

# RowanAdvances

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Rowan Advances is published by the Division of University Advancement to highlight the involvement and generosity of Rowan's alumni, friends and corporate partners. We are thrilled to share this year's first edition with you through a new digital medium. As the University continues to adapt to this ever-changing landscape, Rowan Advances remains committed to bringing you stories of positive impact and unparalleled philanthropy.

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## Love and Legacy: The Compagnuccis

It was Easter break, 1979.

Veronica Compagnucci '95 was managing an AT&T store in Florida at the time when she flew home to spend the holiday weekend with family. During a trip into Philadelphia with a group of friends, she was introduced to the manager of Pat's Steaks.

They exchanged numbers, she flew back to Florida, and the rest is, well, their history.



*"It never left my mind how important scholarships are to young people, especially after all the years I taught. I knew what my students were doing, the jobs they were coming from, how hard they were working, and I knew I wanted to help."*

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## **King Foundation Supports Students In Crisis— Provides Valuable Virtual Learning Program**

The Charles & Lucille King Family Foundation has gifted \$40,000 to help Rowan University students as they navigate the uncertainty surrounding their education and COVID-19.

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## **Grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Funds Work of New RowanSOM Sewell Campus**

Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine has secured a \$1.68 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to help fund the critical start-up phase of its new medical campus opening in early 2021.

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## **Gift Advocates For Mental Health Services As Response To COVID-19**

Centene Corporation, a leading multi-national healthcare enterprise, generously gifted \$95,700 to the Child Abuse Research Education & Service Institute (CARES) at Rowan Medicine.

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## RISING Video Awards

The launch video for Rowan University's first-ever comprehensive campaign, "Rising: The Campaign for Rowan University," won gold and bronze at the 41st annual Telly Awards in New York City and took home a Gold CUPPIE award thanks to a collaborative effort between the University Advancement Division and Narrative Media.

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## KEEN Rising Star

Dr. Cheryl Bodnar, assistant professor in the Experiential Engineering Education department, was chosen as one of this year's KEEN (Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network) Rising Stars. The KEEN network strives to drive change within engineering education across the nation with a unique focus on an entrepreneurial mindset. The Kern Family Foundation awarded Dr. Bodnar a \$10,000 research grant and an invitation to the 2021 KEEN National Conference. Congratulations, Dr. Bodnar. [Read more about the KEEN mission and their initiative, Engineering Unleashed.](#)



## Rowan University Foundation Board elects Carty-Sipp as chair and adds three new members

The Rowan University Foundation Board has elected [April Carty-Sipp as its new chair](#) and appointed three new members with expertise in the fields of engineering, medicine and communication to reflect the expanding profile of the University.



## Paging Dr. Coletta

A member of the first graduating class from Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, Michael Coletta '12, D'16 is fulfilling his lifelong dream. While others may have aspired to be astronauts or ballerinas when they were young, Coletta insisted he always wanted to go into medicine. [Read more](#) about his time working alongside his father as well as his more recent experience with COVID-19 as an emergency room physician.



## We Are Not Ok

Rowan University's Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, in collaboration with the divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, sponsored a five-part virtual series in June to address the national unrest that followed the May 25 killing of George Floyd. The *We Are Not Ok: Injustice, Action, and Healing Series* focused on educating, supporting and providing resources in light of Mr. Floyd's tragic death. All sessions were recorded and [archived](#) in the hopes that these discussions will contribute to the development of action plans that lead to sustainable change.

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## Your generosity makes a difference!

Gifts to Rowan University take many forms but each has an incredible impact on the educational experience provided to our students. All gifts, no matter the size, create endless opportunities—and now more than ever, the generosity of donors **like you** will make an extraordinary difference as our students strive to complete their degree in these uncertain times.

***Make a gift today and change a student's life.***





## **RISING events**

Last year, we invited our most dedicated alumni and friends to join us “Beyond the 'Boro” for a special series of regional events celebrating ***RISING: The Campaign for Rowan University***. Take a look through our gallery of remarkable RISING memories as we commemorate our first-ever comprehensive campaign.

[\*Click here to view highlights from the events!\*](#)



## **Why you might care about the CARES Act**

On March 27, 2020, the United States Congress passed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which includes several provisions that will benefit you and the charities you support.

[\*Click here to review changes that may affect your IRA in 2020.\*](#)



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