoski '71, M'76, Carol Reuter, Donald Reuter, Phyllis Bullock-Beaufatt '73, M'88, Steve Derkoski '71, M'78, Gary Beaufatt.
2. Joseph Costal '99, M'01, Shannon Costal '98, M'01.
3. Michael Coletta '12, and Sarah Misenko '12.





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**32-year love story**  
Karen Campbell '86 and Robert Lawrence eloped in March. See note on p. 57.

Department of Education and an adult education testing coordinator, at Gloucester County College, where she spent the last 16 years of her career. She and her husband, Joe, have two children and two grandchildren. They live in Woolwich Township.

**Loretta Miranda Musumeci '64** taught in Mantua and Gloucester townships before leaving in 1973 to work in the family farming business. She and her husband, Sam, have two children. They live in Pilesgrove Township, where they still raise corn and soybeans.

**Jim R. Pendergrass '64** taught for two years before entering the Air Force. He was stationed in Biloxi, Miss., and the Panama Canal Zone. After military service, he taught a final year before beginning a career in pharmaceutical sales,

retiring in 2008. He and his wife, Joyce, have one child and three grandchildren. They live in Rocky Mount, N.C., where they keep busy with church activities.

**Bonnie Kamman Peterson '64** spent most of her career as a librarian in various schools. She and her late husband, **Tim Peterson '64**, were married for 44 years. She has two children and five grandchildren and lives in Marlton.

**Linda Maron Reinman '64** and her husband, **William Reinman '63**, have been married for 52 years and have three children and five grandchildren. She retired from teaching in 2002. She and her husband enjoy traveling and have been on 19 cruises. They live in Oakhurst.

**Barbara Wheatly Rulon '64** and her husband, Ron, have two children and four grandchildren. The

Rulons have traveled to many places, including Alaska, Hawaii, Spain, Portugal, England and Scotland. They winter in Florida, where Barbara enjoys metal detecting as a hobby. They live in Sweetwater.

**Jack Sachleben '64** taught art for 31 years in Camden. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 51 years and have three children. They have visited every state except Hawaii. They live in Laurel Springs.

**Elaine Marie Scheetz '64** cochaired the original Glass Recycling Program with Owens-Illinois when it was located in Glassboro, raising travel funds to take 12 students to work with Sioux Indians on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. She also fulfilled a calling to help others by traveling to Mzuzu City in Malawi, Africa, with the World Hope Corps where she helped to get

the community a water well. She also served on the Mantua Township Board of Education. She has two children and five grandchildren. She lives in Logan Township.

**Anne Hitcher Skinner '64** is retired from teaching first grade in Upper Pittsgrove Township. She and her husband have two children, **Earl Skinner '93** and **Mark Skinner '95**, and two grandchildren. The Skinners enjoy traveling and have toured all 50 states, many Canadian providences, European countries and Mexico. They spend summers at their home on Lake Bomoseen, Vt.

**Phyllis Spaeth Steinhauer '64** and her husband, Charles, have been married for over 50 years and have four children and three grandchildren. The Steinhauers enjoy traveling and go to San Francisco twice a year to visit their children. Their hobbies include kayaking, fishing and crabbing.

**Constance Damask Waibel '64** taught full-time in elementary grades for five years until her daughter was born. For the next 15 years, she substituted in various schools in Gloucester County before returning to full-time teaching in Logan Township in 1984. She retired in 2004. She lives in Clarksboro.

**Kathleen Elinor Walsh '64** began her teaching career at Cherry Hill Schools. She received a Fulbright Grant to teach at Marlborough Junior Mixed School in London. She earned a master's degree at the University

University. His 40-year career includes 35 years at Gloucester County College, where he was a sociology professor, dean and vice president for academic services. He retired in 2004. He and his wife, **Gail Foote Mossman '64**, have been married for 50 years and have three children and seven grandchildren. They live in The Villages, Fla.

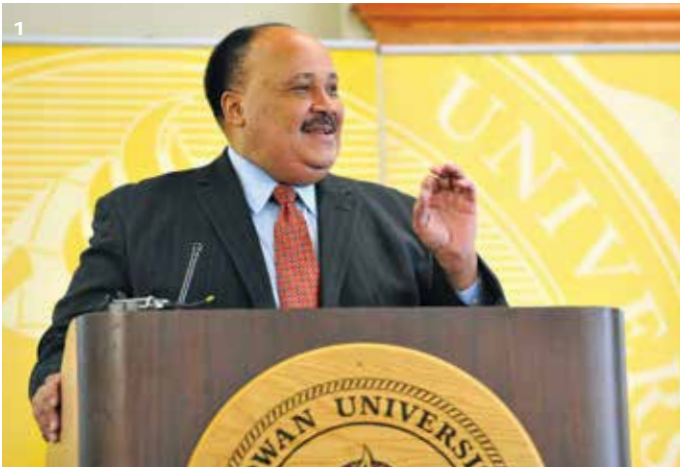
**Helen Lipari Musumeci '64, M'73**, was a teacher, a reading consultant for the New Jersey



**Spring Networking at House of Brews**

South Jersey alumni got together at the House of Brews in Turnersville to kick off the spring and network with fellow Profs.

1. Olivia Elliott '12, Ernest Holtzheimer '12, M'13.
2. Brandon Getsinger '11, M'13, Ryan Sauer '10, Megan Reese '13, Tim Reese '12.
3. Robert Gorski, Kellie Gorski '97, Nancy Landon '79, Michael Landon '78, Allison Buono '05, Stephan Buono '83.



**Martin Luther King III addresses 2014 King Scholarship Breakfast**

Rowan University celebrated its 28th annual tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. with a special visit by Dr. King's son, Martin Luther King III. Hundreds of friends of the University gathered in the Eynon Ballroom of the Chamberlain Student Center on Jan. 20 to listen to the inspiring civil rights activist and global humanitarian. The event raised funds for scholarships in memory of William H. Myers. We expect another sell-out crowd in 2015, so mark your calendar for Jan. 19.

1. Martin Luther King III.
2. Femi Odunlami '14, Taylor Smith '14, Nadiyah Ragsdale '11, Elena Guzman '14, Sulaimaan Abdullah, and Christian Beauvias.
3. Darlene Andfield, Thomasina Jones '93, M'96, and David Strout.
4. Diane Hale, Jeff Hale, and Alumni Board member Louis Joyce '72.
5. Edith Myers-Spearman '72, Rev. Albert Morgan '73, Mary Myers-Hayes.
6. Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Martin Luther King III and President Ali Houshmand.



**President's Forum hosts largest group of friends at Philadelphia landmark**

Nearly 300 generous friends of the University enjoyed an evening at the Union League of Philadelphia in May. President Houshmand thanked alumni donors spanning six decades, along with corporate and foundation supporters for their investment in Rowan and shared news of the institution's progress in transforming higher education and driving economic development in the region.

1. President Ali A. Houshmand, Lisa Burgin, Alumni Board President David Burgin '82, M'02, Alumni Board member Brighid Burgin '12, Fred Byrne, Farah Houshmand.
2. Constance Lisa '70 and Tony Lisa '75.
3. Lisa Morina '87 and Nick Morina.
4. College of Education Dean Monika Williams Shealey, Gus Bader '68, Janice Bader '68, M'79.

5. Stacey Olsen, Archange Antoine '05, Assemblywoman Gabriela Mosquera, A.J. Jensen, Alumni Board member William Moen '09.
6. Rowan Board of Trustees Chairman Linda Rohrer and Michael Carbone '85.

of Pennsylvania and taught at Haddonfield Public Schools for over 30 years, mainly as a reading specialist. She earned a reading certification at New York University in 1997 and became an adjunct professor for Rutgers. She and her husband, Patrick, have been married for 43 years and have two children and two grandchildren. They live in Haddonfield.

**Margaret "Peggy" Regan Weir '64** taught for a while before switching to a career as an advertising account rep selling print and digital, something she did for 30 years. She and her husband, Steve, have three children and eight grandchildren. They live in Medford Lakes.

**Carl A. Wise '64, M'68** retired in 2000 after 37 years in education, most of it at Williamstown High School, where he taught science courses. Retirement has allowed him to pursue his hobbies which include furniture making, fishing, traveling, investing and boating. He and his wife, **Babette Adams Wise '65**, have one child. They live in Williamstown.

**Ronald Weisberger '65** is co-author with Howard Tinberg of a book titled *Teaching, Learning and the Holocaust* (Indiana University Press, 2013). The book is based on an honor's course co-taught by Dr. Weisberger and Dr. Tinberg at Bristol Community College in Fall River, Mass. Dr. Weisberger also started a Holocaust center at the college which will serve the Southeast.

Massachusetts area and provide resources to middle school, high school and college instructors who seek to incorporate Holocaust material into their classes.

**L. Bruce Smith '67** conducts The Moorestown Community Band.

**Marie Fucetola '68** was named the Hammonton Lions Club's 2014 Citizen of the Year. She was selected based on her service to the community as a volunteer with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Hammonton Education Foundation and as treasurer of the Hammonton Cancer Foundation. She also volunteers as a secretary in the St. Mary of Mt.

Carmel Church Parish office. She taught math in Hammonton for 34 years until her retirement in 2012. While teaching at Hammonton, she also worked for 30 years in the Ancora Psychiatric Hospital adult patient education program, until retiring from there as well. She enjoys travel and has visited 41 countries, with China the latest.

**John Liss '68** has been retired from teaching for 10 years and is an active fisherman in Massachusetts. His and his wife regularly visit their five children and nine grandchildren in Tennessee, Virginia, Colorado, Vermont and New Hampshire.

## 70s

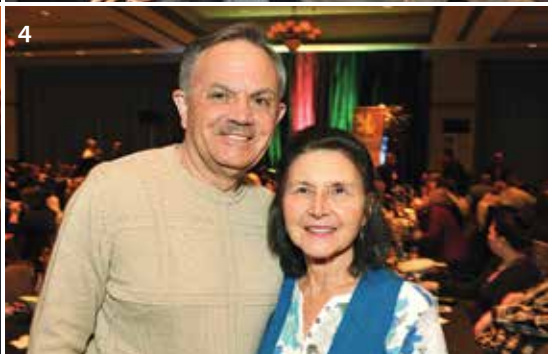
**Susan Kenny Carlin '70** received the Cultural Icon Award in April from her employer, Keller Williams Realty in Cherry Hill. The award goes to elite associates who best live up to the company's belief system: a win-win approach, integrity, customers first, commitment in all things, effective communication, creativity, teamwork, trust and success.

**John J. Mahoney '71** has published *Mystic Isle*, a coming-of-age story told in eight parts. His second book in two years, this is one



### Farney family fun

**Steven Farney '02, M'04, D'11** and **Cristin Kastner Farney '02, M'03** announce the birth of Steven Jr. Both mom and dad work at Rowan, Steve in Strategic Enrollment Management and mom in the PR/Advertising department.



### Comedy Night warms up a cold winter evening

Hosted by Rowan's very own Dena Blizzard '94, the 11th Annual Rowan Alumni Comedy Night left over 200 alumni and guests in stitches. Comedians Jay Black, Mary Radzinski and Tim Walkoe provided the laughs.

1. Dena Blizzard '94 kicked off the laughs with brave volunteers from the audience.
2. Lindsey Petrosch '11, Chris Delia '11, Stacey Brown '10, Edmond Fox.
3. Elise Sadler-Williams '98, Zora Dees-Brown '95.
4. Robert Campbell '72, Angela Campbell '72.

## Seeing, hearing, believing the power of words



*Coaxing teens to communicate comes easy to David Benjamin Watkis, who finds that poetry can work for expressing concepts as widely varied as those in a science lesson and the social pressures students face.*

“I always have a poem in my head,” said David Benjamin Watkis ’03, poet and spoken word artist, a performer who reads poetry to music. “There’s always a rhythm and a beat; rhymes and reflections.”

Watkis is also an educator, an author, a motivational speaker, an event producer, a community activist, a staunch advocate of at-risk youth and an award winner who’s performed with Boyz II Men, Rage Against the Machine, Def Jam cofounder Russell Simmons and many others.

But his most coveted title is poet.

“It is through poetry that everything else flows. Using poetry, I can help students understand faraway concepts. Even science! A student will approach me because he doesn’t understand the concept of stem cells or how fast light travels, and I’ll say, ‘Why don’t we write a poem about it? Do your research and come back with one page on why a planet is light years away.’”

He also believes poetry helps students through adversity. “It helps them deal with what’s going on in their lives before they even get to school: mental and physical abuse, sexual abuse,

relatives who are incarcerated. Poetry is a vehicle for them to use whatever is working against them and turn it around and propel them forward. So instead of fighting obstacles, they use their adversity for their poetry.”

As a featured speaker at Camden’s Stop the Violence rally at Campbell Field, Watkis spoke to a crowd of 6,000 that included children, government officials, youth group members, juvenile justice commission members, police and firefighters. Using spoken word, he provided strategies on how students can stay in school and reach their goals. And the thread woven throughout each of Watkis’ success stories—“from adversity comes redemption”—was evident at the rally.

“After I did my poem ‘Rise Up Children,’ a young lady came up to me in tears because her cousin was in the hospital as a result of a shooting. A young man overheard her, came up to me, and said he’d found a weapon in the bushes near his house. He was scared, but I told him that he’d done the right thing by coming to me. We handed it over to the police, and a few weeks

later, it led to discussions about a gun buyback. All told, close to 1,500 guns were collected as a result of his bravery.”

Born and raised in Jamaica, Watkis was a high school valedictorian. After immigrating to the United States, he sought a degree from Rowan.

Now a special instruction teacher at the Arts Academy in Northeast Philadelphia, Watkis collaborates with schools in Camden and Philadelphia. He and his band perform at least 50 shows a year, both regionally and nationally, and he coordinates another 30 large festivals that attract from 50,000 to as many as one million. He works with numerous organizations across the country as an artistic coordinator to bring collaborative projects to life and to offer opportunities for inner city and suburban kids to see life on the other side.

“At the end of the day, they all have the same issues. They’re just in different geographic areas.”

—Tobi Schwartz-Cassell ’78

## Running through writer's block



As a teacher and a writer, Oscar Hernandez credits Rowan's education program and professor Joe Robinette for helping him achieve so much. His e-books have earned newspaper and television coverage but most importantly, children are enjoying them.

Westville special education teacher Oscar Hernandez '06 wrote the book on making reading fun for kids. Literally. "We are not an e-book; we are the next generation: an i-book that's interactive, complete with narration, sounds and movement. Our books keep kids' interest longer and make reading fun," said Hernandez.

The "we" in this equation is Justin Furniss, Hernandez's high school soccer buddy, who's now a software developer and entrepreneur. Furniss created a number of apps, including Lil' Readers, a children's bookstore app for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch. The books are high quality, illustrated, animated and portable. Teachers and parents can download books for free or a nominal fee.

"Currently, I have five books in the app and I am still teaching in the classroom where I get to see the reactions on kids' faces when I'm reading them my books," Hernandez said.

His first, *Running Tails*, was born of writer's block. "I was thinking too hard one day, just staring at a blank piece of paper. Five minutes later, my phone rang, ESPN came on and my dog had to potty.

The perfect storm of writer's block and distraction forced me to put the pen down and go for a run." While running, he came upon a dog and his owner who yelled at Hernandez to stop running so as not to arouse the dog's chase instinct.

"Long story short, the dog, as old as he was, started to chase me! Luckily I was able to escape. But soon I met another dog, and then another! When I started telling the story to people, it hit me—stories shouldn't be forced."

His latest book, *Just Us*, was written for kids who are too afraid to try something new, too shy to talk to anyone or feel they are not good enough or popular enough. It was illustrated by Maria Iannone, a 2013 finalist in the Doodle4Google Contest, and an eighth-grader from Washington Township, Gloucester County.

"I really love *Just Us*," said 11-year-old Hailey Pippet of Westville's Parkview Elementary School. "The squirrel gets me every time he talks. And all the pages have something fun about them."

"All the books are very creative," added 9-year-old Kylee McCullough, also from Parkview. "I like all the buttons you get to push. My favorite book is *The Bumpy Road*

because I like how the bike had a happy ending and you got to see all the people who rode it."

Rowan students have been involved in the making of two other Hernandez books. *Opposite Day*, in which a mischievous big brother gets fooled by his younger brother and the whole town. It was illustrated by Raymond Urena '13. *Round and Round We Go*, about a magical carousel, is in the works and is being illustrated by Adrian Librojo '13.

Perhaps closest to Hernandez's heart is *Little Helper*. It's about a new parent's journey into life with a toddler. "It's all about our son, Jacoby," he said.

Hernandez has a message for budding authors. "I really want unknown authors to know that they have a place to go. Lil' Readers is here to help. Don't keep that story hidden away. Why not try to publish it?"

As for him, "I can't wait to see where my pen takes me next."

—Tobi Schwartz-Cassell '78 owns *Franks & Beans Communications*, specializing in writing, branding and events. Tobi founded *Girlfriendz Magazine* and is co-author of the book, *Adding Value to Long-Term Care*.

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of six he has written, including three poetry collections. A respected Shakespeare and Chaucer scholar, he has taught in high school and at the university level. He is a longtime food and wine columnist and an internationally recognized wine expert.

**Linda Solomon Coppinger '73**, executive director South Jersey at the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter, earned a master's degree in organizational leadership at Rider University, graduating with distinction. She serves on the New Jersey

Alzheimer's Disease Study Commission.

**Jacki Farley Roney '73** retired after 36 years in the automotive industry, the last 15 as controller of the Matt Blatt dealer group, headquartered in Glassboro. Jacki and her husband, Chuck, live in Mantua and

have one child and two grandchildren. They plan to travel and spend time fishing and boating at their home near Rehoboth Beach, Del.

**Suzanne Snyder-Carroll Fedorchak '74, M'86** has published her first novel, *On the Edge of Dangerous Things*. The

two main characters are Glassboro State alums. A book signing is planned for Homecoming 2014.

**George Chando '75** is superintendent of the Phillipsburg School District. Chando, who earned a master's degree at Leigh University, has served in the district for 39 years as assistant principal and principal of Phillipsburg High School, director of elementary and secondary education and assistant superintendent. In 1996, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association recognized him as the Assistant Principal of the Year. He and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 37 years and have two children and two grandchildren.

**Tony Lisa '75, M '78** was inducted into the Salem County Sports Hall of Fame in his 35th season coaching at Rowan University. At the time of his induction he had a combined record of 463-153-1. His men's record stands at 262-89-1. In 26 years as the women's coach, Lisa has compiled a 201-64 mark. Lisa returned to coach the Profs in 2009-2010 after two years as an assistant swim coach and recruiting coordinator at the U.S. Military Academy. Lisa has guided three athletes to NCAA Division III Championships. His teams are recognized annually on the Academic All-America squads. He has been honored by conference, national and international organizations.



### Great day for Rowan Foundation golf

Golfers enjoyed perfect weather and a day on the greens in support of the Robert A. Harris and Robert Collard Memorial Scholarships. The tournament, now in its 26th year, raised over \$30,000 and drew participants from the alumni, Rowan retirees, corporate sponsors and friends of the University.

1. Ed Hook, Scott Duman '86, Jim Lovegrove '82, Ralph Paolone.
2. Bill Brinkmanship, Bob Hoey, Joe Gehovsky, Marty Kirsch
3. Michael Caramanica '11, Sam Deighon, George Kuzma, Joe Lally.
4. Thomas Ward, Tobey Oxholm, Bill McNamara '01, David Strout.
5. Mike Rosenberg '81, Kerry Mucci, Bob Zazzali '72, M'74.
6. Shelly Kugler, Ed Casulli, Mark Pfizenmaier, Anthony Tramontana.





**Charter members represent**

**Craig Cole '82, Marc Nicoles '75, John Bunting '77, Anthony Phillips '78, Darryl Curtis '78 and Jimmy Suarez '93** gathered at the Homecoming 2013 tailgate, representing each of their fraternities.

**Ralph Morgan '75** received a Silver Star, the Army's third highest decoration, for his heroism during a 1971 action in Vietnam. Although he was recommended for the medal not long after the battle, the paperwork was somehow lost. After Morgan contacted Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., for help, the military was able to document Morgan's actions and the senator presented him with the medal during a ceremony in Tampa in April 2013 attended by three of Morgan's children and two grandchildren. Morgan, a radio operator, was part of a Special Forces team guarding a radio station that intercepted enemy communications. When the North Vietnamese attacked, Morgan, a sergeant, laid down cover fire, allowing friendly troops to get back inside the outpost perimeter, organized a defense and called in airstrikes. The medal citation says Morgan repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire with disregard for his safety. Morgan, who

worked in the criminal justice profession for 30 years, has published *Simple Truth*, a book that explores the relationship between personality and performance, not only for the individual but also for an organization.

**Joseph Higgins '75** retired from the Central Intelligence Agency. He owns a freelance commercial

copywriting firm in upstate New York. For more information, visit [lakeshorecopywriting.com](http://lakeshorecopywriting.com)

**Russell Shaner '76** has been named president of the Insurance Society of Philadelphia, one of the nation's oldest insurance societies. He has 35 years of experience in the insurance industry and has volunteered with Ronald McDonald House and Special Olympics.

## 80s

**Theresa Danna '80** is an authorized dealer of Kaeser & Blair promotional products and ad specialties, such as pens, shirts, and bags imprinted with a company's logo or a nonprofit group's URL. For more information, visit [theresadanna.net](http://theresadanna.net).

**Maxine Mulligan '80, M'87** has published *All*

*of the Above*, a book about her teaching experiences at Vineland High School North.

**Kathleen Connors Spanarkel '80** retired in June 2013 after a 32½-year career as a master probation officer. She celebrated her retirement by traveling to seven European countries. Kathleen resides in Tinton Falls with her husband, Kevin, and their daughter.

**Jeff Bender '81** retired as a Navy captain after 31 years of service in public information. The retirement ceremony was conducted aboard the USS New Jersey in Camden Harbor.

**Yvette Morales Cavanaugh '82** retired after 30 years in federal law enforcement.

**Thomasina Nista Chaffardet '82** is co-owner of Freekehlicious™, a women-owned and

managed New Jersey company serving as the premier importer of Greenwheat Freekeh™ to the United States. She opted to become an entrepreneur after 25 years at ABC News, producing and developing innovative products and programs.

**Michael Fasulo '82** is president and chief operating officer of Sony Electronics, overseeing the company's electronics business in the United States. Previously, he was executive vice president responsible for the sales and retail execution of the U.S. market. His executive education includes programs at the Institute for Management Development in Switzerland; UCLA; the University of Michigan; and Columbia Executive Business School. Fasulo and his wife, Pat, have three children.



**County athletes honor Hall**

The Gloucester County Sports Hall of Fame inducted Dino Hall '82 in March at its 34th annual event. See note on p. 56 for more.

1. Rory Thomas '80, Steve Murray '89, Tom Corosante '80, Dominic Palladino '79, Terry McGovern '84, John Havers, Coach Wackar, Dino Hall '82, Frank Law '72, Jeff Lewis '76, Frank Mancuso '79, John Mazzei '69, M'75, Curt Conover '65.
2. Dino Hall '82, Renee Solari Hall '79, Coach Wackar.





**Baby Conlon**

Kathleen Conlon '93 announces the birth of Wren Ophelia Conlon Gibney, on Oct. 8, 2013.

**Donald "Dino" Hall '82** was inducted into the Gloucester County Sports Hall of Fame. Hall was an all-American in both baseball and football at then-GSC before playing for the Cleveland Browns in the NFL. He holds nine records he set with the Browns: most career punt returns (111), most punt returns in a season (39), most punt returns in a game (7), most career kickoff returns (151), most kickoff returns in a season (50), most kickoff returns in a game (9), most kickoff-return

yards in a career (3,185), most kickoff-return yards in a season (1,014) and most kickoff-return yards in a game (172): He closed out his pro career with the United States Football League's Portland Breakers. He teaches health and physical education at Pleasantville High School and owns a business, Dino Hall's Pool Service. He and his wife, **Renee Solari Hall '79**, live in Port Republic and have three children.

**Donnalyn Pompper '83** has published *Practical and Theoretical Implications of Successfully Doing*

*Difference in Organizations* ([emeraldinsight.com](http://emeraldinsight.com)). She earned a master's and a doctorate at Temple University, where she is an associate professor in the department of strategic communication. Before joining the Temple faculty in 2007, she taught at Florida State University, Florida A&M University and Cabrini College in Radnor, Pa. Before beginning her academic career, she was a public affairs manager at Campbell's Soup Company, a marketing public relations manager at Tasty Baking Company and an account manager at Lewis, Gilman & Kynett, a Philadelphia public relations/advertising. Earlier in her career, she was a reporter at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Courier-Post* and news editor at a South Jersey weekly newspaper chain.

**Thomas Casey '84** is vice president for marketing communications at Mercy Health System. Prior to joining Mercy, Tom founded MedMark Consulting LLC, a medical marketing communications firm. He also was vice president, public relations and marketing, at JFK Health System; senior director of marketing and business development at University Management Services Organization/ New York University Medical Center; vice president of public relations and marketing at Saint Clare's Health System and assistant vice president of public relations and marketing at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Tom is a member of the Society for Healthcare Strategy

and Market Development and the American Hospital Association and a graduate of the National Public Health Leadership Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He resides in Clinton.

**John Hartman '85** and **Mike Jenkins '92** run Anchor Moving & Storage in Moorestown. *INC. Magazine* recognized the business as one of the fastest growing companies in its industry, in the region and in the United States.

**David Vest '85** is part of a project management team at King Abdullah University of Science & Technology in Saudi Arabia. The international construction firm he works for, E&C Group, is managing the building of a research center, administration buildings and residential facilities.

**Joseph Burke '86** has watched three family members graduate from Rowan: his daughter, **Andrea Burke '12**; his wife, **Gail Burke '14**, and his daughter, **Julie Burke '14**. Joe owns a South Jersey radio station network and his engineer is Al Miller, former Rowan engineer.

**Karen Campbell Lawrence '86** and Robert Lawrence eloped and were married in March at the Storybook Chapel in Las Vegas. Karen also celebrated her 50th birthday on her wedding day. Her sister, **Carol Campbell Phillips '79**, assisted with the elopement. The couple met at then-GSC 32 years ago. They live in East Windsor.



**Rec Center family photo**

Rec Center Director Tina Pinocci shares this photo of alumnae (and all their kids) who became friends in the mid-90s when they started working at the Rec Center. They get together at least twice yearly. Tina says, "It has been so awesome being a part of each other's lives for so long! So proud of 'my girls'!"

FROM LEFT: Roseanne Nicolucci Forster '97, Tina Pinocci, Melanie Alverio '98, M'oo, Chrissy Schultes DeMaise '98, Sharon Cruz Martin '98, Javanda Tyson '98 and Marla Jones Banks '98.

**Eden Wexler Herckenrath '89** married Robert Herckenrath on Aug. 25, 2013, at the Fonthill Castle in Doylestown, Pa. The wedding party included **Dawn Steinberg Levy '89**, **Kathleen Lenahan Marconi '87** and **Robyn Cibak Sison '89**. Eden, a Tri Sigma founding member, has been director of public relations for Italian eyewear manufacturer Safilo USA and its Solstice Sunglasses retail chain for 15 years.

**Robyn Cibak Sison '89** and her husband, Ray, announce the Aug. 16 birth of Karly.

## 90s

**Keith Baldosaro '90** and **Gregg Rolando '90** are partners in South Jersey Litho, a printing company based in Vineland. The partners had decades of experience at commercial printers throughout New Jersey, as well as Texas and Connecticut. They attribute their expertise to guidance from **Paul Decker '73** and the late Paul Von Holtz.

**Daniel Pasternak '90** received the Professional Golfers Association's 2013 Bill Strausbaugh Award, which goes to PGA professionals who distinguish themselves by mentoring their fellow PGA professionals in improving their employment situations

and through service to the community. Pasternak, the PGA general manager and director of golf at Panther Valley Golf and Country Club in Allamuchy, is the first New Jersey PGA Section member to receive the award. He has received many other section awards, along with one for his fundraising efforts for the Higgins Classic, one of the state's largest fundraisers for Special Olympics. A trustee of the New Jersey Golf Foundation, he chairs the foundation's golf marathons. He also serves on the New Jersey State Golf Association advisory board and supports the NJSGA Caddie Scholarship. While at then-GSC, Pasternak was the most valuable

### Former Rowan PRO teaches around the world



Marissa Marino with forever friends in Tanzania last year.

When **Marissa Marino '05** chanted silly songs at Rowan's Orientation, she never dreamed she'd teach African kids "Baby Shark" years later. Thanks to an adventurous spirit and the help of Cross Cultural Solutions, she spent six weeks in Tanzania helping women deal with the stigma of having HIV/AIDS; advised on business activities and organizational structure; visited the sick; and taught English. Now teaching English in China, she said, "My time in Africa exceeded my expectations and brought me back to [when] I was most content at Rowan, working with others towards a greater good. An open mind goes a long way. It's never to late to go after your dreams."

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# Rowan FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sat., Aug. 23	Brown & Gold Scrimmage	Ocean City	noon
<b>Fri., Sept. 5</b>	<b>Widener University</b>	<b>Glassboro</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sat., Sept. 13	Framingham State University	Framingham, MA	1 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 20	Wesley College	Dover, De	1 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 4	SUNY Cortland	Brockport, NY	1 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 11	William Paterson University	Glassboro	1 p.m.
<b>Sat., Oct. 18</b>	<b>Morrisville State College</b>	<b>Glassboro</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Sat., Oct. 25	Montclair State University	Morrisville, NY	1 p.m.
<b>Sat., Nov. 1</b>	<b>Southern Virginia University</b>	<b>Glassboro</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat., Nov. 8</b>	<b>Kean University</b>	<b>Glassboro</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Sat., Nov. 15	The College of New Jersey	Ewing	noon

### JV Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
<b>Sun., Sept. 7</b>	<b>Widener University</b>	<b>Glassboro</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Sun., Sept. 28	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	4 p.m.

**RD** HOMECOMING

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player on the 1988 men's golf team. Pasternak and his wife, Courtney, live in Morristown and have two children.

**Brenden Garozzo '91, M'05** is executive director of Monroe Village, a Springpoint Senior Living community in Monroe Township, Middlesex County, where he was assistant executive director in the late 1990s. Previously, he was the managing director of the Masonic Home of New Jersey, worked with Cadbury Senior Services and Friends Village at Woodstown and was executive director at Springpoint's Haddonfield Home. Garozzo is a licensed nursing home administrator, a certified assisted living administrator and a retirement housing professional. He also has an associate's degree in applied science/nursing from Gloucester County College.

**John Hansen '92** was inducted into the Fantasy Sports Writers Hall of Fame.

**Lynda L. Hinkle '93, M'03,** a family law attorney, lays out the importance of hiring a good lawyer in her new book, *Breaking Up: Finding and Working with a New Jersey Divorce Attorney*. Hinkle's book covers the best methods and resources for finding a great lawyer. Her book is available on Amazon. Hinkle, who earned both a master's degree and a law degree at Rutgers, serves on a number of local volunteer groups including the Rutgers University, Camden, Alumni Association Board; the Volunteer Center of New Jersey and the Bellmawr Lions Club. She has been the principal, lead attorney and CEO of the Law Offices of Linda L. Hinkle since 2009. She has offices in Marlton, Woodbury, Gloucester Township and Salem.

**Sheila Anderson Mikkelson '93** is director of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library in Sewell.

**Mike Shute '93** has been freelancing for several clients, including as a coordinating producer for WipeOut Productions, which produces "Inside Villanova Basketball;" AAA-SJ; the Comcast Network; Comcast SportsNet; NBC Sports Network; CBS Sports; the Eagles Television Network and FOX Sports. Last year, while working for the *Courier-Post*, he earned a first place in feature writing, second place in sports coverage and third place in business coverage in the Daily Newspaper Division of the Philadelphia Press Association's awards program.

**Andrew J. Cripps '95, M'97** is the president and CEO of the Isle of Wight-Smithfield-Windsor Chamber of Commerce



### Keeney Emmy

**Jennifer Keeney '97** was part of a four-person team that won an Emmy award for Special Event Coverage for WDRB 41-TV's coverage of Thunder Over Louisville, an 11-hour live broadcast of the largest air show and fireworks display in the country.

in Smithfield, Va. Cripps, who has more than 15 years of experience as a chamber executive, is an Institute for Organization Management graduate. Previously, he was CEO of the Sumter County (Florida) Chamber of Commerce, the Ormond Beach (Florida) Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Wildwood

Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Diane, a history museum curator, have one child.

**Matthew Norcross '96** finished composing the musical he began during college, "The Real Legend of Sleepy Hollow," which made its debut in November 2013 to help benefit the Arc of Monmouth. Louis Hall played the Headless Horseman and Janay Hair played Leticia.

**Tony Tartaglia '97** (Kappa Sigma) is a risk management analyst at Rowan University. He and his wife, Stephanie, have been married for 12 years and have three children.

**Eric W. Best '98** is the founder and CEO of the nonprofit It's Your BEST Shot Charitable Foundation in Glassboro. The organization, which has received 501(3)(c) status, was founded in 2012 to provide aid to people in need.

**Brian Startare '98**, director of sales and marketing for C&H Collection



### SOM supporters golf at Harbor Pines

The 16th Annual Alumni Golf Classic attracted 76 golfers and raised an estimated \$6,000 for student scholarships at SOM last fall.

1. SOM Golf Classic chair William Gartlan D.O. '14 with friends and family.
2. Dean Cavalieri and the 2013 first-place foursome.
3. Nikul Patel D.O. '11, Karandeep Jagpal D.O. '11 and colleagues enjoy a great day of golf.



Service in Cherry Hill, has completed his ninth season as the public address announcer for Saint Joseph's basketball. His second book, *This Day in Philadelphia Sports*, coauthored with Kevin Reavy, is available online. He was the guest speaker at St. Anthony's Mutual Aid Society annual communion breakfast.



**Kim Alliano '99** is vice president of finance for the Kennedy Health System, an integrated healthcare delivery system in southern New Jersey. Alliano, who has been with Kennedy for 20 years, was previously assistant vice president of budgeting and decisions support. Before that, she was director of accounting for 10 years. A certified public accountant, she is a New Jersey Society of CPAs and Healthcare Financial Management Association member. She resides in Sewell with her husband, Michael, and their three children.

Wilmington, he was named the 2012 Carolina League Broadcaster of the Year and twice received Delaware Sportscaster of the Year accolades from the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. In addition to his baseball work, Sadak also handles national play-by-play duties for a variety of sports including football and basketball with WestwoodOne, CBS Sports Network and the ESPN family of networks.

**Rich Dixon '01** was inducted into the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Division III Athlete Hall of Fame. Dixon competed

for the Profs in track from 1997-2000 and was a five-time national champion and 11-time All-American. He received the National Athlete of the Year award from the USTFCCCA twice, one time each for outdoor and indoor track, and was an 11-time New Jersey Athletic Conference champion. He was chosen the conference's Most Outstanding Male Athlete in 1998, 1999 and 2000. In addition, he was a four-year All-Conference player on the men's soccer team. He was inducted into the Rowan-Glassboro State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

**Christopher Shin '01** (Phi Kappa Sigma) and **Lori Howe Shin '01** announce

the Dec. 23, 2012, birth of Michael (photo on p. 60). Christopher is a computer scientist for the Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and Lori teaches fourth grade in Aberdeen.

**Steven Weisbrot '01** is an owner and executive of Angeion Group, a premier litigation support company which offers class action notice and claims administration, health care lien resolution, e-discovery and court reporting.

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



**Sleepy Hollow musical debut**

**Matthew Norcross '96** and wife Susan at the TD Bank Performing Arts Center during his musical's premiere. See note on p. 58.

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**John Sadak '00** was named 2013 Broadcaster of the Year by Ballpark Digest. He is the lead radio and TV play-by-play announcer for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, a Triple-A minor league baseball team affiliated with the New York Yankees. Sadak previously worked for the Yankees, the Lakewood BlueClaws, MLB Productions and, most recently, as the voice of the Wilmington Blue Rocks. While in



**Washington D.C. Alumni Reception**

Hosted by Erica Ortiz '99, M'04, the Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception at Penn Quarter Sports Tavern was a huge success. Alumni from throughout the D.C. region attended. The group looks forward to expanding the D.C. alumni community with more group activities and events!

1. Scot Merkle '83, Paul Timko '86.
2. Martin Waysome '01, Mark Fusiak '09, Pamela Sexton '07.
3. Nadja Mong-Brownrigg, Arrisa Mong '82, Malin Mong '81.
4. Sally Seppanen '85, Jeffery DeMarco '06, Bryan Nese '04.

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### Shin Family

Christopher Shin '01 and Lori Howe Shin '01 introduce Michael. See note on p. 59.

Steven Farney '02, M'04, D'11 and Cristin Kastner Farney '02, M'03 (Alpha Delta Epsilon) announce the birth of Steven Jr. See photo on p. 51.

Kevin Fricke '02 is principal of the Clayton J. Davenport Elementary Complex in Egg Harbor Township. Before being promoted, he was an assistant principal for four years. Fricke and his wife, Amanda McGlone Fricke '02, a special education teacher in the Buena Regional School District, have three children. The family lives in Hammonton.

Brianne Wissel Kanach '02 and Christopher Kanach '03, M'05 announce the May 10 birth of Matthew. They live in Bear, Del.

Kristy Erickson Raschka '02, M'04 married Jason Raschka in Cherry Hill. She has earned a doctorate of education and is a mathematics professor at Cecil College in North East, Md.

Nicholas Rimassa '03 married Melissa Gencarelli. Nicholas works for Marshall,

Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in Roseland. He was selected as a 2014 "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. The award goes to only 2.5 percent of all lawyers in the state under 40.

Joanne Santora Forsythe '04 is co-chair of public relations for the Professional Women's Roundtable of Philadelphia.

Jessica Lea Pingitore Lockwood '04 married Paul Lockwood in April 13, 2013. She received a "Teacher Who Rocks" award from local radio stations WRAT and WJRZ.

Leigh Paynter-Martinez '04 is a reporter for KOVR CBS13 in Sacramento. She's running a PTSD awareness campaign on social media in memory of her brother, Cpl. Jared Paynter, a former Rowan student, who died of an overdose March 6. To show your support, please follow the June posts on #PTSD and #PTSDawareness.

Brian Rayca '04 is chief registrar of the West Point Museum at the United States Military Academy.

Jason Amidon '05 M'07 and Christina Calabrese Amidon '07 announce the Oct. 20 birth of Joshua.

Martin Gaynor Jr. '05 (Tau Kappa Epsilon) and Lauren Schoener Gaynor '06 (Theta Phi Alpha) announce the Dec. 7 birth of Mia Anne.

George Guy Jr. M'05 is principal of the Rosa International Middle School in Cherry Hill. Previously, he was principal of the district's A. Russell Knight Elementary School.

Laurie Strucke '05 had two stories published: "Annie's Little Christmas Miracle" in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: It's Christmas* and "How I Became a Musician" in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Think Positive for Kids*.

Aubrey Amisson Nuel '06 married in September 2013 and the family is expecting a child in November. Aubrey is manager of data engineering at Rosetta Marketing.

Stephen L. Robinson '06 Alpha Phi Alpha) and Patrice Martin '06 married in June. Wedding party members included Jason Mitchell '06, Matt Walker '04 (Alpha Phi Alpha), Stephen Clayborn '07 (Alpha Phi Alpha) and Tyrell Clark '08.

Joe Tonzelli '06 has had an anthology, *The End of Summer: Thirteen Tales of Halloween*, published by AuthorMike Dark Ink. Tonzelli also has a



### Hoboken Happy Hour

The Alumni Association received a warm welcome in Hoboken as friends old and new spent the night reminiscing about days at Rowan/GSC. Alumni volunteers Erinn O'Neill '96 and Alex Habib '08 proudly hosted this event.

1. Jennifer Roddy '08, Megan Curtin '08, Karolyn Donovan '08.
2. Dan Vernon '84, John Dunn '87, Richard Spector '85, Brian Gilligan '85.
3. Jose Posos '09, Fred Melendez, Victoria Gunnarsen '10, Dave DeCourcelle '09, Mike Ward '07, Elizabeth Agababa '10, Samantha Nash '10.
4. Danielle Bookman, Anthony DiCapua '08, Matt Stockwell '02, Jared Axelrod '08.



### Practicing Prof pride

Future Profs Alexander and Olivia Plasket, (children of **Rebecca Plasket '01** and **Brian Plasket '99**) and William Sholinsky (son of **Regina Schaffer Sholinsky '02**), get ready for the Homecoming game.

blog called The End of Summer where he writes about all things creepy.

**Chelsea M. Pizzi '07** received the inaugural Rising Star Award from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations District 1 for her achievements, creativity and potential for future success in the communication field. She is a public relations/social media specialist at Atlantic Cape Community College.

**Lindsay Tjattas Saleski M'07, DO'08** is an emergency department doctor at the Tuomey Healthcare System in Sumter, SC. She supervises medical students at Tuomey from a nearby medical school where she also occasionally lectures. The health system reported that she saved the life of one of the hospital's employees after a stabbing.

**Sunny Dublick '08** is an integrated marketing manager for Finch Brands in Philadelphia. Dublick previously worked for The Hay Group where she crafted

marketing strategies around the *Fortune* "World's Most Admired Companies" and *The Wall Street Journal* "CEO Compensation" initiatives. Before that, she worked in an advertising agency handling clients that included Coca-Cola, several gaming interests and the University of the Sciences.

**Meredith Martin Mischler '08** and **Patrick Mischler '07** married in May. **Jon McMenamain '04** officiated. **Nicholas Stugard '07, M'09** and **Tom Cassidy '06** were co-best men. **Kelly Horton '07** was a guest.

**Brian Shaw '08**, a certified floodplain manager, is director of marketing at Smart Vent Products Inc. in Pitman. The firm manufactures foundation vents that prevent or reduce flood damage.

**Jessica Humphrey Cintineo '09** and **Michael John Cintineo** were married in September at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Park Ridge. Jessica is an assistant editor at *Pascack Press*, a weekly newspaper

distributed to households in several Bergen County communities. They live in Ramsey.

**Kate Gamble '09** is the marketing communications manager at Drexel University's College of Engineering.

**Whitney Impellizeri '09** is a reading specialist in Riverside and is pursuing a doctorate in reading at Widener University in Chester, Pa.

**Lisa Smythe '09** is a human resources coordinator at Thermo Fisher Scientific, working at the firm's Bridgewater location but serving as coordinator for facilities in Mullica Hill and Fair Lawn. Previously, she was a recruitment assistant for Atlantic Health System, a multihospital company in northern New Jersey.

## 10s

**Denise Scharen McNamara '10** and **David McNamara '09** married July 4, 2013, at St. Mary's in Middletown. The wedding party included **Rachael Scharen '08, M'10, Emily Scharen '13, Rachel Kaden '11** and **Jon Bouchard '08, M'10**.

**Lee West '10** has invented the Go-Ring, a device that promotes greater independence for many people with disabilities by enabling them to perform tasks they were unable to do or had difficulty doing. Known as an assistive technology device, the Go-Ring attaches to the back of a cell phone,

tablet or hand-held device. The user slips a finger through the moveable ring and the device remains securely in the user's hand. It's specifically designed for those with fine-motor, grasping or neurological disabilities, spinal cord injury or arthritis. For more information, visit [www.Go-Ring.com](http://www.Go-Ring.com).

**Suzie Chudzik '11** and **Olivia Do '12** launched an online boutique, [www.shop-ardour.com](http://www.shop-ardour.com), offering clothing in a bohemian, electric style.

**Shannon Caulfield '12** and **Doug Gausepohl '13** are engaged

**Danielle Brasco '13** is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling at Wilmington University. She completed the Broad Street Run in May and is training for her second half-marathon.

**Kyle Brown '13** is a software sales rep at CobbleStone Systems, a contract management software firm in Runnemede.

**Jordan DiPinto '13** will begin law school at the University of Pennsylvania in August. He is a TD Bank store supervisor in Sewell.

**Crystal O'Neill M'13** is president of SEER Interactive, a Philadelphia digital marketing firm, with offices in Philadelphia and San Diego. Before being promoted, she led the company's Pay Per Click division.

**Jacqueline Randall '13** is a junior web designer at Endless Pools, the world leader in compact swimming pools and



### Robinson Wedding

**Stephen L. Robinson '06** and **Patrice Martin '06** tied the knot. See note on p. 60.



### Humphrey Wedding

**Jessica Humphrey Cintineo '09** and **Michael Cintineo** married last fall. See note this page.

swim spas. She took part in the Phillies charity 5K in March and the TriRock Philadelphia Triathlon—Sprint Race in June. She is a Mullica Hill Women's Tri Club member.

**Jeff Ritter '13** was awarded a full merit scholarship at Duke University to pursue an M.S. in Management degree. While at Rowan, Jeff, who has Type 1 diabetes, was instrumental in getting legislation passed to ensure that police officers receive training so that they don't mistake a diabetes problem for intoxication.

# Remembrances

Fond eulogies of campus friends offered by AFT colleagues

## John Falzetta

*Secondary Education and Educational Administration*

John Nicholas Falzetta, 86, died Sept. 8, 2013. He came to Glassboro in 1969, where he served as professor of education from 1969 to 1988.

Dr. Falzetta had a long and distinguished career in education. He served in the Navy during World War II after graduating from Atlantic City High School in 1944. On his return, he earned a B.A. in economics from LaSalle College; an M.A. in social sciences from Niagara University; and an Ed.D. from Temple University. A man of broad interests, John loved classical music, including opera, fishing and flying.

His career in public education included elementary and junior high school teaching and appointments as principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent. He was an AFT Local member until his retirement. His experience and education led to work with his own and other educational consulting firms.

John, whose son, Brian, preceded him in death, is survived by sons Gregory Falzetta and Andre Pierce and daughter Elisa Falzetta, along with spouses and grandchildren. His beloved boxer, Bella, so brightened his final days that the family has asked that memorial contributions be made either to Meridian Hospice South, 80 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin, NJ 08050, or the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

## Joanne Trimble

*Mathematics*

Joanne Swendsen Trimble, 74, of Austin, Texas, died June 30, 2013 at Christopher House of Hospice Austin. She arrived at Glassboro in 1972 and left in 1984.

During that time, she participated with her husband, Benjamin Trimble, in the establishment of a new computer science major.

Dr. Trimble was born in Fond du Lac, Wis., and graduated from Valparaiso University in Indiana with a major in math, followed by a master's degree at Purdue, also in Indiana, and a Ph.D.

from the University of Pennsylvania.

Before coming to Glassboro, Dr. Trimble taught at Hunter College in New York and Upsala College in East Orange. Following her tenure at Glassboro, she joined the mathematics department at Marist College in Poughkeepsie in Pennsylvania. In 1992, she joined her husband in Austin, Texas, where they enjoyed retirement. Dr. Trimble is survived by her husband of 50 years.

## Huguette Henderycksen

*Foreign Languages and Literatures*

Huguette R. Henderycksen, 86, died July 25, 2013, at the Lynmore in Fort Pierce, Fla. She joined the department of foreign languages and literatures at Glassboro State College in 1969 and retired as associate professor in 1991.

A native of France, Dr. Henderycksen emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1952. She received a B.S. from Shippensburg State College; an M.Ed. from Temple University; an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania; and a Ph.D. in French from Rutgers University. She taught French in high schools in Pennsylvania and New Jersey before arriving at Glassboro.

A service to celebrate her life was held in the Yates Funeral Home and Crematory, Fort Pierce Chapel last August. Aggie Mical, who recently moved to Ft. Pierce, attended the memorial service for Huguette.

Dr. Henderycksen is survived by a sister, Jacqueline Campbell of Fort Pierce, Fla.; two nieces, Ruby St. James of Chicago and Clody Gabrieli of Montgeron, France; and a nephew, Jean-Pierre Langlois of Washington, D.C.

She is interred in Wenonah Cemetery, alongside her departed friend, Jeannette McConnell. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of the United States.

## Lawrence Stewart

*Music*

Lawrence "Larry" J. Stewart, 73, died July 21, 2013. He was a member of the music department.

He earned his B.S. from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., an M.M. from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., and a D.M.A. in bassoon performance at the

University of Michigan. He was a member of the AFT and the Retirees Chapter.

As a professional bassoonist, he was a member of the Chicago Little Symphony, the National Symphony in Washington, and the Philadelphia Opera Company Orchestra, where he was second bassoonist.

He cofounded The Friends of the Arts organization at Rowan.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Susan K., son Davin and daughter Larisa Schreiber and three granddaughters. A memorial service was held at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville, Ind.

## Frank X. Sutman

*Science Education*

Frank "Francis" X. Sutman, 85, of Linwood, died Aug. 3, 2013. He was born in Newark and grew up in Glen Ridge. He held a B.S. from Montclair State Teachers College and a D.Ed. from Columbia University.

He taught at Rowan in the areas of science education and curriculum development for a time, as well as at other institutions, including Temple, Fairleigh Dickinson and the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He devoted his professional life to preparing teachers of science to succeed in the classroom. He received the 1987 New Jersey Governor's Award for Education.

Survivors include a son, Frank Sutman, and daughters Cathy Oldis and Elizabeth Cichowski. He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Mabel Patricia Sutman.

A celebration of his life was held at the Greate Bay Country Club in Somers Point, Aug. 17, 2013. Those who wish may make a donation in his name to the Alzheimer's Association, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

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## Our sympathies

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Helen Brown Thomas '45	Anne Brigham M'71	Henry Lightner '89, M'92
Miriam Pettit Daly '46	Eleanor Bringham M'71	Harold Chadick '90
William Greenhalgh '47, M'52, M'67	William Platt '71	Cindy Holmes Fredrick '90
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# It's not the medal that matters

By Gary Baker '04

*Gary Baker '04 is the assistant director of orientation and student leadership programs at Rowan University. He is a fan of good customer service, watching and playing sports, reading, writing, chicken wings, ice cream and other healthy foods.*

When I was an undergrad at Rowan, one of my mentors continuously stressed the importance of building relationships. Leadership is about relationships, I was told. It was a lesson that I bought into, and has stuck with me since my time as a student.

A few years after graduating, I was given the opportunity to volunteer with Special Olympics. Unsure of what to expect, I was hooked after the very first day. I received an overwhelming amount of high fives, hugs and smiles. In an afternoon, I established relationships that would change my life.

Seven years after graduating, I came back to Rowan as a staff member at the Rec Center. I wanted to continue partnering with Special Olympics, and after helping host a 5K fundraiser called 'Miles for Medals,' Special Olympics approached me about an opportunity to start something called Unified Sports. This new program, the first of its kind in the nation, would partner college students with Special Olympics athletes in an inclusive sports setting in both basketball and soccer. Three years later, more than 200 Rowan students (Unified 'partners') and 70 Special Olympics athletes have been part of Rowan Unified Sports.

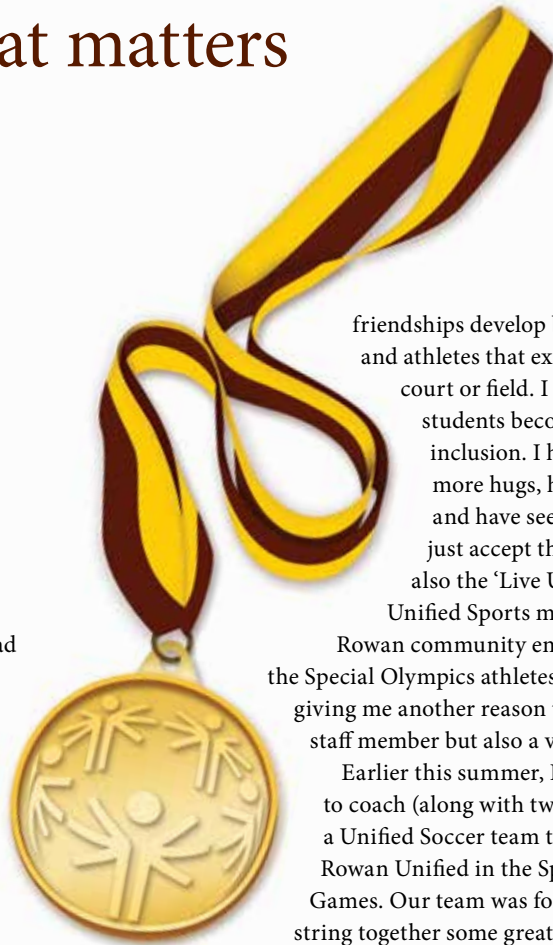
More important though than the number of students who have been involved has been the development of some great relationships. I have seen

friendships develop between the partners and athletes that extend beyond the court or field. I have seen our Rowan students become vehicles for inclusion. I have seen countless more hugs, high fives and smiles and have seen so many people not just accept the 'Play Unified' but also the 'Live Unified' aspect of the Unified Sports motto. I have seen the

Rowan community embrace the Special Olympics athletes and their families, giving me another reason to be not only a proud staff member but also a very proud alum.

Earlier this summer, I had the opportunity to coach (along with two other Rowan grads) a Unified Soccer team that represented Rowan Unified in the Special Olympics USA Games. Our team was fortunate enough to string together some great soccer play and win a gold medal in our division. The prouder moment though, for me as coach, was to see the relationships that have been forming over the last few years apparent on the field. Our Rowan students, alums and SONJ athletes put on a display of soccer that exhibited teamwork, fun, unity and sportsmanship that could do the whole Rowan family proud. Our team received compliments from coaches from Utah, Washington, Nebraska and other states not for their passing or shooting but for how they played "unified."

Since the games, it has been very heartwarming to hear from other faculty and staff, Rowan students, and alumni friends who I haven't spoken to in a decade congratulating the team on winning the gold medal. Winning the medal was a great experience, but the real accomplishment is in how this relationship between Rowan and Special Olympics has allowed our students and members of the community an opportunity to develop great new relationships, to bring people together through sports and to lead the way in collegiate unified sports. ■



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## photo op



### Welcome back, 1971

Yearbook photographer John Shaffer '72 captured Doug Castellana '72 and Deanna Haggerty '73 on their way back from Joe's Sub Shop in September 1971 and the photo (above) became part of *The Oak* in 1972. Retracing their college-days steps last fall after more than 40 years of marriage, the Castellanas made one of the last photos of the theatre on High Street once known as the Roxy. The historic building had a 50-year heyday that ended in the '80s. With the building razed recently, the site is part of what developers hope to make into a downtown arts and entertainment district.