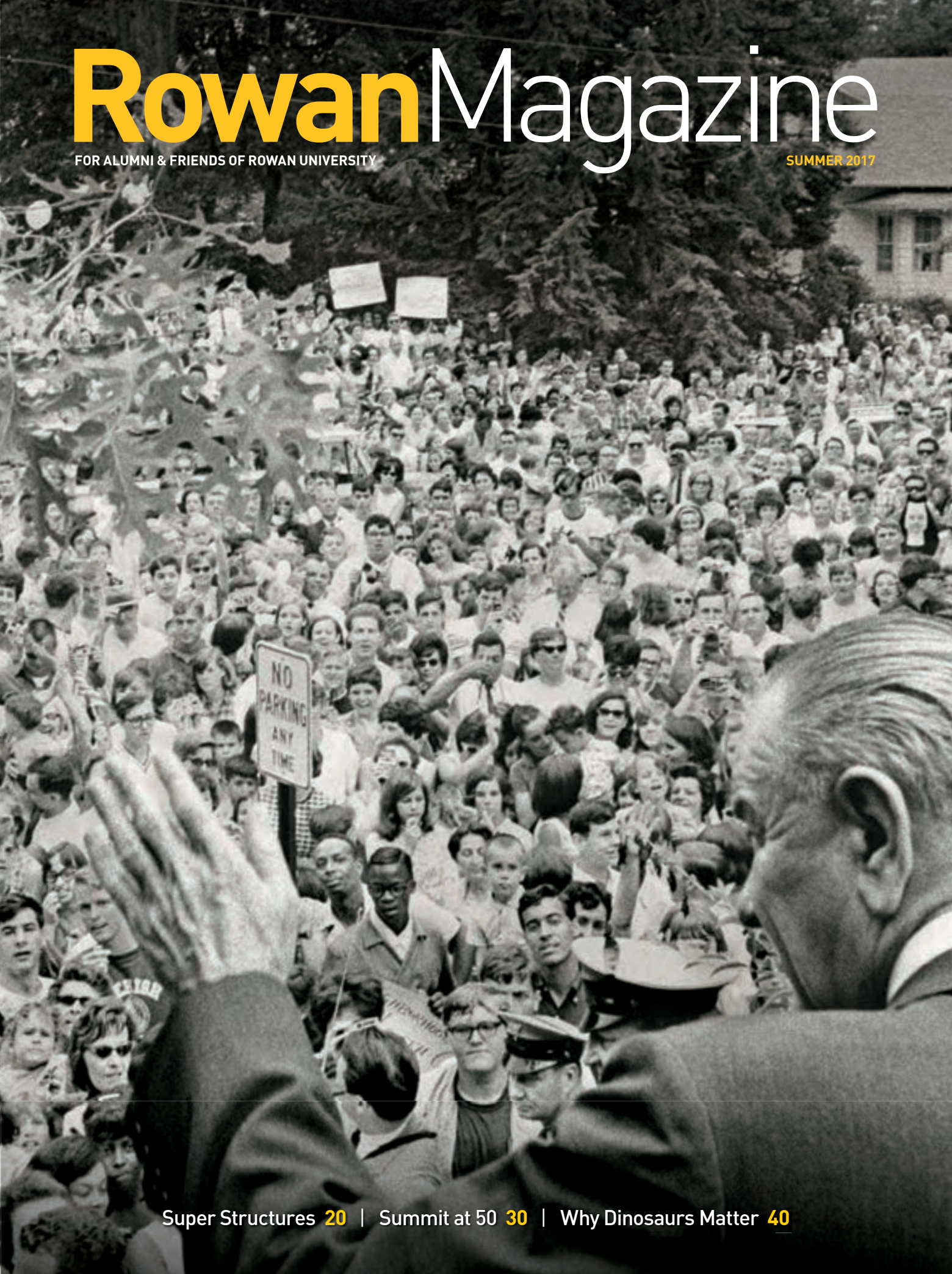


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## Rowan on the Rise

September 2017–June 2018

Catch up on all of the news and excitement surrounding your alma mater! Join the Rowan University Office of Alumni Engagement at one of our 32 regional events to mingle with fellow Rowan alumni and members of the University community. For event schedule and details, please turn to page 57.

## 2017 RowanSOM Golf Classic

Saturday, September 16

Join alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends at the 20th Annual RowanSOM Golf Classic. Entry fee includes cart, greens fee, BBQ luncheon and awards reception. For more information, please visit [alumni.rowan.edu/2017golfflclassic](http://alumni.rowan.edu/2017golfflclassic) 11:00 a.m., Riverwinds Golf & Tennis Club

## Night Bright Color Run

Friday, September 29

Alumni are invited to participate in the most colorful event at Rowan! Join students in a noncompetitive, two-mile run around campus through numerous paint zones where you'll be blasted with different colored powdered paints. For more information, please visit [alumni.rowan.edu/colorrn](http://alumni.rowan.edu/colorrn) 5:30 p.m., Glassboro campus

## Alumni Dig Day

Saturday, September 30

Join us for a day of hands-on science exploration! Alumni and their families are invited to one of two planned digs where explorers will have the opportunity to experience the thrill of finding a fossil that could date back 65 million years. Space is limited Registration for both sessions will open at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, at [alumni.rowan.edu/alumnidigday2017](http://alumni.rowan.edu/alumnidigday2017) 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m., Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Park at Rowan University

## PROFhistoric Homecoming

### 2017 Block Party

Friday, October 13

Come out to the annual homecoming block party to enjoy delicious food, music and fun! There will also be a kids' zone, live performances, artisan vendors and much more. Food will be available for purchase. Alumni and community members are welcome at this event.

5–10 p.m., Glassboro Town Square

## Diamond Club Golf Tournament

Friday, October 13

Kick off Homecoming weekend by enjoying a day on the greens with fellow Rowan/GSC baseball alumni at Scotland Run Golf Club. For more information, please visit [alumni.rowan.edu/diamondclubgolf2017](http://alumni.rowan.edu/diamondclubgolf2017) 9:30 a.m., Scotland Run Golf Club

## PROFhistoric Homecoming 2017 Alumni Tent, Athletics Tent & Beer Garden

Saturday, October 14

Alumni, family and friends are invited to enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet, a PROFhistoric beer garden, tailgating games, kids' activities and a photo booth. Each alumnus and one guest may attend FREE of charge, as long as you preregister by September 22. For alumni and guests who do not preregister, there will be a \$10 fee. The PROFhistoric beer garden and food truck are cash only. Athletics alumni, family and friends are invited to reconnect in a special section of the alumni tent. 11 a.m., Parking Lot C, Wackar Stadium

## Homecoming Football vs. The College of New Jersey

Saturday, October 14

Cheer on the Profs as they face The College of New Jersey. Football alumni from the 1980s and the Alumni Ambassador award recipient will be recognized at halftime. 2 p.m., Wackar Stadium

## 2017 Black Alumni & Friends Reunion

Saturday, October 14–Sunday, October 15

The Black Alumni Reunion Committee has planned a series of events during this year's Homecoming festivities. An elegant Jazz Soiree with an opportunity to connect with students and an enriching Fellowship Breakfast are on the weekend's agenda. For more information, please visit [alumni.rowan.edu/blackalumnireunion2017](http://alumni.rowan.edu/blackalumnireunion2017) Glassboro campus

## class reunions

### Class of 1962 55th Reunion

Friday, October 13–Sunday, October 15

For more information, please visit [alumni.rowan.edu/classof62](http://alumni.rowan.edu/classof62) Glassboro campus

### Class of 1967 50th Reunion

Saturday, October 14

For more information, please visit [alumni.rowan.edu/classof67](http://alumni.rowan.edu/classof67) Glassboro campus

### Class of 2007 10th Reunion

Saturday, October 14

For more information, please visit [alumni.rowan.edu/classof07](http://alumni.rowan.edu/classof07) 5–7 p.m., Chickie's & Pete's, Rowan Blvd.

## 2017 RowanSOM Alumni Reunion

Saturday, November 18

Recognizing class years ending in 1, 2, 6 and 7, as well as faculty and staff from SOM. 6 p.m., The Nassau Inn, Princeton

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

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At the edge of campus in June 1967, President Lyndon Johnson greeted the crowd after meeting with his Soviet counterpart in Hollybush.

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### Library lingo

I very much enjoyed your article about the Edelmans and the Fossil Park. Only one thing bothered me and I think it is important that this small fact be corrected: We did have a library at GSC. I used it quite a bit. I am retired now, but I went on to have a wonderful career in education. I certainly have to give partial credit to [my college] education and many of the professors at GSC/Rowan for that.

Thank you very much.

Joanne Letwinch '74

*Ed. note: Joanne, this seems to be a case of best intentions backfiring. In the early '70s, there was a great push, complete with a brochure and a 33 1/3 rpm record, to promote the Savitz Learning Resource Center—the new-fangled name for the library. The fancy label was meant to*

*describe holdings beyond a traditional library's books.*

*At GSC, the "more" included special education instructional materials, the Stewart Collection, radio and television resources, art books and even some of the first computing equipment on campus. GSC was proud of the spruced-up Savitz and spent a fair amount of effort and money to promote it.*

*GSC's continuous accreditation is evidence that we had a functional library that met higher education standards. Unfortunately, the trendy name didn't do a good job describing what was new and improved.*

### Retro tech

I read the fantastic story about RCA's history. As the grandson of former RCA employees and a member of the Rowan Alumni Association Board of Directors, I am proud to see Rowan

taking such a large role in preserving this rich history. In fact, I've lived at the Victor Building in Camden for over three years and am reminded of RCA's importance to the region every day.

Bill Moen '09

My wife, Diane, is a 2001 Rowan graduate. She received the Winter 2017 *Rowan Magazine* and the article, "Sound Engineering," caught my attention.

My father (now 98 years old) serviced and sold these radios, TVs and appliances in a Ma and Pa store in Woodbine from the 1960's to the late 1980's. I remember my dad fixing TVs on the kitchen table. He then built a shop in the garage and as business progressed he opened the store in Woodbine. We went on service calls to customers' homes. I carried the tube caddie

filled with vacuum tubes and tools.

After closing the store he took equipment and materials back to the garage where they still are today. I will ask him if he's willing to part with the stuff. You may be able to use it in your classes or the museum.

Sam Rosenfeld

Since I was nine I was fascinated with vintage electronics—namely RCA. To this day some 37 years later, I am still working on and restoring old radios, TVs, calculators, clocks and the like.

When I saw the article in *Rowan Magazine*, I was thrilled. To see an appreciation for vintage technology and how it can enrich and inspire new designs left me more hopeful about preserving such important history.

William Burrows '07

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

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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES

I brought my son to Summit on June 23, 1967 and it was his 1st birthday. So he was on my hip then & now a 1st Sgt. in the National Guard. Tour of Mansion was delightful!

50 years goes by too fast. Missing LBJ & Kos very much -VIC

God Bless Margaret Lockwood Class of '88

I lived in Oak Hall Dormitory 2 years and looked at Hollybush every day. Forever in my memories ♡ Robin Ely '73

This brought back great memories of the Summit - I'm so proud of Glassboro's place in history.

SO #ROWANPROUD to be part of this historic anniversary!

Joe Lamora Pulok '03 Rowan Alumni Board of Directors

SO #ROWANPROUD!

P.S. - LBJ, we want our chairs back! 😊

The spirit of Hollybush lives on in all of us.

Nick '68, n71 & Marie Metch P.S. Thank you!!!

Thanks for a great day. The Summit was really interesting and great for Glassboro!

Great experience to be here 50 years later!! 😊



# POST CARD

I remember this event as a 13 year old from Voorhees, NJ. It was very insightful to hear from the local folks who witnessed this historic event.

Don Lemansky

Rowan PROUD  
and Glassboro PROUD!!

Honored to be a part  
of the celebration  
50 years later!

Joe Kels

Wonderful 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration!  
Great Event! Thanks  
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I lived in Evergreen B in 1967.  
I was home working the days  
of the meeting - wishing I had  
transportation to come down.

Carol Bartlett Ehrman  
Class of 1969

### Wish you were here

Surrounded by 1967  
summit history at June's  
50th anniversary events  
(more in cover story),  
visitors shared sentiments  
on a huge postcard panel  
at Hollybush. Here, just  
a few of their messages  
prove the pride on  
campus for Glassboro's  
role in '67 and now.



## Public Safety, University earn top safety honors

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Following the same protocols and adhering to the same standards as the finest law enforcement agencies in the nation, Rowan University's Department of Public Safety is a recognized leader in campus safety.

Now, the University also has gained national recognition for its efforts to keep campuses in Glassboro, Camden and Stratford safe.

In the spring, the National Council for Home Safety and Security ranked Rowan among the safest colleges in the nation. Among 2,167 institutions with student populations of 15,000 or more, the University ranked 38th among the top 100 safest colleges. The rankings were based on data from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting and the National Center for Education Statistics and include data on crimes, arrests, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

The national ranking came on the heels of the Department of Public Safety's second reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement

Agencies, Inc., the gold standard of public safety professional excellence. The department achieved perfect scores in its compliance of 474 standards addressing nine major areas of law enforcement required by CALEA.

In 2011, Rowan made history when it became the first law enforcement agency from a New Jersey college to gain national accreditation from CALEA. The department first was reaccredited in 2014.

Additionally, in 2015 the department became the first in a state institution to require officers to wear body cameras.

Last year, the department responded to more than 45,000 calls for service across all campuses. As the University has grown during the past five years, calls for service have doubled. Since 2012, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine joined the institution, new academic buildings were built and enrollment increased to more than 17,000 students.





Sergeant Rachel Baum and Sergeant Frank Agosta '07 are part of the community policing presence on campus that helped Rowan achieve the "gold standard" in public safety professional excellence. Homeland Security, EMS, crime prevention, safety and security awareness, and fire safety expertise also are part of the broad range of professional services dedicated to Rowan's Glassboro, Camden and Stratford campuses.

The Department of Public Safety employs 34 academy-trained police officers, 58 security officers, 27 communications and support personnel and 22 student patrol members.

While the department leads the way in safety efforts, departments and divisions across Rowan's campuses have instituted programming related to safety, including Title IX training for the entire campus community and diversity awareness and disability awareness training, among other programs.

In 2015, Safe Campus: the National Campus Safety Summit ranked Rowan's Division of Student Affairs third among the nation's top 25 administrative departments dedicated to making a difference in student safety.

## CALLING DR. BRAIN DUDE

Dr. Russell J. Buono wants to pick your brain.

OK, maybe not yours per se, but he's definitely picking someone's, spreading the science and gospel of brain health and function in schools around the region and using actual human brains to drive the discussion.

Buono is a Cooper Medical School of Rowan University neuroscientist whose unusual teaching technique is firing up budding scientists even if they don't love the feel of squiggly gray matter.

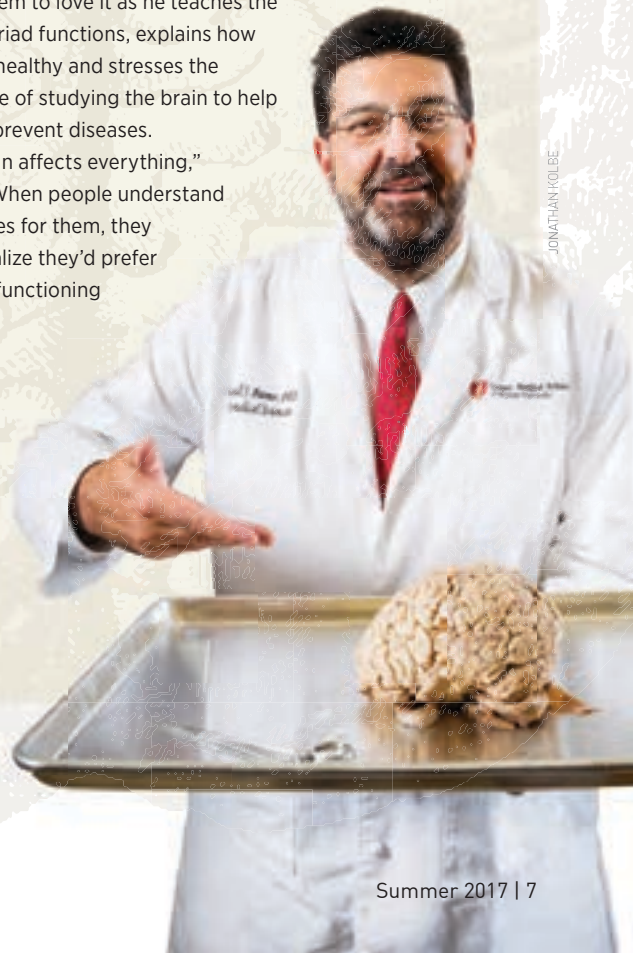
"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Emma Abbaszadeh, 17, of Buono's recent presentation to her Cherry Hill High School West anatomy class. "I'll probably never be able to touch a brain again."

Thousands of students, from preschoolers to graduate students, have enjoyed the unique lesson provided by Buono, who, during the past 15-plus years, has become known to his young audiences as "Dr. Brain Dude." Since joining CMSRU in 2012, he has visited about two schools per month, including Camden public and charter schools, and others across South Jersey.

"We're trying to raise awareness of the brain and its functions," said Buono, who brings an assortment of donated human and animal specimens to lectures.

Though his approach is somewhat unorthodox, students of all ages seem to love it as he teaches the brain's myriad functions, explains how to keep it healthy and stresses the importance of studying the brain to help treat and prevent diseases.

"The brain affects everything," he said. "When people understand what it does for them, they quickly realize they'd prefer to keep it functioning properly."



JONATHAN GOLBE

# Film profs screen abroad

Practice what you teach. For filmmaking professors Jonathan Olshefski and Jonathan Mason in the department of radio, television & film, that isn't so much a mantra as a way of life.

Olshefski spent 10 years filming and bonding with a North Philadelphia family in the making of his documentary "Quest," the story of Christopher "Quest" Rainey, his wife, their family and their home music studio, a creative sanctuary amid the strife of their inner city neighborhood. The film recently screened at the ultracompetitive Sundance Film Festival in Utah, the True/False Film Fest in Missouri and the New Directors/New Films Festival in New York City.

Mason, who grew up in and around Paris, wrote and directed "L'Échappée," an Arabic language short film shot in Algiers. It is the story of Hocine, a taxi driver who dreams of leaving his beautiful but tough Mediterranean city to become a photographer in Italy,

and he's torn between chasing that dream and living a life in a difficult home that he loves.

He recently screened "L'Échappée," at the world's largest short film festival, the Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival in France, at the Cinemed international film festival, also in France, at the Miami International Film Festival, at Trinity College's Silk Road International Film Festival in Ireland and at the prestigious African Film Festival New York.

Showing their films at prestigious festivals has provided Olshefski and Mason with plenty of street cred in their classrooms, but perhaps more important, valuable lessons.

"Networking is incredibly important and unless you're independently wealthy, you need to network," Olshefski said.

Said Mason of the festival experience: "You start meeting people, get your name out there, and often that leads to the next film or the next collaboration."

Filmmakers and educators Jonathan Mason (left) and Jonathan Olshefski bring their film festival experience back to the classroom for students.

## ROWAN STUDENTS LAND FULBRIGHT, GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIPS

Seven students this year earned prestigious scholarships to study abroad, including six in the Thomas N. Bantivoglio Honors Concentration.

Goldwater winner Kelsey DeFrates '18 is a biomedical engineering major and mathematics minor. Savanna Dautle '19, a chemical engineering and mathematics double major, was a Goldwater honorable mention.

Rowan Fulbright winners this year include 2017 graduates Amanda Tursi, bioinformatics/honors, who will earn her master's degree in Finland on a Fulbright Graduate Degree Grant, and Nicole Wyglendowski, English/elementary education, who earned a yearlong Fulbright Teaching Assistantship Grant to teach English in Taiwan.

Two undergraduates were accepted to the selective U.S.-U.K. Fulbright summer institute for freshmen and sophomores. Rachel Barton, English/honors, won a grant for the University of Sussex, while Amy Ribinsky, communication studies/honors, won funding to study in Scotland.

Paul Rothlauf '17, biology/honors, was waitlisted for the U.S./U.K. open program, one of Fulbright's most competitive, but was meanwhile accepted to a fully funded graduate program at Harvard.

Since 2000, Rowan students have secured 21 Fulbrights and two earned Goldwaters.

Begun in 1989, Rowan's fledgling honors program greatly expanded following the 2004 gift of \$1 million from Haddonfield attorney Thomas N. Bantivoglio, who hoped to enable more students to enjoy "challenging and mind-broadening educational experiences to prepare them for successful graduate study and professional careers."

Today's honors program features a learning community in which many of its students live and study together in the Whitney Center on Rowan Boulevard.



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# Rowan Boulevard opens more doors

The next phase of the \$400-million Rowan Boulevard project—a mixed-use, 336,000-square-foot structure and attached parking garage—is set to open in late August. The building contains the Rowan Fitness Center on the first floor (an extension of the Recreation Center) and academic facilities and housing on upper floors.

The new writing arts and communication studies offices and seven classrooms on Victoria Street, just off Rowan Boulevard, further integrate the College of Communication & Creative Arts into Glassboro’s downtown to join the dean’s office, the departments of journalism and public relations & advertising, and the Rowan University Art Gallery, all on High Street.

Expanding instructional, recreational and office space benefits the fast-growing redevelopment zone and provides students with more opportunities to live, study and socialize downtown.

“It will have a great impact as it gives us much more of a presence near where our students live,” CCCA Dean Sanford Tweedie said.

Designed with cardio equipment, free weights and multifunctional systems, the Rowan Fitness Center will primarily serve students.

Built by Nexus Properties, some of the three-building complex overlooks the new Town Square. It contains 40,000 square feet of retail space, the 17,000-square-foot fitness center, 557 student beds, 37 market-rate apartments and 29,500 square feet of classrooms and offices.

## STUDENTS NEED, STUDENTS LEAD RESPONSE

Student Trustee Rbrey Singleton (right) and incoming Student Government Association President Lauren Bitzer celebrate the opening of The SHOP (Students Helping Other Profs) during a ceremony last spring. A new campus resource center that provides free food, personal care items and school supplies to any matriculated Rowan student in need, The SHOP is an initiative driven by students and led by the SGA. The center is funded through \$30,000 from the SGA with additional support from Rowan’s Foundation Board and other donors.

Nonperishables may be donated at the Student Center Information Desk any time. Monetary donations can be made at <http://tinyurl.com/RowanSHOP>.



JOEL SCHWARTZ





Beachley's progress with stronger electrospun nanofibers may lead to more applications that will benefit industries and the environment, including reducing energy costs and improving orthopedic procedures.

## NSF CAREER grant funds nanofiber research

For young faculty in STEM fields, recognition doesn't get much better than this.

Vince Beachley, an assistant professor of biomedical engineering in the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering, recently won a prestigious CAREER grant from the National Science Foundation.

The Faculty Early Career Development Program is among the NSF's most prestigious awards, especially for young faculty with "the

potential to serve as academic role models in research and education and to lead advances," according to NSF.

That's pretty heady stuff, as is the \$500,000 award to further his work, titled "Post-Processing Polymer Nanofibers for Improved Mechanical Properties."

The research, conducted by Beachley and a team of graduate and undergraduate students, is focused on enhancing the mechanical strength of polymer nanofibers through a process

called post drawing, which elongates the fibers—which are 200 times thinner than a human hair—several times, for potential use in biomedical implants, aircraft components and more.

Said Beachley, who holds three patents and has one pending related to the work, "We've already shown that we can make much stronger nanofibers with these processes... Given the broad applications of strong, lightweight materials, the potential impact could be immense."

### SHUTTLE SHOW-OFF

Rowan wrapped four shuttles in distinctive brown and gold this spring, courtesy of the Student Government Association. Expanded to reduce on-campus parking, the free service enables students, faculty and staff to park off campus and hitch a ride. Whether it's due to a rising need for service or the shuttles' greater visibility because of the wraps, ridership doubled in Spring 2017 from the previous year to nearly 7,000 passengers.



# Athletics best in NJAC second straight year; three individual national champions

Rowan University Athletics captured its second straight New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Cup as the best overall program in 2016-17 and three Profs won individual national titles.

In its quest for the NJAC cup, Rowan captured six conference titles, claiming the crown in women's soccer, men's indoor track and field, women's indoor track and field, men's swimming & diving, women's swimming and diving and men's outdoor track and field. The men's soccer, women's soccer, baseball and softball teams made appearances in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament.

## Men's outdoor track and field

Men's outdoor track & field tied for seventh at the NCAA Division III Championships. Junior Anthony Salemo was the national champion in the 400-meter hurdles with a school record time of 51.06. Junior Dave Benjamin placed second in the 110-meter hurdles and the 4x100-meter relay team placed fourth, both earning All-America honors.

The Rowan men tied for sixth at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships where Benjamin won the national title in the 60-meter hurdles with a University mark of 7.98. Junior Jeffrey Tucker picked up a pair of All-America accolades, taking third in the long jump and fourth in the high jump.

## Men's swimming and diving

Men's swimming & diving placed ninth at the NCAA Division III Championships, where senior Jesse Novak grabbed first in the 100 freestyle (43.29), his second national championship in the event and third overall. He also came in second in the 50 freestyle (19.85) for All-America honors. Senior John Morris was a two-time All-American, finishing fifth in one- and three-meter diving.

## Softball and women's track and field

Softball (33-11) reached the final of the NCAA Babson Park Regional. Women's track & field was well represented on the big stage, producing five outdoor national qualifiers and two indoor national qualifiers.



## Honors and accolades

Rowan had 37 student-athletes receive All-America honors in 2016-17, including softball player Morgan Smith and men's soccer player Shane Doherty, who made the All-America first team.

Men's soccer player Will Sjaastad and women's lacrosse player Giselle Cortes earned All-America second-team honors while field hockey player Jacqui Rosati made the All-America third team. Women's basketball player Anyssa Sanchez garnered All-America honorable mention.

In men's outdoor track & field, the 4x100-meter relay of senior Dior Hightower, junior Jonathan Ramirez, sophomore Shai Mumford and Benjamin received All-America distinction. In men's swimming & diving, the 400 freestyle relay of Novak, junior Eric Feuerstein, sophomore Nate Wojtowicz and senior Paul Long earned All-America recognition.

Novak finished his Rowan career as the most decorated swimmer in program history. He was a three-time national champion and an eight-time All-American. Novak was named NJAC Swimmer of the Year twice and he holds eight school records.

Fourteen student-athletes were chosen NJAC Special Award winners and 183 received All-Conference accolades, the most of any school in the conference.

The Profs also succeeded in the classroom with 272 student-athletes compiling a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, including 147 achieving 3.4 or better. Men's swimming and diving, men's and women's cross country and field hockey were named national All-Academic Teams.

Three Rowan University head coaches were selected NJAC Coach of the Year: Brad Bowser (men's and women's swimming and diving), Derick "Ringo" Adamson (women's indoor track and field) and Dustin Dimit (men's indoor and outdoor track and field). Dimit also was named Outdoor Track & Field Atlantic Region Coach of the Year.



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# COMMENCEMENT 2017

**ROWAN'S COMMENCEMENT 2017**, five joyous days in May, featured nine ceremonies on the University Green.

Festivities included the first main campus ceremony for Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, the bestowal of three honorary doctorates and five Medals of Excellence and the naming of two distinguished alumni.

The University's 2017 honorary degree recipients were David L. Cohen, senior executive vice president, chief diversity officer and senior counselor to the CEO for Comcast Corporation and NBCUniversal; Barbara Ann Kushner, president and CEO of Armand Corporation and former member of the Rowan Board of Trustees; and Shirley Malcom, who heads Education and Human Resources Programs at the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D.C.



Medal of Excellence recipients were Tom Stathakes '83, senior vice president and general manager of Comcast SportsNet Bay Area and CSN California; Dr. Adrienne Kirby, president and CEO of Cooper University Health Care; Boyd Buser, president of the American Osteopathic Association; Dr. Robert Laskowski, an educator, consultant, writer and retired physician executive; and Jerry Maginnis, accounting executive in residence in Rowan's Rohrer College of Business.

The University's 2017 distinguished alumni are Michael Apple '67, professor of curriculum and instruction and educational policy studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Dr. Linda Boyd '84, a School of Osteopathic Medicine graduate who is an expert in medical education, empathy and burnout in medicine, and women's health.







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1. Law & Justice grad Elizabeth Mitchell.
2. College of Science & Mathematics grads Tania Mboge and Ashli McKenzie celebrate after the ceremony.
3. Communication & Creative Arts and Performing Arts grads.
4. GSBS grads Hao Wu, Suang Wu, Shirley Lang, Cassandra Marshall and Jeffrey Viviano.
5. At the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering ceremony, Trustee Virginia Rowan Smith and President Houshmand presented Barbara Kushner with an Honorary Degree.
6. Communication & Creative Arts Commencement speaker Tom Stathakes '83.
7. School of Health Professions grads snap a healthie.
8. Professors David Clowney and John Hasse.



1. CHSS grad Michelle O'Sullivan and her sister, Amy.

2. Rohrer College of Business grad Keanu Pselio and his family.

3. CMSRU Interim Dean Annette Reboli, U.S. Rep. Donald Norcross and speaker Robert Laskowski.

4. SOM grad Dhruv Shah with his parents, Dipti and D.T. Shah.

5. CMSRU grads Jordan Kaplan, Christian Niles, Mary Noory and Lily Payvandi.

6. Engineering graduates Amy Geary, Brittany Butler, John Morton, Luke Howard, Lucas Boyd, Jord Yniguez and Elron Robinson.


7. President Houshmand, Distinguished Alumnus Michael W. Apple and Alumni Board member Tobias Bruhn.






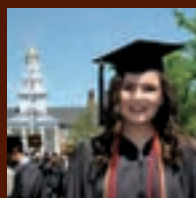
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Four @RowanUniversity degrees (and more to come) for this family #rowan17 #rowanpride



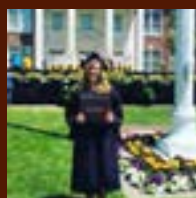
 **Brielle Maugeri** I can't even begin to explain how amazing today was. I can't believe my college career is over! From papers, to stressful studying sessions, to commuting, I am truly going to miss Rowan. Thank you to everyone who supported and loved me! I'm excited to see what the future holds. #Rowan17 #rowanalumni



 **trendingwithlori**  
Today, I graduated from @rowanuniversity's College of Business with a Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship! I'm so proud I chose Rowan! Thanks to my amazing family, boyfriend and best friend for making this day so special. Peace out, college!! You're looking at your next #womanboss #collegegrad #entrepreneur #rowan17



 **Rowan SAA** Last week we said "see ya later" to several awesome seniors. Welcome to the @RowanAlumni family, friends! #Rowan17



 **Meghan Kelly @MeghanKellyy\_**  
Thanks for a great college career, Rowan! I'll miss you #RowanPROUD #Rowan17



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# TOP-NOTCH

U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges, 2017

- Regional Universities-North
- Most Innovative
- Engineering Programs
- For Veterans-Regional Universities-North

The Princeton Review

- Best 294 Business Schools, 2017

Forbes

- America's Top Colleges, 2016

Money

- Best Colleges, 2016-2017

CollegeNET

- #3 Social Mobility Index-National, 2016

# GROWTH SPURT

Last phase of Rowan Boulevard begun

# \$400M



Top  
Engineering Hall: \$70.6M

Middle  
Business Hall: \$63M  
Holly Pointe Commons: \$145M

# TREM 2016-2017

## BUILDING BOOM



Bottom

Camden Addition: \$17.6M  
CREATES Hangar: \$1.5M



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# ENDOUS YEAR

## AT A HEAD-SPINNING PACE, 2016-2017

was the most productive academic year in Rowan's 94-year history. In no single year has the University reached so many critically important milestones. Here, a few highlights to celebrate—and to inspire more progress. More details and a short video at [rowan.edu/tremendousyear](http://rowan.edu/tremendousyear)

## OVER-ACHIEVERS



Carnegie research  
classification earned

Two students and  
one professor earned  
Fulbrights



Three student  
national champions  
and conference cup

28 patents issued



Engineering Hall photography by Clarke Caton Hintz  
Business Hall photography courtesy of KSS Architects

# *SUPER*

It has been a building year for the  
William G. Rohrer College of Business and  
the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering.

*LITERALLY.*

The background of the page is a light gray architectural floor plan of a building, showing various rooms, corridors, and structural elements. The plan is oriented diagonally across the page.

# STRUCTURES

by Patricia Quigley '78, M'03

**B**oth Rohrer College of Business and Rowan College of Engineering opened the doors to new facilities just eight days apart in January, each designed to enable its high-demand programs to increase enrollment to 2,000 students in the near future; expand programs; and grow collaborations with schools, businesses and government agencies.

The \$63.2 million, 98,300-square-foot Business Hall, a gateway to the campus on Route 322 where cars once clustered on parking lot A, became the first academic building dedicated to business education. In addition to classroom, office and study space, Business Hall features a trading room; the Center for Professional Development, which focuses on career preparation skills; and Rowan Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, a business accelerator supporting student entrepreneurship across campus.

Engineering Hall, a \$70.6 million, 88,000-square-foot structure connected to the original Rowan Hall by a third-floor enclosed bridge, will help address the surge in applications for the nationally recognized college. In addition to providing teaching labs dedicated to world-class research in several disciplines, Engineering Hall boasts water, hydrology and cell culture labs; dedicated STEM outreach facilities and a sustainability lab, among other features.

The state of New Jersey contributed funding for the new buildings through the 2012 New Jersey Building Our Future Bond Act, which awarded Rowan the second-highest amount of funding—\$117 million.

[1] The north facade of Business Hall features long spans of windows that look out from classrooms (left), the hub (middle) and the Business Center (right), a meeting and seminar area that hosts college and area business events. Outside, a patio opens onto a broad, terraced lawn that extends to Meditation Walk.

[2] *Threshold*, a sculpture by Ed Carpenter, wraps the ellipse on the west façade with panels of dichroic glass and brushed steel. By day, it is a bright focal point and at night, the sculpture glows like a lantern, a welcoming beacon for the University and RCB as the artistic gateway to campus.

[3] The first structure visitors encounter approaching the main campus from Route 322 West, Business Hall's 98,000 square-foot space spans four stories.



# BUSINESS HALL









## [HIGHLIGHTS]

*23 collaboration rooms*

*Trading Room with real-time  
ticker tracking*

*Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship*

*Center for Professional Development*





- [1] The south entrance opens on the 322 corridor and into Business Hall's "hub," a vast space at the center of the building's instructional, collaboration, meeting and administrative facilities.
- [2] A lounge on each of the first and second floors of the ellipse tower invites students to study independently or in small groups.
- [3] Students participated in developing the building plan that benefits them with a variety of spaces designed to facilitate creativity and innovation.
- [4] Collaboration rooms with wireless flat screen monitors provide space for student teams to work on projects or conduct study sessions.



- [1] A pedestrian bridge links the original home of the College of Engineering, Henry M. Rowan Hall, to Engineering Hall. The new building provides the space to continue Henry Rowan's vision to deliver first-class, innovative engineering education.
- [2] Engineering Hall incorporates a rooftop garden, solar panels and stormwater management features. Students can monitor data and manipulate environmental controls to learn more about sustainability and efficiency in building design.
- [3] The new building (left, below) doubles space for the college and will help meet the persistent demand for increased enrollment.



# ENGINEERING





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## [HIGHLIGHTS]

*14 collaboration rooms*

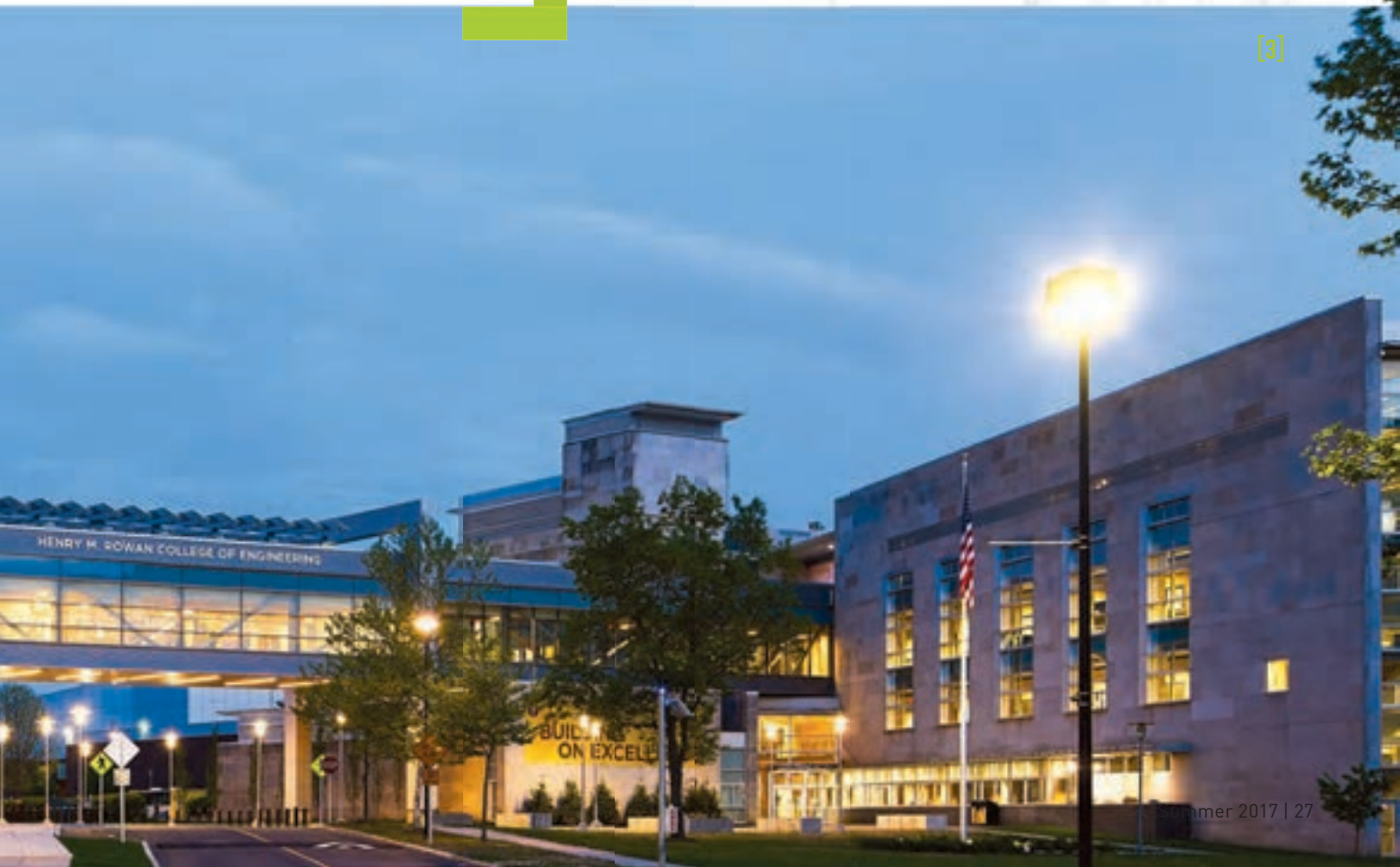
*19 research and teaching labs*

*Green roof and solar panels*

# HALL



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[1] The two-story atrium draws students to gather almost 24-7. It features an Einstein Bros. Bagel cafe and terrazzo tile art by Carol Braaksma and Brad Kaspari, inspired by engineering concepts and themes.

[2] Virtually all of Engineering Hall's corridors are designed with space for students to connect with each other before and after class.

[3] First-floor project labs open to the outdoors, making extended space available for work on projects such as automotive engineering, solar arrays and drone technologies.

[4] Movable walls and variable equipment in teaching spaces can be shifted to accommodate large and small groups.



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# Summ



*In the smallest room on the first floor of Hollybush, the leaders of the world's superpowers talked for nearly seven hours during the course of two days, sitting in antique chairs that belonged to the college president's family. They took breaks for photos inside and outside the house.*

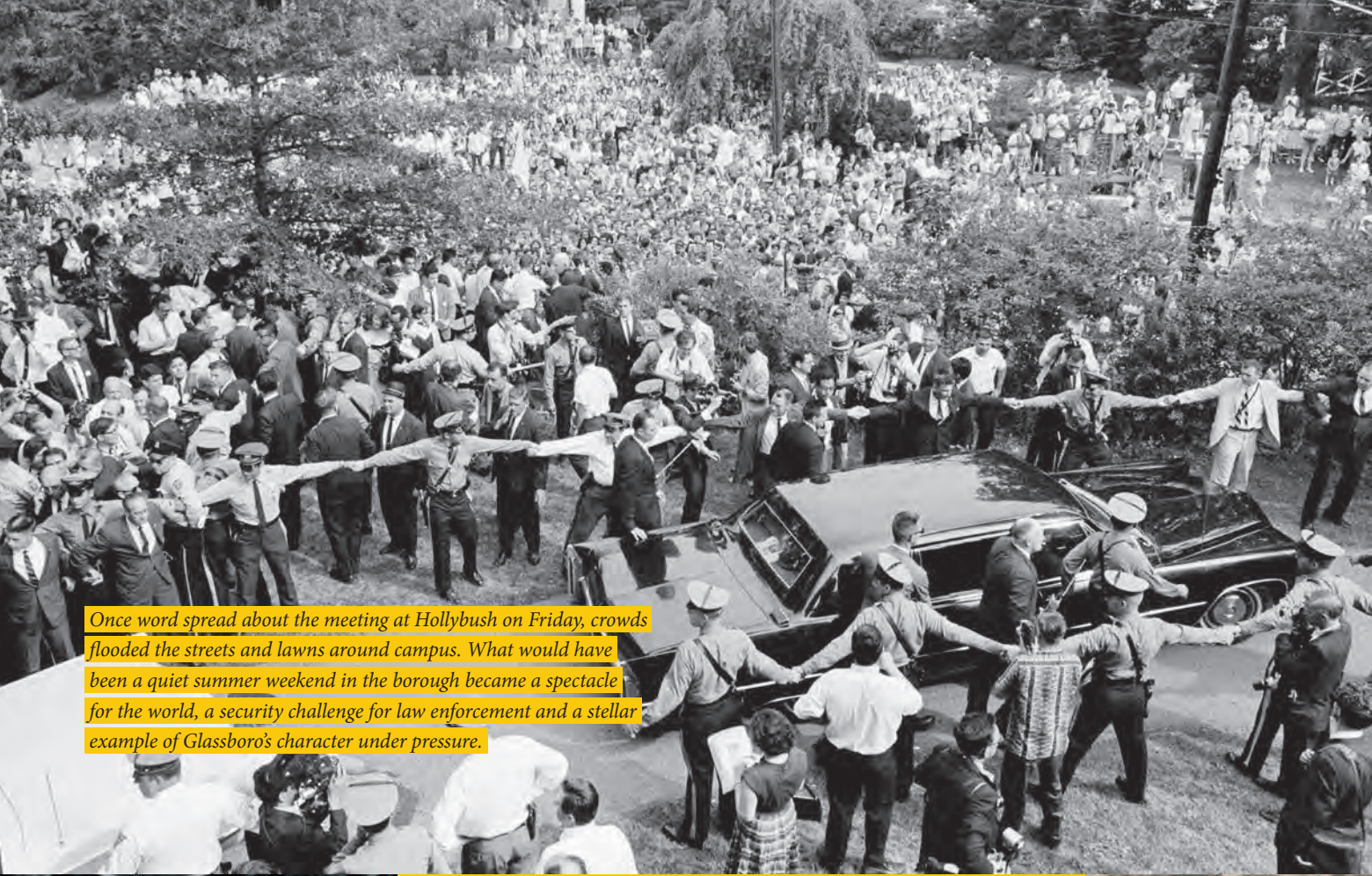


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by  
**Barbara Baals**

At the apex of the Cold War, Glassboro was the site of talks of peace, progress—and hope—as we hosted President Lyndon B. Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin at the Summit at Hollybush in June 1967. Fifty years later, the “spirit of Hollybush” remains.



Once word spread about the meeting at Hollybush on Friday, crowds flooded the streets and lawns around campus. What would have been a quiet summer weekend in the borough became a spectacle for the world, a security challenge for law enforcement and a stellar example of Glassboro's character under pressure.



*The chance to see international history being made in South Jersey became a good reason to spend an afternoon outdoors.*

## FOR ONE WEEKEND IN JUNE 1967, OUR INSTITUTION WAS ON THE WORLD STAGE.

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“The town of Glassboro—and this wonderful college campus—will always be associated with the goal of leaving this world a little more orderly than we found it,” President Lyndon B. Johnson said of the Summit at Hollybush, 50 years ago at then-Glassboro State College.

“You good people of Glassboro have done your part to help us make this a significant and historic meeting. We think that this meeting has been useful and we think it will be helpful in achieving what we all want more than anything else in the world—peace for all humankind.”

Holed up in the library of the historic Hollybush Mansion on June 23 and 25, 1967, Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin spent nearly 10 hours together during the summit, held at the height of the Cold War. The two leaders of the world's superpowers discussed pressing



issues that threatened world peace. Among them, the nuclear arms race, Vietnam and their opposing views on the Arab-Israeli War.

Though the summit produced no formal accord, Johnson said the frank, open discussions helped quell tensions between the two countries. He deemed the talks “the spirit of Hollybush.”

“It does help a lot to sit down and look a man in the eye all day long and try to reason with him... particularly if he is trying to reason with you,” Johnson said. “Meetings like these do not themselves make peace in the world. We may have differences and difficulties ahead, but I think they will be lessened, not increased, by our new knowledge of each other.”

Remarkably, the Borough of Glassboro and the institution had just 16 hours’ notice to prepare for the historic summit, held during Kosygin’s first visit to the United States.

Glassboro was chosen as a midway point between Washington D.C., and New York City,

where Kosygin was giving a speech at the United Nations. The leaders were met by a receptive, positive crowd of thousands. Holding handmade signs and waving American flags, area residents crowded the streets of Glassboro, which, at the time, boasted a population of about 10,250.

Hollybush, then the home of GSC President Thomas Robinson and his wife,

*At 4:40 p.m. on Friday, President Johnson and Premier Kosygin spoke to the crowds and media about their meeting and surprised everyone by announcing they’d return on Sunday.*



*Standing all day in temperatures reaching the high 80’s, the crowds were patient and peaceful. Members of service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega Tracy Fallon ’68, Roberta Gough Schreyer ’67 and John Troxell ’68 took turns holding their handmade signs. Troxell said, “We were supportive of peaceful negotiation. We were baby boomers enjoying post-World War II optimism.”*

*Fallon made a more pointed distinction: “We [were] here to show that Glassboro isn’t like Berkeley. All students aren’t anti-everything.”*

Margaret, was transformed overnight into a global meeting place fitting the needs of world leaders. Thirty-two workmen installed 12 air conditioners, 16 telephones, two refrigerators, a stove and a dishwasher in the 19th century mansion. New draperies were hung and china from the White House was brought in.

When told of the impending summit, Mrs. Robinson is said to have quipped, “Where is my vacuum cleaner?” It was a natural laugh line, but she didn’t really say it. She did, however, respond to countless questions from the White House staff about furnishings and equipment to make Hollybush suitable for international diplomacy.

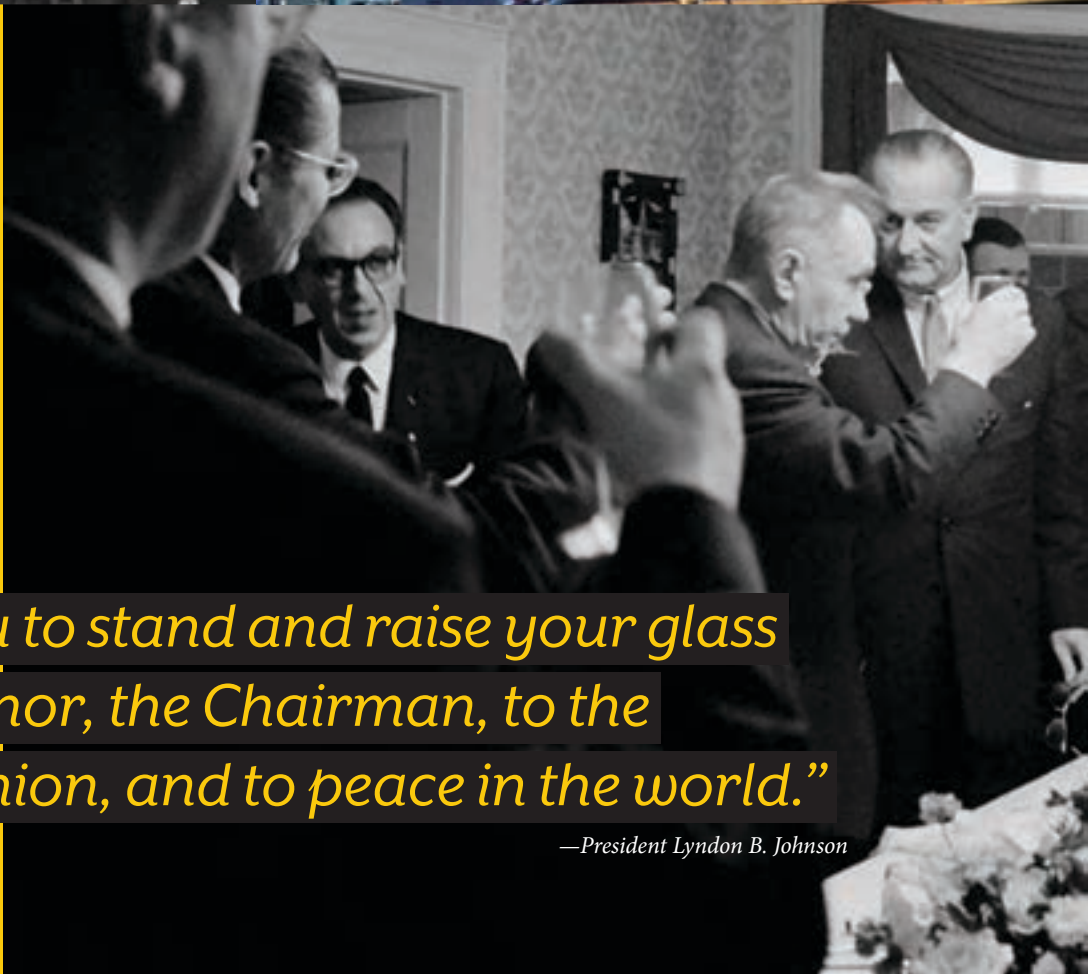
Across campus, Don Bagin, then 29 and the coordinator of college relations, led a staff of 10 to prepare Esbjornson Gymnasium for an influx of nearly 1,000 international journalists. The gym was transformed into media central with phones, typewriters and teletypes. A security command center for Secret Service and FBI agents and state and local police was set up in Tohill Auditorium in Bunce Hall.

While Johnson and Kosygin enjoyed lunches of shrimp cocktail, roast beef, crab salad, lamb chops, eggplant, parslid potatoes,

*News crews posted themselves outside Hollybush on scaffolding built by the college maintenance crew overnight.*



*Just across the street from Hollybush, the Petroni home became headquarters for the Associated Press, which occupied virtually every space available. The family kept the news staff going with coffee and sandwiches, and the Petroni sons and their friends became film couriers for the photographers.*



***“I ask you to stand and raise your glass to his Honor, the Chairman, to the Soviet Union, and to peace in the world.”***

*—President Lyndon B. Johnson*

On Sunday, President Johnson invited Premier Kosygin to speak from the lectern outside Hollybush's front door. One official count reported 850 accredited press in Glassboro for the second day of the summit, sharing coverage with an estimated 500 million people in North America, South America, Europe and parts of Asia.



President Johnson and Premier Kosygin introduced members of their families on Sunday, adding to the atmosphere of hospitality.



fresh fruit, pineapple sherbet and butter pecan ice cream during the summit, members of the public and press endured hot summer temperatures and heavy rains to witness history in the borough.

Kosygin arrived in Glassboro from New York City via motorcade, traveling down Route 322. Johnson took a helicopter, which landed on the baseball field near Bunce Hall.

The leaders were accompanied by some of their most well-known advisers, including Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara, National Security Adviser McGeorge Bundy and Ambassador at Large W. Averell Harriman.

The summit was not Johnson's only trip to Glassboro. On June 4, 1968, the president returned to Glassboro State to serve as the commencement speaker. That same year, the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty was signed by a number of countries, including the United States and the Soviet Union.

"I shall always remember this town as a place of warm friendship and hospitable people," Johnson, the nation's 36th president, said in his speech. "The world will remember Glassboro, I hope, as a place where understanding between nations was advanced by the United States and the Soviet Union."



White House and Kremlin dignitaries gathered in the Hollybush dining room for lunch each day of the summit. The White House diary recorded President Johnson's toast to his guest, as well as a round of vodka the two leaders shared from a bottle the Premier presented on Friday.

Photos: LBJ Presidential Library, Rowan University Archives



# Glassboro Recalls its Global Moment

The Inquirer | SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017 | PHILLY.COM

Visitors took in summit history outside Hollybush with an exhibit of photos and memorabilia from 1967. The outdoor gallery will be in place through the fall semester on the Hollybush lawn.

The Summit at Hollybush did more than make history. Fifty years later, it remains a point of pride for Rowan University and the Glassboro community. In commemoration of the summit anniversary, the University is enjoying a yearlong observance that has included lectures and discussions on history and politics, film screenings and guest speakers. Presented jointly by the University and the borough, a summit celebration in June brought



hundreds of people to campus for student-led tours of Hollybush, historical exhibits and a panel discussion featuring alumni and borough neighbors who witnessed the summit. The day ended with the first "Spirit of Hollybush" Dinner and Awards ceremony (photos of recipients Patti Carmolingo Paulsen '84, M'95 and Christina Kales Klotz '69 on p. 52). ■

The Summit Room, once the college president's study, contains displays of summit history. Junior history and education major Daniel Cirino led tours of Hollybush along with a dozen other student and faculty volunteers in June.

## "50 Years Later, Rekindle the 'Spirit of Glassboro'"

The Nation, June 23, 2017

Photos: Craig Terry

# “New Jersey college recalls being host to Cold War summit”

San Francisco Chronicle, June 24, 2017

Best-selling author, historian and former White House staffer Doris Kearns Goodwin kicked off the spring semester celebration of the summit anniversary with a lecture in Chamberlain Student Center in February. She drew a standing-room-only crowd and signed her books afterward.




## All Eyes on Glassboro

Fifty years ago, the world's most powerful leaders and diplomats descended on a South Jersey college town to talk peace. *By Robert Strauss*

JUNE 2017 NEW JERSEY MONTHLY 45



History professor and Russia expert James Heinzen (center) moderated a panel discussion by first-hand witnesses to the summit Jim Dufford '70, Marilyn Pote Hutton M'91, Nick Petroni, Thomas Gallia '66, M'67, M'70 and Christina Kales Klotz '69.



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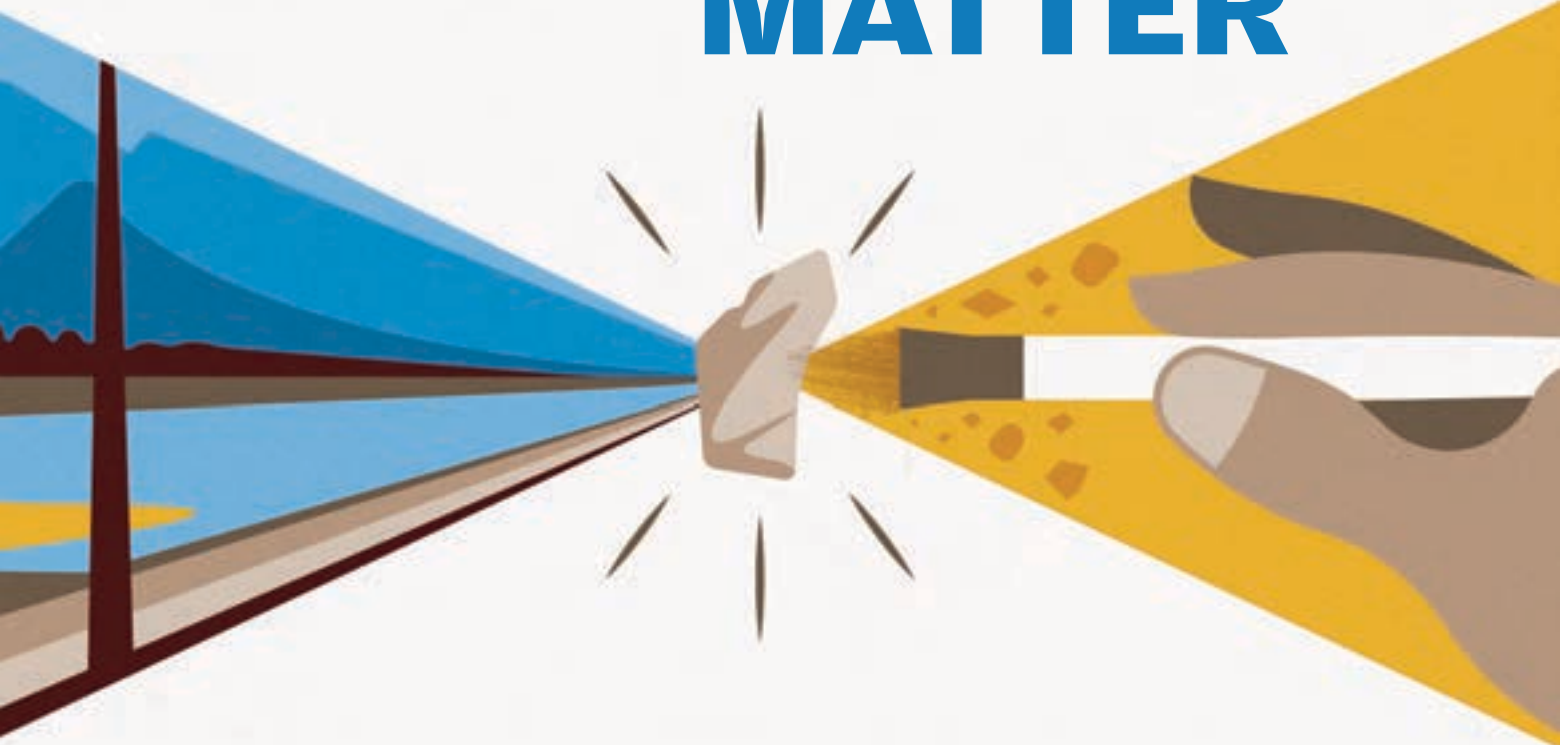
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# WHY DINOSAURS MATTER



Dinosaurs captivate kids, beckon researchers and inspire deep thinking about our world, our past and our future. There are loads of dinosaur books for kids and there are plenty of paleontology tomes for scientists. But very few dinosaur books are written for the interested layperson. If you're "dinosaur-curious," but not up for a deep dive into the technical literature, Kenneth Lacovara's new book was written for you. In this excerpt from *Why Dinosaurs Matter*, Lacovara picks up where his popular 2016 TED talk left off, reminding us why millions of years of Earth history make how we choose to live today even more meaningful.

**A new book by  
Kenneth Lacovara '84**

From the book *Why Dinosaurs Matter* by Kenneth Lacovara  
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## Q Why did you write this book?

**KENNETH LACOVARA:** I want to show people the power of the past as a looking glass that we can train upon the future. In *Why Dinosaurs Matter*, I argue that the past matters because the future matters. We would be foolish to ignore Earth's long history. Trapped within our planet's ancient volumes of rock are lessons that are vital, lessons that can help guide us, as we sail into a precarious environmental future.

Beyond their admirable qualities, dinosaurs resonate with the public in special ways. They embody the past and stand in for the ancient. But why look back, when so many challenges lie ahead? In this book, I will argue that dinosaurs matter because our future matters. Global warming, sea level rise, the catastrophic degradation of our environment, and the heartbreaking and costly biodiversity crisis all loom large on our horizon. People, even paleontologists, are more concerned with the future than with the past. But we don't have access to the future. We can make no observations of it and can conduct no experiments in it. The future is a dark

scrim that races just before us, always obscuring that which we are about to experience, always concealing how the world will dispose of our dreams and hopes and prayers and desires. As for the present, there's not much to it. Unstable and fleeting, like the heaviest of elements. A wisp of time separating that which can be from that which has been. The sentence you are reading is already in your past. But the past can be embraced. It's in the hills, under the oceans. You can hold it. Crack it open. Learn from it. Put it in a museum for all to see. Most importantly, the past is our guide to the future, the only one we will ever have."

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Lacovara's TED talk drew a standing ovation when he delivered it in 2016 and became one of the top 10 TED talks of the year. Watch it at [ted.com](http://ted.com)



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Watch [@kenlacovara](#)'s inspiring [@TEDTalks](#) on how lessons from fossils helped him understand why we must [#ActOnClimate](#)



**You've been digging into Earth's past for decades.  
What still amazes you?**

**KL:** All of it! I never get over the fact that I can travel back in time to past worlds, with nothing more than simple tools picked up in a hardware store. That's what I love about geology and paleontology. On a physical, visceral level, it's so simple, yet so profound. And when I find a fossil, I feel like the luckiest person in the world. This bone, this tooth, this shell lay underground for millions of years, and now my mind is the first mind that gets to know about it. At that moment, there's a bond that forms. This magnificent creature that evolved and thrived under its own auspices, while we were little shrew-like creatures, is now in your hands. Its long improbable history as a fossil ends in your hands. And now its legacy, history, and all that it has to teach are also in your hands. It's weighty stuff and begins with the simple act of digging a hole in the ground.

Amid the vertebrae being excavated, Lacovara and his team would eventually extract 16 tons of bones from the Patagonian fossil field. He introduced *Dreadnoughtus schrani* to the world in 2014, after nearly a decade of field work, lab work and study—and 77 million years since the herbivorous giant lived.

ILLUSTRATION: JENNIFER HALL

Time, deep time, is the quintessence of geology, the thing that makes rocks and fossils make sense. Our senses are not well tuned to perceive the full panoply of natural phenomena. They evolved to help us deal with the here and now. Threats, food, and mates must be attended to with urgency. We live in the now, and living memory is brief. Our lives play out in only tens of years. It's a mournful fact. Even the historical record is basically now. The years 2017 and 1066 are essentially the same moment when viewed over the sweeping vastness of Earth history. Draw the divisions of geological time to scale, from beginning to end, on a sheet of paper, and the entire human experience falls within the breadth of your last pencil stroke. Geologically, the human diaspora from Africa, the settling of the Fertile Crescent, the classical period, the industrial revolution, the space age—it's all now.

Deep time is unfathomable. Its eons span billions of years, its eras, hundreds of millions. The Cretaceous Period lasted for nearly 80 million years yet represents less than two percent of Earth history. Grappling with deep time is one of the epic struggles in the ascendancy of humanity. Wresting it from the rocks and carving it into comprehensible bits is the  $E=mc^2$  of natural history. The geological time scale looks so simple—a bunch of rect-

angles, nested in rectangles—but its meaning is a towering achievement of science, and it was extracted from the Earth at great cost.

By themselves, the products of Earth tell no tales, word salad on the landscape. The wondrous stories preserved in the annals of Earth history were first revealed to us only after the discovery of deep time. Without it, there's rock collecting and there's fossil hunting, but there is no geology, there is no paleontology, there is no science to be done. With all but the most recent paragraph of Earth's story written prior to the emergence of *Homo sapiens*, the pages have always been there for us to read, waiting silently underground for our graduation into a geologically literate species. The magnitude of error inherent in young-earth creationism had long prevented any coherent reading of the rock record. Blinded by mysticism and by our cognitive bias toward the present, we sat, until quite recently, on our tiny sprig, in complete ignorance of the tree below. Finally, near the turn of the nineteenth century, a man whose name you may never have heard, penned these words: "The Earth reveals no vestige of a beginning, no prospect of an end." It turns out that our historical past had a past, and that past had a past, and so on. Suddenly the world appeared to be a much different place and our place on it, much smaller."

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Jean and Ric Edelman visited the Park's research site a few miles from Rowan's Glassboro campus to discover more of what makes the meticulous excavation so valuable to scientists and students.



**In addition to your role as Dean of the School of Earth & Environment, you are also Director of the Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Park. In about three years, you'll be opening a museum and visitor center at the park. In your book, you write about the importance of early dinosaur discoveries in southern New Jersey. Why do South Jersey dinosaurs matter?**

**KL:** Southern New Jersey holds a hallowed place in the history of paleontology. Dinosaurs were first recognized in Britain, but the remains were so poor and scrappy, they really had only the faintest idea of what the bones represented. Then in 1858 the first substantially complete dinosaur skeleton was found in Haddonfield, NJ. This changed the world and kicked off the dinomania that still thrives today. In 1866, the first discovered tyrannosaur was found in what is now Ceres Park, in Mantua Township, about a mile from the fossil park. It wasn't T. rex, but another species called *Dryptosaurus*. Other dinosaurs were found in Sewell, Barnsboro, Mullica Hill, Swedesboro, and in other spots around southern New Jersey. So South Jersey dinosaurs started it all. It's an amazing legacy, one for which we should all be proud.

At the Edelman Fossil Park, we will incorporate the rich history of southern New Jersey dinosaur discoveries into the exhibits, to show that natural history is all around us. It's great to travel to far-flung corners of the globe, but no matter where you live, there is amazing history just beneath your feet. Every rock tells a story. You just have to listen. As Winston Churchill said, "The further back you look, the further ahead you will see." My hope is that visiting the fossil park or reading *Why Dinosaurs Matter* will give people the deep time perspective they need to take a harder look at our future choices. If there's one lesson the rock record teaches it's that nothing lasts forever. A lesson that, I think, leads to both gratitude and a desire to treat our planet—the only home we will ever have—a little more gently.



In the Rowan Fossil Lab, researcher Dr. Paul Ullmann prepares a specimen from South Jersey's ancient past while colleague Dr. Kristyn Voegelé uses 3D laser mapping technology to catalog and study the samples.



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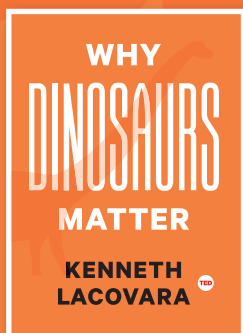
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# class notes

## 30s

**Rosetta Rebecca Coleman '39** taught at Indiana Avenue School in Atlantic City for over 46 years, retiring in 1982. She relocated to Texas in 2016 and celebrated her 101st birthday in February.

## 40s

**Catherine Polli '41** has given up volunteer work so she does a lot of reading.

**Harriet Goess Lawson '43** was part of an accelerated program designed to rush teachers into a field depleted by higher-paying defense jobs of WWII. She is 94.

**Grace A. Apetz '47** taught for 31 years in New Jersey, Texas and Pennsylvania. She has a daughter, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Riletta L. Cream '48** donated \$12,000 to the Cooper Foundation at her 90th birthday party on October 18, 2016. The money will be used to further the education of Camden students.

**Robert Frazie '49** retired after teaching elementary classes for 20 years.

**Eleanor Bendé Smith '49** earned a master's degree at American University. She retired in 1981 from

the Washington, D.C., schools, where she taught English to diplomats serving in the city.

## 50s

**Jesse Leroy Bright '50** is Land of Canaan Cemetery owner/president, and chairman of deacons at Mount Olive Christian Community Church in Glassboro. He retired from the Philadelphia School District as head counselor at Boome Secondary School.

**Ursula Cutter '50** turned 90 in April. She is grateful to have her family around her and enjoys her garden.

**Harold A. Miller Jr. '51** worked in Cinnaminson for 33 years as a teacher, vice principal and principal. After retirement, he was the owner of Miller Transportation Co. He was honored as 2013 Gloucester County Volunteer of the Year.

**Emily Sciarrotta Conti '52** cruised the Caribbean this past winter and is spending the summer in Seaside Park. She has two children.

**Joan Ebert Marcell '52** taught in Bergenfield. She has two children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Margaret Sooy Bridwell '53** is a board member of several organizations.

She has been retired from teaching for 20 years.

**Laurel Dirkes Nealer '53** keeps busy reading, crocheting and spending time at her Lake Garrison cottage.

**Ben Lynch '53** received a 2017 South Jersey Sports Hall of Fame Legend Award. Lynch, the first player at GSC to score 1,000 career points in basketball, is also a member of the South Jersey Coaches Hall of Fame and Rowan-GSC Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Louise Moore Wright '53, M'87** retired after teaching for 43 years. She devotes her time to her three grandchildren and to many church and community activities.

**Anthony Razzano '54** and **Joann Perrino Razzano '56** celebrated 61 years of marriage in April. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

**Robert Gerardi '55**, who spent 57 years in education, started a family tradition. Three of his four children became educators, one as a superintendent of schools, the same position he held. Another was named teacher of the year for the third time in her 28-year career and two of his grandchildren are educators. In retirement, he works seven days a week selling vintage sheet music in all 50 states and 47 foreign countries.

**Lillian Gasior Wozniak '55** has been married for 61 years to Dr. Edward Wozniak. They have four children and four grandchildren. She taught in Camden and Haddon Township.

**Patricia Rigel Flynn '57** retired from the Gloucester County Board of Social Services. She is an elder and a choir member at the Presbyterian

Church. She has four children and five grandchildren.

**Caroline Freno Smith '57** and her husband, **Wilbur Robert Smith '57**, are retired. He served 22 years in the United Methodist Church and 27 years in Millville schools. He also worked part time at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Bridgewater and 25 years



### RowanGIVES Day 2017

Now in its third year, #RowanGIVES Day serves as an annual reminder of the collective impact alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends can have on Rowan University. In addition to the 24-hour giving challenge, alumni gathered on campus and across the region to celebrate.

1. Candance Bibb '18, Emily Ostrowski '18, Marlo Brown Money '97
2. Leah Walker '10, Anthony Mongeluzo '02, Melanie Burney '84, Rhonda Locklear Holland '72



as a part-time announcer at radio station WSNJ in Bridgeton.

**Adelaide Weidknecht Sooy '57** was an educational media specialist and founder of a private nursery school. She co-authored two published mystery books and won a 2016 poetry contest sponsored by *Writer's Digest Magazine*.

**Barbara Daley Tillson '57** has been married to Charles J. Tillson for 60 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. She retired after 22 years as a teacher/administrator.

**Marjorie Hamilton Bill '58** retired in 1994 after teaching over 26 years. She is active in her church and with the fire company ladies auxiliary.

**Alberta Binaghi '58** sings with various music groups, takes part in a women's poetry class and is working on her memoir. She travels extensively.

**Joyce Hoffman Cooper '58** is enjoying retirement with her husband, Paul. They have two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Rachel Akerboom Sherman '58** divides her time between Cape Coral, Fla., and Bridgeton. She shares her life with Del Taylor, since losing her husband in 1993. She has five children.

**Eleanor Harris Williams '59** retired in 1994 after teaching elementary school in Deptford Township for 32 years. She has two children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Golden Years gathers grads with five decades or more since GSC to celebrate**

Alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago returned to campus for a special reunion including breakfast with faculty and staff from the College of Education, as well as a tour of Business Hall. At the Golden Years luncheon, the Alumni Association recognized the 2017 Lifetime Service Award recipient, Nelly Toll '76.

1. BACK: Marion Loew Moore '58, Wilbur (Bob) Smith '57, Caroline Freno '57, Robert Freno '57, Eleanor Harris Williams '59, Gerrie Ward Coffin '57, Priscilla Riegel Flynn '57, Robert Gerardi '55, Adelaide Sooy Weidknecht '57, Liz Akerboom Sherman '58, Joyce Hoffman Cooper '58, M'97  
FRONT: Louise Schaeffer Chinnici '55, Marjorie Hamilton-Bill '58, JoAnn Perrino Razzano '56, Janet Thornton Bussom '56, Betty Gahr '58, Lois Pine Scola '58, Barbara Daley Tillson '57, Alberta Binaghi Hornyak '58
2. Jessica Kanady '08, M'15, Nelly Toll '76, Chris D'Angelo '07, M'10.
3. BACK: Cyril Dunn '62, John Gruccio '61, M'65, D'73, Emily Frye Pedersen '61, George Renwick '62, M'70, Mel Moyer '62, Robert Kirkbride '62, M'66  
FRONT: Elaine Doherty Ansink '60, Olivia DiRico '62, Alona McCurdy '62, Lorraine Truitt '62, Barbara Sherlock O'Breza '62, Antoinette Libro '60, Claude DiGenova '60, M'71
4. BACK: Margaret Sooy Bridwell '53, Anthony Razzano '54, Ben Lynch '53, M'63, Louise Wright '53, M'87  
FRONT: Emily Conti '52, Riletta Cream '48, Ursula Cutter '50
5. BACK: Don Brubaker '67, Marilyn Gonyo '65, Mary Shingola '65, Phyllis Gensler '67, Michael Dereskewicz, Elizabeth Moyer '63  
FRONT: Gloria Hill '67, Richard Klimek '63, Mary Lamey '63, M'83, Ronal Griffith '64, M'71, Nelly Toll '76



### Lynch on Olympics

**Dennis Lynch '68** co-authored a book about Olympic athletes. Note p. 50.

## 60s

**Antoinette Libro '60, M'67** received the 2014 Lifetime Service Award from Rowan's Alumni Association. A reading celebrating publication of Dr. Libro's latest chapbook of poetry, *The Carpenter's Lament in Winter*, was held at the Barnes & Noble of Rowan University in September. She and her husband reside in St. Augustine, Fla.

**Sandra Clifford Eck '61** retired in 2002 and enjoys traveling—most recently to Australia and New Zealand.

**Andrew A. DiNardo '62** retired in 1992 as director of adult education for the Camden County Institute of Technology. He traveled to several European countries and throughout the U.S. He has two children and five grandchildren.

**Cy Dunn '62, M'68, D'98** worked in education for 35 years and as president and CEO of a consulting firm for 12. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, celebrate 50 years of marriage this year.

**Linda Klabe Edwards '62** married in 1966, had two children and then worked as a librarian. She taught high school English for three years and returned to library work in 2002.

**Robert A. Kirkbride '62** taught on the junior high

level for 15 years. In 1973, he obtained a real estate license and worked as a part-time agent while teaching. He left teaching in 1977 to work full time in real estate.

**Marguerite DeBoard Marks '62** lives in Venice, Fla.

**Alona M. McCurdy '62** is back in New Jersey after teaching in Hawaii for 40 years.

**Mel Moyer '62** and his wife, Beth, celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary this year. Mel is a Rowan professor emeritus and Beth retired from the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. They live in Florida but spend summers in New Jersey.

**Barbara Sherlock O'Breza '62** retired from the Princeton Regional Public Schools in 2013. Her husband, John, retired as principal of Cherry Hill East. Retirement includes traveling, especially to



### Birthday adventure

**Bernadette Boyle, Barbara Byrne Thompson, and Dian Dwyer McDermott, all '68,** celebrated their 70th birthdays with a trip to the Grand Canyon and Sedona, Ariz., where they went kayaking, rafting and hiking.

Shanghai, where their son teaches U.S. history.

**Nancy Smith '62** is a bereavement group facilitator at St. Bridget Church in Glassboro. She keeps busy with her grandchildren's sports and school activities.

**Robert Sutton '62** retired three times: from the Monmouth public schools, from Georgian Court University and as

owner/operator of two frozen yogurt shops in North Carolina.

**Richard Klimek '63 and Mary Cocove Lamey '63, M'83** have visited the western national parks and took cruises to the Mediterranean and Ireland.

**Mary Cocove Lamey '63, M'83** has two children and three grandchildren. She was named Elementary Counselor of the Year at her school and was listed on the Rowan Faculty Center Wall of Fame in 2010 for her teaching as an adjunct in special education. At her 50th class reunion, she met her boyfriend, **Richard Klimek '63.**

**Nancy Bax Sachleben '63** taught in elementary school for 31 years.

**Carol Smith Saggau '63** married William H. Saggau in October 2002. She has one son.

**Eva Borden Wincek '63** and her husband, Gene, have been married for 51 years. They have two children



### 40 years of friendship for Alpha Kappa Alpha sisters

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members celebrated the 40th anniversary of Lambda Rho Chapter, which was chartered on May 21, 1977, the first black sorority established exclusively at Glassboro State College. Five of the original 12 members were among those who attended a dinner on May 20 at the Italian Affair Restaurant in Glassboro, followed by a reception at the Marriott on Rowan Blvd.

**FRONT:** Cheryl Cochran, Dennyce Sconier Nutter '80, Karen Nadine McClam, Zelda Flood Davis '80, Jodi Carter Burroughs '93, Amanda Koon Valentine '78, Raina Smith Littlejohn '79, Deborah Spruill Barnes '80  
**BACK:** Pamela McGriff Johnson '80, Leslie Jones Williams '84, Tambria Lewis Swift '81, Harriet Wright Peters, Melanie L. Burney '84, Brenda Thomas Hall '88, Stacy Webb '95, April Newman '96, Denise Davis James '80, Antoinette Wilson Barnes '87, M'98, Stacey Henderson Leftwich '91, Mignon Wilson, Penny McPherson Myers '92, M'05, D'15, Rita Toliver Roberts '93, D'08, Jennifer Webb McRae '91, June Holmes McFadden '91, Sharmin West Harvey '82, Troi Barnes '17, Constance Wall-Jones '91, Kathy Gordy Mathis '90, Linda Hilliard Johnson '80, Ayanna Collins Joseph '08

## class notes

and seven grandchildren. She retired after working in a nursing home for 25 years.

**Eleanor Evanouskas Kover '65** and her husband have been married for 47 years. She was a classroom teacher and reading specialist in Edison Township for 29 years. She has traveled in the U.S. and Europe.

**David Tarr '65**, an economist, has authored over 70 peer-reviewed journal articles, written or edited 17 books or monographs and authored more than 100 other professional papers.

World Scientific Publishers has published his most important papers in a two-volume set. A summary of his experience working in 30 countries for the World Bank is available at [sites.google.com/site/davidgtarr/](http://sites.google.com/site/davidgtarr/)



**Marie Marie Adair '66, M'74** is executive director of

the New Jersey affiliate of the Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development. She also serves on the organization's international board of directors.

**Paul Carbino '66** celebrated his 75th birthday in July. He lives at The Cove at Gardner's Basin in Atlantic City.

**Calvin Iszard '66, M'68** produces a blog, [millvillememories.com](http://millvillememories.com), that has had over 11,500 page views in 22 countries. He is working on expanding the posts into his first novel.

**George B. Moore '66** and his wife, Peggy, have been married for 52 years. They have four children and five grandchildren. He retired from Atlantic City High School after teaching for

more than 30 years. He is an Apple Corp. consultant.

**Gail Newman Tomson '66** relocated to Calabash, N.C.

**David Apostle '67** retired in 2011. He substitutes in public schools, volunteers and travels.

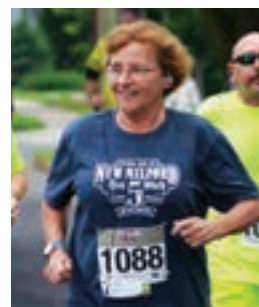
**Phyllis Simons Gensler '67** is looking forward to seeing her classmates at the 50th reunion in October.

**Gloria DiDomenico Hill '67** spent most of her career in Colorado and California before becoming a professor in Rowan's College of Education. After 10 years, she retired as the director of clinical experiences and school partnerships.

**Nancy Scordo Boehm Sperandio '67** taught music in elementary school in New Jersey and was a traveling piano teacher in Virginia. While living in Massachusetts, she taught music in elementary school, taught private piano lessons and was an accompanist for a women's chorus. Since moving to the Dallas area in 1996, she has held monthly music nights for people with musical or artistic talent.

**Donald A. DeMore '68, M'75** retired in 1998 as principal of Pitman High School. He and his wife, **Barbara Coleman DeMore '63**, live in Sunset Beach, N.C.

**Dennis Lynch '68** co-authored *Olympic Team Members from Western New York*. The book contains biographies of almost 200 athletes, coaches and administrators from the eight-county area who participated in the Olympics since 1900. Lynch retired in 2006 after a



### Best pace forward

**Wendy Baral Cooper '72, M'74** took part in the Run for Rowan in April. She also ran the New Milford 5K, where she did her best time yet.

34-year career as an administrator in the National Football League, the last 21 with the Buffalo Bills.

**Christina Klotz Kales '69** participated in Harvard's Kennedy School of Government's 100th birthday celebration of President John F. Kennedy. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Good Shepherd Sustainable Learning Foundation, which helped build a residential school for students orphaned by Africa's AIDS epidemic. She was honored as a recipient of the inaugural Spirit of Hollybush Awards in June. Photo, p. 52.



### Run for Rowan raises funds for student emergencies

A little bit of rain couldn't slow down members of the Rowan community who participated in the Alumni Association's second annual Run for Rowan 5K. Proceeds from the race support the Rowan Student Emergency Fund, which provides financial assistance to students facing personal hardships. Save the date for the 2018 Run for Rowan 5K: Saturday, April 21.

1. Amy Hubbs '03, Julie Hubbs '98, Kristine Fabinski Roura '95, Laura Sorandes Greco '99.
2. Jason Daniel '00, Meridith Auerbach Daniel '99.
3. Frank Accardo, Francis Accardo '14
4. BACK: Julie Allen Hofacker '05, Alison Burns Graf '05, Jen Scharf Shappell '04, Kate Pantaleo Hayden '04, Jen Scicutella Marcella '04, Lea DiFranco Flebotte '03, Meredith Weiss Fortunato '04, Dannielle Marinella-McGill '08, Mandy Klein Conley '05  
FRONT: Sarah Glessner Repece '04, Chrissy Davis '04, Katie Pusz '07

## 70s

**Phyllis Booth Blackeby '70, M'90** and **Ronald Blackeby '68, M'78** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Nags Head, N.C., with their three daughters and their husbands and seven grandchildren. Both Phyllis and Ronald are

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**Crafty business**

**Judy Money Shapell '73** retired from Mantua Township Public Schools in June 2016. She launched her business, Boogie-Eyed Creeps LLC, in May at the Pitman Craft Fair. Her products include plush characters, T-shirts and reusable shopping bags. She has three trademarks and four patents, with two more pending. Visit her at [boogieeyed-creeps.com](http://boogieeyed-creeps.com).



retired teachers from the Cinnaminson schools. They live in Delanco.

**Carol Wucher Wolff '70** has two grandchildren. Her son, Richard, is a jazz trombonist.

**Edward Salmon M'71, M'74** received a 2017 South Jersey Sports Hall of Fame Legend Award. Dr. Salmon, who received a doctor of humane letters from Thomas Edison State College for his work as a civic activist, philanthropist and humanitarian, served as Millville boys' basketball team head coach and achieved an 86 percent win record. He was twice named New Jersey Basketball Coach of the Year and was inducted into the South Jersey Coaches Hall of Fame.



**Kathleen Woodruff Wickham '71**, a journalism professor at the University of Mississippi, published her fourth



**Spirit of Hollybush Awards**

Alumnae were honored with two of the five inaugural Spirit of Hollybush Awards presented at the Summit Anniversary Celebration in June. Devoted since college to public service and international education, **Christina Klotz Kales '69** (left) was recognized with the Spirit of Hollybush Award for International Understanding. **Patti Carmolingo Paulsen '84, M '95** was presented the Spirit of Hollybush Award for Education in recognition of her decades of service to Glassboro Public Schools.

book, *We Believed We Were Immortal: Twelve Reporters Who Covered the 1962 Integration Crisis at Ole Miss*, in September. The book, published by Yoknapatawpha Press, details the challenges faced by 12 reporters covering the story—including the death of Paul Guihard, the only reporter killed during the civil rights movement.

**Steven Godowsky '72, M'75** was Delaware's secretary of education under Gov. Jack Markell. His appointment ended in January.

**Stephen O'Brien '72** is retired and living in Palmer, Alaska, with his wife, Helen. He will direct the classic comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace," at Valley Performing Arts in Wasilla as the Halloween play in October and November.

**Nancy Fleming Wick '72, M'93** is the operations manager at noncommercial, non-profit Christian, family and community radio station WYRS in Manahawkin. Previously, she taught junior high school mathematics and science for over 22 years. She also earned a bachelor's degree in physical science.

**Elizabeth J. Reilly '73** is enjoying retirement after teaching 44 years at Paulsboro High School.



**Suzanne Snyder Carroll '74, M'86** had her book, *With the Tonic of Wildness*, named one of the best Indie novels for 2017 by Kirkus Review. It is the last in her Dangerous Things Trilogy, which is partially set at GSC. In addition to the trilogy,

she has one other novel on the market and two others soon to be released.



**John Carrino '75** runs a Palm Beach real estate business. He has two daughters in high school.

**Skip Edwards Jr. '75** is head coach at West Windsor-Plainsboro South High School. He is in his 40th year of coaching high school football.

**Fran Orlovski '75** retired from coaching boy's basketball at Leonia High School with 323 wins during his career. After he retired, he was inducted into the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Hall of Fame.



**Jennifer Scott '75**, formerly known as Jeryl Galbraith, is a full-time artist living near Myrtle Beach, S.C. You can find her on Facebook.

**Ed Ewing '76, M'02** is in his 41st year in education. His wife, **Tracie Saccomanno Ewing '07**, is a school nurse. His daughter, **Kayla Ewing '13**, teaches in elementary school, and his son is **Ed Ewing '12**.



**Barbara Morgan Kloss '76** retired in 2016 after 28 years in Pemberton Township, 11 years as a teacher and 17 as a librarian. She is enjoying retirement with her husband, Joe, and their five children.

**MaryLynne Montesano Perkins '76** taught special education for 27 years. Both she and her husband are retired and are



**State service**

**Nedd Johnson '82, M'89, M'96, D'16** is serving a six-year term on the New Jersey State Board of Education. He participated in Commencement 2016 with College of Education Dean Monika Williams Shealey.

looking forward to traveling and visiting their grandchildren.

**Bill Roswell '76** retired from KYW in Philadelphia. Roswell, as director of digital news and media, expanded KYW's "All News All the Time" format during his more than 30 years with the station. He reported on and helped direct coverage of many of the biggest events in the station's history. He has earned numerous awards over the years, including an Edward R. Murrow award for coverage of the death of Pope John Paul II. He was inducted into the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia Hall of Fame in 2013.

**Laura Fortunato Szabo '76**, who spent 40 years in early childhood education, is semi-retired and working as an aide with Seniors Helping Seniors, assisting the older population who wish to remain independent in their homes. She and her husband, Jim, have been married for 32 years.



### PROS advice from PROS alumni

Alumni from the Peer Referral and Orientation Staff (PROS) returned to campus to share their personal stories and train a new generation of orientation leaders. If you're interested in participating in the PROS alumni panel, please contact Chris D'Angelo '07, M'10 at [dangeloc@rowan.edu](mailto:dangeloc@rowan.edu).

Richard Salls '09, Patrick Lynch '14, Stephanie Pharo '13, Mike Medina '14, and Marissa Marino '05.



**Chris Hansen '77** retired in 2011 from the Union County

Police Department with the rank of captain after 34 years of service. He and his wife, Donna, have three children.

**Mary Wiermans Kauper '77** is the system-wide director of graduate medical education administration at Beaumont Health, a system of eight hospitals in southeastern Michigan. She oversees and coordinates 88 programs and 930 residents and fellows.

**Sean McGrath '78** is pastor of the Shrine of St. Anne parish in Arvada, Colo. He has been a priest for 26 years.



**William Lanza '79** is accredited with the Veterans

Administration general counsel to prepare, present and prosecute claims before the VA. He also has written a screenplay.

## 80s

**Arlene Grossman Gaona '80** is president of Beth Am Shalom, a Reform congregation in Lakewood.

**Gregg Feistman '80** is an associate professor and director of the public relations major at Temple University's Klein College of Media and Communication.



**Ken Pauli '81** lives in Greenville, S.C., where

he works for Entercom Upstate, the largest radio group in the region.

**Sandra Orlofsky Zalinsky '81** won the title of Elite North America 2017 at a pageant in Orlando in June. Contestants represented all 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Islands. While a student at GSC, Dr. Zalinsky was Miss Gloucester County 1981 and went on to compete

in the Miss New Jersey contest that year.

**David B. Barger '82** went on a two-week tour of Ireland in August.



**Robert Sobol '82**, who worked in commercial real estate for

27 years, founded Commercial Real Estate Academy, the first institute of higher education offering classes in commercial real estate sales, marketing and investing. The website is [cremillions.com](http://cremillions.com).

**David Becker '84**, president and founder of Blue Plate Media Services, a global media strategy, planning and buying agency, has published *Living the Marble Life* and developed Marble Life, the app, to go with the book. The book is available at online sites or from the publisher, [TurningStonePress.com](http://TurningStonePress.com). The app is available in the App Store and on Google Play. A recipient of New York's "Young Entrepreneur of the Year," David has started multiple businesses over the past 30 years and has invented, imported, and marketed consumer products for major retailers. David lives in Summit with his wife and two children.

**Melanie Burney '84** was one of about 30 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha who celebrated the 40th anniversary of Lambda Rho Chapter, the first black sorority at GSC. Photo, p. 49.

**Robert (Bob) Clifford '84** celebrated his 25th anniversary at Shimadzu, one of the largest analytical instrument companies in

the world. Dr. Clifford, who earned a master's degree at Villanova University and a doctorate at George Washington University, is the general manager of marketing. He has published and presented over 125 papers on topics including food, pharmaceutical, environmental, energy, geology, material science, photonics and medical marijuana. Before joining Shimadzu, he worked for the Food and Drug Administration.

**Glenn Porter '84** is senior pastor at Queen Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va. He also serves as adjunct associate professor of religious studies at Tidewater Community College in Norfolk and as a volunteer chaplain with the City of Norfolk Police Department. He earned both a master's degree and a doctorate in divinity at Virginia Union University. His book, *Journey with Jesus Through Lent*, was published by Judson



### Family ties

**Scot Merkel '83** is a systems engineering technical advisor for Aero Space Data Facility Southwest at the National Reconnaissance Office in Las Cruces, N.M. His daughter is **Helen Merkel '21**.

Press. A former TV and print journalist, Glenn has taught at Virginia Union University and Mary Baldwin College and was a member of the Board of Trustees at Bacon College.

**Jim Zuber '84** is at Marine Base Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, Calif., and is looking forward to settling into St. Petersburg, Fla., in 2019.



### Distinguished alumna

**Linda Boyd DO'84** was honored during Commencement with the School of Osteopathic Medicine 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award for her outstanding leadership and exemplary service as a clinician, teacher, mentor and advocate for the osteopathic profession. Dr. Boyd serves as the senior associate dean for academic affairs at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

# class notes

**Terence McGovern '85** is proud of three accomplishments: He celebrated his 26th wedding anniversary with his wife, Nancy. He challenged himself, at great risk, by transitioning from hardware sales into high tech services sales, and the risk paid off. He is a founding member of the Rowan Brown & Gold Gridiron Club.

**Curtis Harker '86** is the records manager at the Salem County, N.J., Clerk's Office, where he works with document imaging and local history records. **Delores Washington Pratt '86** became a grandmother in March. Photo, p. 56.

**Lucrezia Scordo '86** retired from teaching last summer and opened Reggina Gelato & Espresso Bar

with her daughter so they can share their love of Italian food with others. The Mullica Hill shop features a variety of premium imported gelato, as well as other Italian specialties and can be found online at [regginagelato.com](http://regginagelato.com).

**Dave Mermelstein '87**, a professional stage technician, has worked since 1990 at the State Theatre

Regional Arts Center in New Brunswick.



**Olivia Fermano Marchesani '88** is the first in-house public relations specialist at Take Flight Learning, the leading DISC training company in the U.S. Her 20-plus years of public and media relations experience include the last 18 as a senior medical communications officer at Penn Medicine's Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.



**Richard Edevane '89** freelances as a cameraman with the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies. He is an adjunct professor at Wilmington University teaching film and camera-technique classes.

**Bob Kudrick '89** opened a licensed mortgage branch in New Egypt for Greenway Mortgage in July. His daughter is **Julia Kudrick '21**.



**PR pro honored**  
**Bill Cowen '97, M'99** earned the Public Relations Society of America Community Service Award for his work in animal rescue. Note, p. 56.

University of Miami commencement.



**Gene Cosentino '92** is a senior loan officer at AnnieMac Mortgage. He has nearly 20 years of mortgage banking experience.



**Adam Dvorin '92** is president of the Philadelphia Public Relations Association for the 2017-18 program year. Dvorin is media director at the New Jersey public relations firm, Winning Strategies.



**Kelly Jackson '93** (Delta Sigma Theta) retired from teaching and is a sales representative at the Weichert Realtors office in Burlington.

**Dean A. Post '93** is director of scientific programs at the American Association for Cancer Research in Philadelphia. Dean has held several leadership positions at AACR over his 15-year career.



## 90s



**Marcus Charleston '90, M'95** is a senior producer at KJZZ, the NPR news station in Phoenix.

**Manuel Pataca '90** (Delta Kappa Epsilon) is a senior executive sales specialist with Shire Pharmaceuticals. He finished in the top 10 percent of sales representatives in the United States and was inducted into the Vice President's Circle for 2016. He was also alumni marshal during the May 2016

### President's Forum welcomes friends

President and Mrs. Houshmand hosted the largest gathering of President's Forum friends at the recently opened Business Hall. The annual reception brings together alumni, corporate and foundation allies and regional leaders to celebrate Rowan successes and to inspire support for more ambitious achievements.

1. Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03, Charles Pusloski '07
2. Michael Martirone '09, Ali Houshmand, Mark Walter '08
3. Joanne Katzen Jones '81, Brian Jones '81, Pauline Boykin Schneider '65, Dean Monika Shealey
4. Diane Mazzei '69, M'80, Sandy Maxwell '69, M'84
5. Julia England '13, Jennifer England '87
6. Amanda Pierce and Jeremy Zee '11



**Sharon Herbert Serano '93,** M'17 published "5 Ways to Use Memes With Students" in the International Society for Technology Education's online journal, EdTekHub.

**Phil Dolan '94** is president of Jupiter Tech Services Corp., an ATM installation and service company, the top manufacturer of ATMs in North America.



**Tracey Rotan '94** is vice president, employee

communications, COO for Barclaycard, a global business unit of Barclays Plc. She earned a master's degree at LaSalle University.

**Wendy Lathrope Sanders '94, M '00** married Christopher Sanders on May 29, 2016, in Scottsdale, Ariz. The bridal party included **Tara Flaherty Throckmorton '94, Amy McIlvaine Gorski '98** and **Marylynn Blong '95.**



**Katherine Yurkonis Bell '95** is senior director of

external communications at American Water, based in Voorhees. She and her team develop communications strategies to support media relations, investor relations and corporate responsibility.

**Christine Garvey '95** moved back to Clinton after 20 years in the San Francisco Bay area and opened the third location of her health center, Allergy Breakthrough Center, [allergybreakthroughcenter.com](http://allergybreakthroughcenter.com).

## Sports (front and) center: Aguado '13 leads social media strategies for MLB teams

E.J. Aguado '13 has a dream job...and how tweet it is.

Consider this: In just the past year, Aguado witnessed firsthand the Chicago Cubs' historic World Series win, saw the Cleveland Indians claim the American League pennant, spent 12-hour days capturing social media content on the field at the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in Miami, and joined the Cubs at the White House, where he rubbed elbows with President Barack Obama.

"It's incredible," Aguado says of his work as a new media strategist for MLB Advanced Media. From the commissioner's office on Park Avenue in New York City, Aguado acts as a liaison with MLB teams to develop social media strategies. His teams include the Phillies, Cubs, Dodgers, Braves, Orioles, Indians, Twins and Rays.

Hired by MLB just three months after earning his bachelor's degree in Law & Justice Studies—with a minor in journalism—from Rowan, Aguado's snappy, informative, entertaining Twitter style and his knowledge of the game caught the attention of MLB executives.

Through hard work and a detail-oriented approach, he turned a part-time position with MLB into a fulltime job as a new media strategist.

"When it comes to social media, one mistake can cost you your job," says Aguado. "You need reliability and accuracy and attention to detail. I just put my head down and worked as hard as I could."

Great writing helped too, says Aguado. While an undergraduate, he wrote for sports web sites and *The Whit*, Rowan's student newspaper. He also was a freelancer for Fox News Latino.

"Writing is super important for social media," says Aguado, "That's why I think they were impressed with me. My job didn't exist 15 years ago. How people worked with the teams three years ago is completely different from what happens today. There are so many opportunities."

Aguado particularly relishes promoting America's pastime to new generations through social media platforms.

"We have a big incoming class of young stars," says Aguado. "Teams are primed to play well in the future. I want to find new ways to make



*When it comes to Major League Baseball, E.J. Aguado is always in medias res...in the midst of things. Last fall, Aguado, a new media strategist for MLB Advanced Media, witnessed the Chicago Cubs' epic World Series victory over the Cleveland Indians at Progressive Field.*

the game exciting, to bring new elements into it. We're working to better educate the young fans."

With a diverse portfolio of MLB teams, Aguado needs to be in tune with the cities—and their fans. Different strategies resonate differently from city to city, fan base to fan base, he notes.

"Some teams are cheekier than others," he explains. "Every team has a different style. You learn their style and you try to shape what you're delivering to them. Every year, I learn more and more about my teams."

Through his work, Aguado works directly with high-profile players. Though most become "regular" guys to him, the Yankees' Derek Jeter, his childhood idol, was an exception, he says. Meeting Obama with the Cubs after their World Series win also was thrilling, he adds.

"I was in a trance," Aguado admits. "I met him and got a great picture. It was neat to see the players out of their comfort zone at the White House. They were nervous."

In addition to baseball, he is a "huge football and basketball fan." Knowing about all sports is an asset, says Aguado, who adds that Rowan sports journalism classes he took with adjunct professor Phil Anastasia helped convince him to look into sports as a career.

"Next year is my fifth year working in social media," says Aguado, 26. "My whole life pretty much revolves around sports right now. And I love it."



**New Jersey's finest**

With several Rowan-proud grads in the family, including his mom, **Gina Razzano Schell '17**, it's no wonder that Kevin Schell chose our own Henry M. Rowan for his "Famous New Jerseyans" school project. Kevin dressed for the part at St. Margaret Regional School in Woodbury.



**Domenick C. Renzi '95, M'05** teaches basic skills mathematics at Wedgwood Elementary School in Washington Township, Gloucester County. He was the 2016-17 Wedgwood School Teacher of the Year and the 2017-18 Gloucester County Teacher of the Year.



**Deborah Wills '95** earned a BSN from Villanova University in 2016 and is a registered nurse at Bayada Home Health in Moorestown.

**Daniel Berger DO'96** is chairman for the Department of OB/GYN at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center—Lourdes Health System.

**Lenny Roberts '96** is the team chiropractor for Temple Football.

**Bill Cowen '97, M'99** was inducted into the Philadelphia Public Relations Association Hall of Fame. He is a past presidential advisor for the association. He also won the Public Relations Society of America Community Service Award for his work in animal rescue. Dr. Cowen, president of Metrospective Communications in Philadelphia and director of the public relations program at Villanova University, earned his doctorate at the University of New England. Photo, p. 54.

**Michelle Simkiss Dunk '97** is the president and founder of In beTWEEN Girls, a mentoring and scholarship program. The nonprofit



**Rowan alumni in Philadelphia**

Alumni met in the City of Brotherly Love for a regional networking event in late March.

**John Schieda '11, Dennis Sweeney '09, Jon Vogel '11, Stephanie Pharo '13, Ernest Holtzheimer '12, Vincent Manco '12**

corporation is dedicated to empowering the lives of tween and teen girls by teaching them self-worth, confidence, invaluable life skills, and how to connect with their inner spark.

**Cheryl Williams Henley '98** is a premium services concierge supervisor with the Philadelphia Eagles and has been with the organization for 25 years. A cheerleader for nine years, she was the first African American woman to represent the Eagles in the Pro Bowl (2000).

**Donald Warr Lewis '98** has published "Full Moon at Sunrise," a horror/romance screenplay set in New Jersey in 1912, under the name Donn Warr Lewis. It's available at Amazon and other sites.

**David Reeves '98** is in his 17th year of teaching in Philadelphia. He has a master's degree in educational leadership. He and his wife have two children. See photo, this page.



**Chad Richmond DO'98** is the board of health medical director for the Marshall County, W.Va., Health Department.

**Louis H. Balsama DO'99**, acting chair of the Department of Surgery at SOM, reached a milestone, performing his 1,000th surgical procedure.

Dr. Balsama, who helped establish Kennedy's Bariatric Program a decade ago, along with Medical Director Dr. Marc Neff, performed a laparoscopic Roux-en-y procedure at Kennedy University Hospital in Stratford.

**Brian Kerico '99** is an audit manager with Specialty Audit Services in Narberth, Pa. He and his wife, Alysha, have twin girls.



**Growing Rowan families**

1. Rylie, grandchild of **Delores Washington Pratt '86**; note, p. 54.
2. Brielle, daughter of **Jenna Casteline Beverly '06** and **Kenny Beverly '05**; note, p. 58.
3. Ryan, son of **David Reeves '98** and wife Stacy; note, this page.
4. Melanie, daughter of **Lauren Stratton Rudowski '05** and **William Rudowski '06**, note p. 58.
5. Dana, daughter of **Patty Raube Keller D'11** and husband John; note, p. 60.

**00s**

**Frank Albano '00** was the 2017 Ann A. Mullen Middle School Teacher of the Year. The award included a \$6,000 grant, which he used to purchase a greenhouse for the school, which is in Sicklerville. He started a horticultural club to teach the students how to grow fruits, vegetables and herbs from seeds. They also learn how to run a business by selling the plants.

# Rowan on the **RISE**

Rowan is on the rise and there's no better time to catch up with your alma mater. The Alumni Association Board of Directors invites you to a special series of events throughout New Jersey and the region. Highlights include a campus update, hors d'oeuvres, complimentary drinks, and Rowan giveaways. *All events will begin at 6 p.m., unless otherwise noted.*

**Celebrating the Past, Imagining our Future.**

## SEPTEMBER 2017

9/13 | Congress Hall  
Cape May

9/21 | Carolina Blue  
Pitman

9/27 | Social  
Somerville

## OCTOBER 2017

10/18 | Finnegan's Pub  
Hoboken

10/25 | The Barrel House  
Newton

10/26 | Harvest Seasonal  
Grill & Wine Bar  
Moorestown

## NOVEMBER 2017

11/2 | Aqua Blu  
Toms River

11/9 | Sheraton AC  
Convention Center Hotel  
Atlantic City

11/15 | The Office Tavern & Grill  
Morristown

11/16 | The Dog & Cask  
Rochelle Park

## DECEMBER 2017

12/7 | Vidalia's  
Lawrenceville

## JANUARY 2018

1/11 | PJ Whelihan's  
Cherry Hill

1/17 | Auburn Road Vineyard  
Pilesgrove

1/25 | The Villages -  
Waterfront Inn  
The Villages, FL

## FEBRUARY 2018

2/7 | Running Deer Golf Club  
Pittsgrove

2/8 | Adelphia Restaurant  
Deptford

2/28 | Field House  
Philadelphia

## MARCH 2018

3/1 | Landmark Americana  
Glassboro

3/1 | Chickie's & Pete's  
Glassboro

3/7 | Penn Quarter  
Washington, D.C.

3/14 | Buck Hill Brewery  
and Restaurant  
Blairstown

3/15 | Brick 46 Restuarant & Bar  
Rockaway

## APRIL 2018

4/11 | Nico's Kitchen  
Newark

4/12 | Porta  
Asbury Park

4/25 | Pittstown Inn  
Pittstown

## MAY 2018

5/2 | Tavern 5  
Pompton Lakes

5/16 | Daddy O  
Long Beach Island

5/17 | Gourmet Italian  
Galloway

5/30 | PJ Whelihan's  
Medford Lakes

## JUNE 2018

6/7 | Due Mari  
New Brunswick

6/21 | Grillstone  
Scotch Plains

More events will be added throughout the year. Stay up-to-date by visting [alumni.rowan.edu/ontherise](http://alumni.rowan.edu/ontherise)



**Rowan alumni meet at the ballpark**

The Alumni Association welcomed more than 200 grads and friends to Citizens Bank Park when the Phillies hosted the Giants in June. Everyone had the chance to catch up and make new connections during a pre-game party at McFadden's.

1. Dana Hill '14, Amy McKeever '14, Noah Weinstein '12, Shana O'Donnell '14.
2. Thomas Hagen '78, Michael Riggs '78, Gene Miller '78, M'97, William Alvaro M'98.

**Tiffany Lowe-Payne DO'00** is President of the North Carolina Osteopathic Medical Association.

**Christopher Orapello '01** and his fiancée plan to marry in fall 2018. They also will become published authors when Weiser Books, an imprint of Red Wheel/Weiser, releases the book they are writing on traditional witchcraft.

**Gregory Wanner DO'02** is an attending emergency physician and an academic faculty member at Christiana Care Health System in Delaware.



**Kevin Basden '03** is a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

**Michelle Greco Fellman '04** (Alpha Epsilon Phi) married Christopher Fellman on May 13. They reside in Turnersville. Photo, p. 60.

**Christopher Lukach '04**, president of Anne Klein Communications Group in Mount Laurel, is a past presidential advisor for the Philadelphia Public Relations Association.

**Caitlin Ratcliffe Peluszak '04, M'11** teaches a self-contained, lower elemen-

tary class of five special needs students in Voorhees Township's Osage School. In March, her class collected 1,148 pairs of shoes to support Soles4Souls, a nonprofit group that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world.

**Roy Sandau DO'04**, a Kennedy Health Alliance surgeon, performed his 500th da Vinci robotic surgery at Kennedy University Hospital in Washington Township in May during a laparoscopic cholecystectomy, a minimally invasive procedure to remove the gallbladder. Dr. Sandau has been part of several da Vinci robotic surgery milestones at Kennedy Health, including performing New Jersey's first EndoWrist Stapler technology, and South Jersey's first robotic-assisted Laparoscopic Single Incision (SILS) colon surgery.

**Jenna Casteline Beverly '06** (Theta Phi Alpha) and her husband, **Kenny Beverly '05** (Tau Kappa Epsilon) welcomed a baby girl in May 2016. Photo, p. 56.

**Joshua Forman '06** owns The Lion's Mane Salon & Spa in Marlton where he is the lead stylist. He attended cosmetology school and worked as a hair stylist and colorist before opening his salon in October 2014.



**Nicholas Malfitano '06** is a district court reporter with *The Pennsylvania Record*, an online legal publica-

tion which covers civil litigation throughout Pennsylvania. Several of his major stories have been published on *Forbes.com*, through its content contribution partnership with the *Record's* sister publication, *Legal Newswire*. He is also the lead writer for 11th Hour Racing, an organization sponsored by Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and its Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. He completed the Philadelphia Marathon in November 2016 (his first) in 3:41:20, and is training for the Chicago Marathon in October. He has a nephew and a niece who are the children of his brother, **James Malfitano '07**.

**William Rudowski '06** and his wife, **Lauren Stratton Rudowski '05**, announce the May birth of Melanie. Photo, p. 56.

**Brian Thibaudeau '06** works on NASA's James Webb Space Telescope and is on a team at Johnson Space Center in



**Top-notch teacher**

**Makenzie Devine D'Angelo '08, M'10** completed her seventh year teaching kindergarten and first grade at Central Early Childhood Center in Deptford Township where she was recognized as a Teacher of the Year.

Houston that is testing the telescope. He joined the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in 2008 and the telescope project in late 2013.



**Lisa Heney '07** started running in 2013 and has completed various race



**Morgan alumni family update**

**Matt Morgan '06** (Alpha Chi Rho) and his wife, **Nicole Smisek Morgan '06** (Theta Phi Alpha) are celebrating 10 years of marriage. They have one daughter. Nicole works as a line producer for TV chef Lidia Bastianich, and Matt is a senior engineer in the Navy's aircraft division.

# ATHLETIC EVENTS & ALUMNI GAMES/NIGHTS

# 2017-18

## First-Year Frenzy

Sept. 2, 7 p.m.

Football

Wackar Stadium

*Rowan Athletics cell phone wallet to the first 500 first-year students in attendance*

## Saturday Night Lights

Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

Football

Wackar Stadium

*Free food, inflatables and postgame fireworks*

## National Chocolate

### Milkshake Day

Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Esby Gym

*Free chocolate milkshake to students (with ID) in attendance*

## Scarf Night

Sept. 16, 8 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Soccer Stadium

*Free Rowan Soccer scarf to first 50 fans in attendance*

## Greek Tailgate Party

Sept. 23, 1 p.m.

Football

Wackar Stadium

*Pregame Greek life tailgate and Greek life tailgate zone*

## Alumni Night

Sept. 23, 6 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Soccer Stadium

*Pregame tailgate for alumni at 5 p.m. in the soccer stadium*

## National Taco Day

Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Soccer Stadium

*Free tacos for first 100 students (with ID) in attendance*

## Gold Rush Game

Oct. 6, 6 p.m.

Volleyball

Esby Gym

*Wear gold! Free T-shirt to first 100 students (w/ID) and serving contests for prizes*

## Youth Night

Oct. 6, 6 p.m.

Volleyball

Esby Gym

*Postgame autograph session*

## Alumni Night

Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Soccer Stadium

*Alumni tailgate 4 p.m.-7 p.m.*

## Socktoberfest

Oct. 7, 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Soccer Stadium

*Free Rowan Athletics socks to first 100 students (with ID)*

## Alumni Night

Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

Field Hockey

Wackar Stadium

*Pregame tailgate for alumni at 6 p.m. on alumni patio*

## Alumni Game

Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Esby Gym

## Alumni Game

Oct. 13, 7 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

West Campus

## Alumni Game

Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Volleyball

Esby Gym

*Alumni vs. current players*

## Homecoming

Oct. 14, 2 p.m.

Football

Wackar Stadium

*Homecoming game*

## Unified Night

Oct. 25, 5 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Soccer Stadium

*Rowan Unified soccer game at halftime*

## Unified Night

Oct. 25, 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Soccer Stadium

*Rowan Unified soccer game at halftime*

## Military Appreciation

Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

Football

Wackar Stadium

*Military tailgate area, free admission (with military ID)*

## Youth Night

Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Esby Gym

*Net hat giveaway to first 75 kids (under 12) and postgame autograph session*

## Kids' Day Out

Dec. 16, 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Esby Gym

*Photos with Santa, games and prizes*

## Alumni Day

Jan. 20, 3 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Esby Gym

*Alumni reception following the game*

## Alumni Meet & Senior Day

Feb. 3, 10 a.m.

Swimming & Diving

Esby Pool

*Alumni meet at 10 a.m., followed by Rowan meet and alumni reception*

## National Championship Recognition Game ('78, '79)

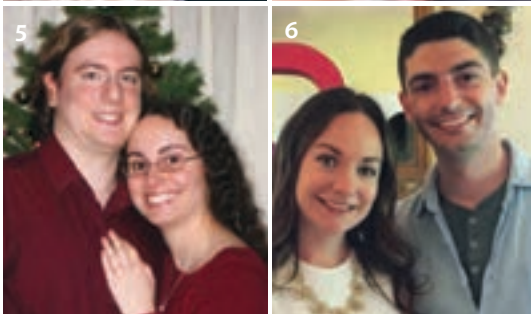
March 25, 2 p.m.

Baseball

Baseball Field

*Baseball will be honoring the 1978 and 1979 national championship teams during the game*

# GET YOUR GAME ON!



**Weddings and engagements**

1. Jordan DiPinto '13 and Danielle Brasco '13; note, p. 61.
2. Leanna Crisofulli '12 and Josh Carter '12; note, p. 61.
3. Jordine McLeod '14 and Michael Moore '12; note, p. 61.
4. Michele Henry Tarlecki '12 and Evan Tarlecki '12; note, p. 61.
5. Danielle Danenhower '11 and M. Brian Adams '11; note, this page.
6. Deirdre Glynn Reilly '13 and Bill Reilly '12; note, p. 61.
7. Michelle Greco Fellman '04 married Christopher Fellman; note, p. 58.
8. Alicia Truman '09, M'11 and Jason Dugan '10; note, this page.

distances, including the Blue Cross Broad Street Run in Philadelphia in 2016 and 2017. She will run in her first full marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon, in Washington, D.C., in October.

**Cara Velardi '07** and Paul Doherty got engaged on Valentine's Day. They plan a fall 2018 wedding.

**Sarah Carangelo '08, M'11** works in the office of New Jersey's secretary of higher education.



**Lejdi Karabina McNair M'08** is a tax

manager at WithumSmith-Brown. Previously, she was a senior tax consultant at KPMG. She and her husband have two children.

**Danielle Luppino Menacker '08** married **Seth Menacker '08** on May 5.

**Whitney Impellizeri '09** earned an education doctorate at Widener University. Her dissertation dealt with undergraduate millennials' use of iPads.



**Cynthia Cozette Lee D'09**, an award-winning

composer, performed her original flute music and poems at the Free Library of Philadelphia on June 12 in celebration of Juneteenth Day. The concert, Heritage, Honor and Freedom Discovered, featured excerpts from Dr. Lee's Civil War opera "Partway to Freedom."

**Alicia Truman '09, M'11** and **Jason Dugan '10** got engaged in December 2016. Photo, this page.



**Young alumni offer tips for young alumni**

A panel of young alums, all graduating within the past 10 years, returned to campus to talk to students about the trials, tribulations and triumphs that come with transitioning into a post-college world.

Stephen Fleming '11, Kelly Barb '13, Jacqueline Randall '13, Jon Vogel '11.

**10s**

**David Lester '10** earned recognition at the 15th annual Visual Effects Society Awards for Outstanding Visual Effects in a Special Venue Project. His team was responsible for the special effects developed specifically for Shanghai Disneyland's Pirates of the Caribbean Battle for the Sunken Treasure ride experience.

**Danielle Mercurio DO'10** has joined Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in Tampa/St. Petersburg, as an attending physician.

**Sue Yang Novellino DO'10** has joined the Inspira Medical Group Family Medicine Center in Had-don Township. She provides comprehensive primary care and osteopathic manipulation at this new physician office.

**Jodie Bachman DO'11** has joined the practice at The

Center for Orthopaedics in West Orange.

**Usman Choudhry DO'11** has started a fellowship in cardiac critical care at Montifiore Health System in New York.

**Danielle Danenhower '11** and **M. Brian Adams '11** got engaged in September 2016 and will marry in April 2018. Photo, p. 60.

**Patty Raube Keller D'11** is a sports administration professor at the University of Cincinnati, where she received an Apple Award for excellence in graduate education teaching. She also received a 2016 Alumni Excellence award from Greensboro College in North Carolina, where she earned a bachelor's degree. She earned a master's degree at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C. She and her husband, John adopted a 7-year-old child in December 2016. See photo, p. 56.

**Vivek Sahani DO'11**, an interventional radiologist and Army flight surgeon, has joined Redwood Radiology in Santa Rosa, Calif.

**Leanna Crisofulli '12** and **Josh Carter '12** are engaged and will marry in June 2018 in Lambertville. Leanna is an art teacher and Josh is a graphic designer. Photo, p. 60.



**Liz Ralph DiAntonio '12** received the Ruth K.

Newman Award from the Council of Private Schools for Children with Special Needs for her outstanding contributions and dedication in providing educational services to children with special needs.

**Darrah Foster '12**, a senior account executive at Anne Klein Communications Group in Mount Laurel,

is a board director at large for the Philadelphia Public Relations Association.

**Tamikka Malloy '12** teaches developmental English at Camden County College.

**Michele Henry Tarlecki '12** married **Evan Tarlecki '12** (Tau Kappa Epsilon) on Oct. 22, 2016, in Hamilton. Attendees included:

**Christina Mobilio Stouber '11**, **Mike Stouber '11** and **Ray Crouse '11**. Photo, p. 60.

**Hilary Beckett '13** was featured in *South Jersey Biz's* "20 Under 40." She is chief of staff for New Jersey Assemblyman **Troy Singleton '05**.

**Waldy Diez '13** is a reporter for the *Press of Atlantic City*. Previously, he worked for a small TV station in New York State.

**Jordan DiPinto '13** and **Danielle Brasco '13** married on January 7 at the Merion in Cinnaminson.

They honeymooned in St. Lucia. Danielle is a school counselor in Washington Township and Jordan is an associate at Drinker Biddle & Reath in Philadelphia. Photo, p. 60.

**Deirdre Glynn Reilly '13** and **Bill Reilly '12** married in July. Photo, p. 60.

**Kourtney Krohn DO'14** has joined the Greenville, N.C., office of Physicians East where she will practice comprehensive care as an internal medicine physician. Dr. Krohn had previously served as chief resident at Crozer-Keystone and helped lead programs that improved resident performance and patient outcomes.

**Sara Gifford '14** earned a master's degree in social work and a certificate in human services management at Rutgers University.

**Jordine McLeod '14** and **Michael Moore '12** are engaged to be married in September 2016. They began dating in Jordine's first year of college and thank Rowan for many memories and the friends they now call family.



**Hannah Battiste '15** is an animal rescue field worker in Virginia and North Carolina.

**Joseph Chen '15** works for IBM in Raleigh, N.C., as a human resources professional in talent acquisition processes.

**Doritha Brown '16** is an assistant director at a child development center.

**Debra DeVoe D'16** is a team manager at Virtua Home Care in Mount Laurel. She also teaches graduate students online



### Baruffi book

**Stephanie Baruffi M'14** has published a children's book, *Clarence: A Story of an Italian Boy with Big Ears and Big Problems*. It is available on Amazon and other sites.

# PROFHISTORIC

ROWAN UNIVERSITY • HOMECOMING 2017

**SAVE THE DATE**  
OCTOBER 13-15

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- PROFhistoric Block Party, Alumni Tent and Beer Garden
- Athletics Alumni Tent
- College Row
- Class of '62, '67 and '07 Reunions
- Black Alumni & Friends Reunion
- Diamond Club Golf Tournament
- Rowan Football vs. TCNJ
- The Show

*and more!*

Turn to the inside cover or visit [alumni.rowan.edu/homecoming](http://alumni.rowan.edu/homecoming) for more information.

## class notes

for Wilkes University and Thomas Edison State University.

**Hannah Elmalek '16**, the marketing administrator for the Delaware Valley Safety Council, was featured in *South Jersey Biz's* "20 Under 40."



**Evan Hughes '16** is a staff accountant at Wheeler

Wolfenden and Dwares, CPAs in Wilmington, Del., in the company's audit and tax practices unit.

**Stephen Pistone '16** is a staff writer for the *Hammonton Gazette*,

which has been the newspaper of record in Hammonton since 1997. He has covered municipal government, politics, off-beat features, community events, sports and more. He is also the co-host of "Gazette Sports Week" on YouTube. Every Wednesday on the show, Pistone and *Gazette* Sports Editor Dan Russoman recap the last week of local high school and national sports and interview a guest. Pistone credits Rowan and its journalism department for his success and preparing him for his career as a reporter.



**Thomas Logue '17** is an associate at Anne Klein

Communications Group in Mount Laurel. His role at the agency is to identify proactive media relations opportunities for the firm's clients.



### Cheers to the Class of 2017

The newest members of the Alumni Association gathered in the Student Center Pit one last time before Commencement Week. The annual send-off gives seniors a chance to pick up yearbooks, enjoy live music and toast their accomplishments. The Class of 2017 was welcomed into the Alumni Association on Friday, May 5.

1. Gabrielle Wilkins '17, Di'Mia Streater '16
2. Alexis Radulic '17, Jay Ebron '17, Griffin Fountain '16, Morgan Sichel '17
3. Molly Brusser '17, Courtney Waring '17, Ashley Fox '17, Amanda Tursi '17
4. Lauren Cordrey '17, Samantha Baer '17, Samantha Gladis '17

## Stay in touch

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

## Our sympathies

Adeline Brockman Coleman '37	Richard Bertoia '76
Kathryn Frazier Zablocki '40	Clementine Elwell '76
Florence Changlin Pollard '43	Fredrick Nickles M'76
Peg Morse Tirrell '45	Robert McEvoy '77
Lorena Warner Allen '47	Robert Monroe '77
Joy Mottola McCorkle '50	Helen Schairer '77
Patricia Hammond Flowers '51	Gary Stanley '77
Jane Bauer Dunham '54, M'70	Genevieve Aitken M'78
Barbara Campbell	Patricia Austin '78
Angelucci '55	Anne Finley '78
Virginia Mullin Salvatore '60	Ralph Koehler '78, M'85
Theodore Felmeij '61	Willetta Love Mulhorn M'78
Stephen Hamburger '62	Janis Tice '78
Kolman Kleinbord '62	William Wright '79
Michael McNesby '62	Edward Engle '80
Leonard Grant '63, M'67	Joseph Lope '80
Henry Lindner M'64	Linda Herrman Murphy '80
Christina Hursey Miles '64, M'73	Thomas Nicoletti M'80
Marshall Behr '65, M'70	Michele Arthur '81
Ann Garnick '65	Maylene Martus '81
James Watkins '65, M'68	Catherine Umstetter Wells '81
Theodore Kozlik '66, M'68	Brian Delaney '82
Peter Burns '67	Susan Rohrman M'82, M'00
Kathleen Leonard '67, M'92	Margaret Eckbold M'83
Gail Smith '67	Virginia Flick S'83
Katherine Springer Davis '68	Melissa Green '83
Karen Gartner '68	Paul Hilton '83
Virginia Hilton '68, M'74	Nancy Lemmer Hogan '85
Sarah Wasserman '68	Susan Escherich '86
Douglas Villanova '69, M'76	Teresa Masatani '87
Ruth Davidson M'70	Robert Piotti '88
Joseph Harrop M'70	Kathy Chapman Rozanski '89
Henrietta Hausmann '70, M'73	Jeffrey Malinoski '92
Carol Edwards Brode '71	Donna Volpe '93
Gary Sakas '71	Janice Crawford M'93
Marjorie Williams '71	Stephen Degeorge '95
Grace Beck '72	Walter Kieba M'99
Joann Mondak Deperte '72	Regina Baker Schoellkopf '00
Karl Letterman '72, M'81	Doreen Ranck '03
Gloria Maggio Levick '72, M'90	Robert Mendez '08
Gail Turner Aquila '73	Justin DePinto '10
Joan Hoare Asselin '73	Jessica Alamsha '13
Frances Baldwin Watson '73	
Josephine Lancaster Greenwood '73	
Thomas Jones '73, M'75	
Jerome Pinkett M'73	
Olga Prychka M'73	
Harry Reeves '73	
Mary Witcher Crowther '74	
Phyllis Knight '75	

### Faculty and friends

James Anderson  
James Cancelmo  
Ellen Elbeuf  
Blasé Iaconelli  
Anne Phillips  
John E. "Jack" Whitcraft



### Paul Hilton '83



Always a proud alum, Paul Hilton was a respected leader on the Rowan University Alumni Board of Directors, a reunion organizer and a fundraiser.

Paul, 56, of Sicklerville, passed away May 22 after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer, leaving behind a legacy of service to uplift others.

With an infectious smile and bigger than life personality, Paul was dedicated to his volunteer work, especially at Rowan. He took advantage of every encounter, no matter how brief, to encourage others to support the University.

He earned a bachelor's degree in health/physical education. He served as president of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and mentored young men pursuing their dreams of higher education. He participated in the first Mr. Glassboro State College pageant in 1980.

In 2010, Paul helped organize the first Rowan black alumni reunion. The event drew more than 400 people from around the country and was the largest affinity gathering other than Homecoming. Proceeds from the event were donated to the William H. Myers Scholarship Endowment Fund.

In October 2016, while undergoing chemotherapy, he served as chairman of the reunion. Expanded to a three-day celebration during Homecoming, the event raised more than \$3,000 for scholarships.

Paul loved to sing and organized the black alumni choir that performed at the University's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast. He recruited volunteers to join the choir, including his wife, Angeliqne '15, and their son, Matthew '17.

Elected to the Alumni Board in 2013 and re-elected to a four-year term shortly before his death, he played a pivotal role in developing events and programs for the entire alumni community.

Committed to improving his community, Paul served on the Winslow Township Board of Education and the Winslow Township Drug and Alcohol Alliance. He also served on the Board of Trustees for First Nazarene Baptist Church in Camden.

Employed as a casualty specialist at the CSAA Insurance Group in Mount Laurel, Paul was also a referee for the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Rowan University Foundation, Paul A. Hilton Memorial Scholarship, Shpeen Hall, 40 N. Academy St., Glassboro, NJ 08028.

### Kathy Chapman Rozanski '89



For more than two decades, Kathy Rozanski '89 was both the face and heart of the Alumni Relations department at Rowan University.

Kathy, 56, died on June 29, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. A constant beacon of Rowan pride, she was beloved by many Rowan University and Glassboro State College alumni and was instrumental in

connecting thousands of graduates back to their alma mater.

After earning her bachelor's degree in communication, Kathy returned to Glassboro to serve as a resident director and then transitioned to her role as evening operations coordinator in the Student Center, where she managed "The Rat."

Kathy joined the Alumni Relations team in 1991, on the cusp of a transformative period for then-Glassboro State College. She partnered with the Alumni Board of Directors and other volunteer leaders to lay the foundation for a 21st-century alumni association by developing events and initiatives that are campus traditions to this day. Most notably, she developed the Golden Years Luncheon and Black Alumni & Friends Reunion, in addition to dozens of class reunions.

Kathy cherished the time she spent with alumni volunteers and often cited these relationships as one of the most special aspects of her work. Her ability to connect with individuals on a personal level and share her excitement for her alma mater made her a fast and generous friend to many.

Most recently, Kathy served as director of Distinguished Events and Special Projects. In this position, she developed high-quality experiences for alumni and friends of the University through events including the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast and Brown & Gold Foundation Golf Tournament.

Kathy's impact on the university community goes far beyond the scope of University Advancement. She served on numerous committees, including the Glassboro State College/Rowan College Transition Committee, and volunteered her time by serving as a mentor with the UJIMA female mentoring program.

Outside of Rowan, she was active in multiple volunteer and community organizations including the Boys and Girls Club of Glassboro, the Heritage Glass Museum, St. Bridget School Board and fundraising committee, and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Kathy's legacy will live on through her son, Michael Jr., a Rowan honors student, Admissions Ambassador, and member of the Student Alumni Association.

# Change your major, find a forever friend

By Deborah Steward Emley '73

*Deborah Steward Emley '73 retired in September 2016 after 12 years as a staff/library assistant at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga. Previously, she worked in federal government administrative services for 15 years. She and her husband, Bill, have two children and four grandchildren.*

I began my years at then-Glassboro State College in 1969 as a physical education major. But when I was a sophomore, I changed to kindergarten-primary. I didn't know it then, of course, but it was a decision that would profoundly affect my life.

Because of the change, I met Diana Garner. Kindred spirits from the start, we were both excited about becoming teachers and we also had boyfriends. Hers was Vic Dinella, also a GSC student studying to become a teacher. My boyfriend, Bill Emley, was in the Navy.

Diana lived on campus but I didn't. Having no car, I walked to campus every day and also ate lunch and dinner there. When the weather was bad, it was hard to go in for meals but if I got a chance to spend time with Diana in her dorm, it brightened the day.

She was a knitter and tried to teach me but I just couldn't get the hang of it. She was always patient and would encourage me to keep trying. Along with her knitting, she often produced creative projects out of seemingly useless objects.

One Christmas, she gave me a scented candle she had made out of wax pieces and put in a glass punch cup.

In the summer before my senior year, Bill and I married. By then, Diana and Vic were engaged. My husband was still in the Navy and in between submarine patrols, we had our honeymoon at the Jersey Shore. During our one short week, we invited Diana and Vic over for a spaghetti dinner. It didn't matter that we were on our honeymoon. What mattered was spending the time together with good friends.

Diana and I graduated in 1973. She went on to teach in South Jersey and I followed my husband to Norfolk, Va., as he pursued his naval career. It was hard to say goodbye but we vowed to keep in touch.

Over the years, whenever I needed someone to talk to, she was the one I called and she did the same. We knew we could depend on each other as we weathered the ups and downs in our lives.

When Diana heard I was retiring, she said she wanted to do something meaningful to an elementary teacher. When a package arrived, I was curious to see what she meant. Inside was a calendar for my last year at work. On each work day of every month, she had taped a wrapped piece of hard candy so I could take one off to mark each day. It was too heavy to hang up, but the thought of her taking the time to do all that made me smile and made each day leading up to my retirement a little sweeter. To me, that's what a true friend always does: helps you cope when you need it most.

Although we are still many states apart, we remain the closest of friends. Having Diana in my life has made me realize how important it is to keep memories and friendship alive. Everyone needs a true friend. If you're lucky enough to find a good one, cherish the person. I will always remember those happy years at Glassboro but most of all, I am thankful for finding a forever friend. And I have GSC to thank for it. ■



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## Food network

Shrimp cocktail and nuclear weapons were on the lunch menu at Hollybush in June 1967, when U.S. and Soviet heads of state brought White House dining and the world's attention to Glassboro.

While thousands flocked to campus and millions followed international news coverage,

President Lyndon Johnson and Premier Alexei Kosygin chatted in the campus mansion, trying to ease tensions over Vietnam and Middle East conflicts.

Their interpreters stayed close, translating small talk about grandsons and weightier words on antiballistic missile systems.

Within a few days, signs of the Summit disappeared and campus First Lady Mrs. Robinson was back in her Hollybush kitchen baking pies as usual for college maintenance workers—a practice which earned the humble baker affection and proved that the best—if not all—politics are local.