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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant funds health care innovation research

A \$3.05 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will fund an 18-month project that will allow Rowan to explore new health education and health care delivery models.



Rowan University has embarked on an ambitious project with an eye on transforming health care delivery thanks to a \$3.05 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

The Foundation, headquartered in Princeton, is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. The Foundation's grant to Rowan underscores the University's everexpanding impact throughout the South Jersey region. Rowan's recent designation as a comprehensive public research university and the addition of its two medical schools have uniquely positioned the institution to address the future of medical education

and health care delivery and made it an attractive investment for the RWJF.

"As a comprehensive university we are able to offer collaborations with many other disciplines and having two medical schools makes us relatively unique," said Dr. Roberta Harvey, vice president for Academic Affairs and a co-principal investigator of the project. "Only one other institution in the country has both MD-and DO-granting institutions (Michigan State University) so that gives us versatility. We also are positioned in an optimal situation geographically as we are proximal to urban, suburban and rural populations. There are disadvantaged patient populations

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Governor speaks to graduates during historic commencement

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and some 2,300 Rowan University graduates—the largest graduating class in Rowan's history—shined during the Undergraduate Commencement ceremonies held on May 16.

Governor Christie gave an emotional keynote address about opportunity in America and how hard work separates those who accomplish their goals from those who don't. The Governor, along with State Senate President Stephen Sweeney and State Senator Donald Norcross, received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees for their cross-party backing of the NJ Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act that has transformed the University.

President Ali Houshmand told graduates the story of his journey to America and the lessons he learned in an effort to help them understand both their possibilities and what they can achieve.

Michael Carbone '85, senior vice president, TD Bank Financial Group and regional president for TD Bank's Metro PA/NJ Market, received the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Carbone urged the graduates to have a positive "can do" attitude and to remember as they build their successes the importance of giving back to their communities and the University.



- Drawing a standing ovation, Governor Chris Christie spoke not about politics but about opportunity in America—a message that echoed that of Dr. Ali Houshmand.
- Senator Donald Norcross, Senator Stephen Sweeney and Governor Chris Christie (with Board of Trustees Chairman Linda Rohrer and President Ali Houshmand) prepare to receive their Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees.
- 3. Michael Carbone '85 (right) accepts the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Provost Jim Newell and Alumni Association President David Burgin '82, M'02.
- University benefactor Henry Rowan receives a standing ovation during the Undergraduate Commencement ceremony.







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"As a public research university, Rowan is committed to pioneering efforts to solve the vexing challenges of ensuring access to high quality education and health care for New Jersey's citizens. The RWJF's support will help us to transform our ambitions into tangible results that will ultimately better serve the health care needs of the region."

Dr. Ali Houshmand

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The project activities will focus on the following key areas:

- Identifying emerging areas of health care delivery research
- Exploring future trends in academic medical education to better prepare future physicians
- Promoting research partnerships among scholars and practitioners in medicine, psychology, sociology, life and physical sciences, epidemiology, informatics, bioethics, and other disciplines
- Creating a culture of innovation leading to practical applications that are scalable and transferable

The 18-month project, which launched in January, has tremendous potential according to Dr. Kenneth Blank, senior vice president for Health Sciences at Rowan and co-principal investigator for the project.

"Part of the grant is going to help us establish our research programs in the health sciences, specifically in health care delivery," said Blank. "This is going to be an important area of research and implementation for the School of Osteopathic Medicine and for the rest of Rowan University. These funds will help us focus on very specific areas that will be sustainable after the grant ends."

"We solicited proposals for health care delivery research from faculty at RowanSOM and other Rowan colleges and received over 30 proposals," Blank continued. "This response demonstrates the high level of interest in and commitment to this important area of research throughout the University. The grant also provides funds to recruit new faculty members involved in health care services research and

this process will begin very shortly."

Not only is the entire Rowan campus invited to participate and get involved in this project, but the University will also seek to connect its initiatives with established projects at institutions throughout the region. These strategic partnerships along with outreach to government offices and community organizations will help Rowan reach its goals of enhancing the health care workforce and improving the quality of health care services, particularly for underserved populations, in the region.

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

"We are pleased to support Rowan University's strategic plan to strengthen

the health care workforce and improve the quality of health care services to benefit Southern New Jersey," explained Robert Wood Johnson Foundation President and CEO Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey. "This grant is consistent with our commitment to support the educational, health and health care institutions vital to the economy and the health and well-being of New Jersey. its residents, and its most vulnerable populations."

With a focus on serving the community and underserved populations, RWJF's investment in Rowan recognizes the institution for its commitment to serving those populations and its region.

"That commitment didn't arise because of this grant; it was already part of the mission of both CMSRU and RowanSOM," noted Harvey. "This project is a really significant move to start looking more closely at the best ways to serve those underserved populations—how to reach them and how to take health care to them rather than waiting for them to come to a clinic or the emergency room. That's a shift in thinking that the RWJF has led."

Now with the investment of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Rowan University can follow that lead as it continues to be a leader in education and health care for the region.

Venture Fund to catapult Rowan research enterprise



The landmark New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act that took effect on July 1, 2013 catapulted Rowan into the limelight as the State's newest comprehensive research university. The recently developed Rowan Venture Fund will open doors for Rowan's faculty, students and alumni to bring their studies and research to life.

eading the way among regional public Linstitutions, the Rowan University Foundation has established a new venture capital fund to invest in Rowan affiliated research initiatives, early-stage businesses and technologies developed by students, faculty, staff and alumni of the University The Foundation has committed \$5 million to the fund and intends for it to fuel new research initiatives for entrepreneurs and researchers among the Rowan community.

"With an endowment of nearly \$175 million, the Foundation is in a position to make a meaningful investment in the University in a way few universities can," said Paul Tully, Foundation chair. "While Rowan's students and faculty will undoubtedly be successful in attracting outside funding, some may first need seed money to get their ideas started. Through the Rowan Venture Fund, the

Foundation will provide an opportunity to support research ideas at their earliest stages."

This innovative Fund offers an opportunity to expand Rowan's research enterprise and enhance the resources that attract entrepreneurial research faculty to the institution. As the University continues to embrace its new state research designation, it seeks to increase its commercialization and echnology development efforts.

The Fund will enable the University to do so by encouraging innovative ideas from the Rowan community and providing an opportunity to invest in Rowan-generated technologies, intellectual property, inventions and businesses. Allowing the University to accelerate the growth of research at Rowan, the Fund will also provide incentives for initiatives developed vithin the Rowan community.

The Foundation spent a year examining successful venture fund models and formed a Technology/New Venture Development Committee to work with R.J. Tallarida, executive director of the Foundation and associate vice president for university advancement, to develop and oversee the program. The Foundation will also appoint an Advisory Committee comprising business leaders, financiers, entrepreneurs and other individuals with biotechnology, biomedical,

engineering and venture capital expertise. This committee will provide real-world expertise to assist the Technology/New Venture Development Committee in awarding up to \$1 million a year for five years to support new technology businesses and inventions through a competitive review process.

"The Rowan Venture Fund will open doors for our faculty, students and alumni to bring their studies and research to life," said Rowan president Dr. Ali Houshmand. "Today we have people working on cures for diseases and on technology that will improve the quality of life. Tomorrow, with this funding, we will see some of this work reach the marketplace and make a difference in all of our lives. This Rowan Venture Fund is a major step toward our University meeting its mission to conduct research that addresses real-world problems."

Tallarida expects the Fund will attract donors who recognize the value of it and will help grow the \$5 million investment.

"We are fortunate that the Foundation Board is a group of forward-thinking leaders from a wide variety of disciplines," said Tallarida. "Their commitment to establish the Venture Fund will encourage others to invest in talented Rowan faculty and students who work on new technologies and innovations."

The goal is to launch the Fund in fall 2014.

Higher ed innovator named executive vp



Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III

owan University has Kappointed long-time higher education administrator and innovator Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III as executive vice president for Administration and Strategic Advancement.

Oxholm has assumed a proad array of responsibilities as the University continues to expand its roles as a center of innovation and entrepreneurial activity and as a major

economic driver in New Jersey. Among other duties, Oxholm participates in the University's strategic planning initiatives, works with Rowan's corporate and community partners and oversees a number of University-wide projects to improve operations and services and to enhance the University's standing and positioning among peer institutions.

As a senior counselor to Rowan President Dr. Ali Houshmand, Oxholm oversees the departments/divisions of Audit, Compliance, Equity and Diversity, Human Resources, Labor Relations, Strategic Enrollment Management, University Advancement and University Relations.

"Tobey has demonstrated great success in leading teams on cutting-edge projects in higher education," Houshmand said. "He will be an exceptional asset for us as we anticipate continued programmatic growth and expanded partnerships and we need to be creative and entrepreneurial to ensure access and affordability to the excellence in higher education that Rowan provides."

Oxholm has been an entrepreneurial leader

make big impact in higher education and the nonprofit sector for "My experience at Rowan

He was an attorney in the private and public

Philadelphia Law Department, where he was chief

from Harvard Law School cum laude, a master's

Government at Harvard University and a Bachelor

of Arts summa cum laude from Amherst College.

many people far removed from this region—are

and ambitions for the future," Oxholm said. "It's

well respected by students, business leaders and

elected officials and one that does not just have

great ambitions to improve higher education but

also has concrete plans underway to make those

exciting to become part of an institution that is so

aware of the major strides Rowan University

has made in the last few years and of its goals

"People in higher education in this region—and

in public policy from the Kennedy School of

Oxholm, of Philadelphia, received a juris doctor

sectors for more than 20 years before joining

higher education, including five years in the

deputy city solicitor.

goals a reality."

more than three decades, receiving local and University has been enriched in national recognition for his work. numerous ways by the generosity Most recently, he was president of Arcadia University, Glenside, PA, from 2011 to 2013. and support of all the proud Prior to assuming that role, he spent 10 years at PROFS who have come before me. Drexel University where he helped the university through a medical school merger, the creation Not only is my scholarship helping of a law school and the opening of a graduate me reach my goal of earning a campus in Sacramento, CA. He rose to executive vice president and chief of staff after serving as college degree, but it also inspires founding dean of Drexel's Center for Graduate me to work hard every day and Studies, senior vice president for the Drexel Law make an impact on campus." Center, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees, among other roles.

Alyssa Lompado '16 Psychology Major & Scholarship Recipient

Gifts to the Rowan Future Fund enable Rowan University to enrich the lives of those in the campus community by providing resources for scholarships, student programs, library resources, technology upgrades and facility enhancements.

Future Fund gifts

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Rowan Family Foundation gift benefits performing arts fund



Rowan University's College of Performing Arts boasts students and faculty who are committed to and passionate for artistic expression. exploration and creation of a vibrant arts community. The spring 2013 production of Guys & Dolls featured student actors representing a broad spectrum of the campus community with cast members from the Department of Theatre & Dance, as well as those majoring in Education, Iournalism, Music and Engineering, among others.

 $T^{\text{he latest donation from the Henry M.}}_{\text{Rowan Family Foundation to the Marie}}$ F. Rader Memorial Fund in the College of Performing Arts has energized the College's dean because he knows all the good that can come of it.

"We can use those funds for new programs that we've started and to bring in outstanding artists to perform for our students and the public, which in turn frees up monies for other initiatives," said Dr. John Pastin, who is in his third year as the College's dean. "I can use them to enhance other areas and programs. We recently received approval from the Board of Trustees subcommittee to start a new commercial music program, and there is also a new master of arts program in arts administration as well as a new dance

1998, is excited because the recent \$100,000 gift from the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation allows for flexibility and an opportunity for growth in the College of Performing Arts. The gift is also important in that it will inspire others to direct funds toward performing arts, which will expand opportunities for students within the program as well as the community at-large. "Donors are now looking at us and are

Pastin, who has been at Rowan since

contributing. We're receiving bequests and we've also had many in-kind donations. For example, for our spring productions our students worked with our faculty to study set design and build the sets. A single production can cost up to \$20,000 for materials. Generous Rowan board members have contributed materials which has saved a lot of money that we are refocusing in other areas."

In addition to support from the Rowan family and other donors, the Marie F. Rader Memorial Fund benefits from an annual fundraising concert presented by the College of Performing Arts during the December holiday season. Past concerts have featured Nashville recording star Louise Mandrell and have spotlighted some of Rowan's esteemed faculty, including Metropolitan Opera star Barbara Dever and acclaimed jazz artist Denis DiBlasio.

"The College of Performing Arts is a cultural hub for the campus and South Iersey," said Pastin. "This gift is indicative of the support and commitment the Rowan

family and the entire University community have given to the arts. We know it is what Marie Rader would have liked to see and we hope to make her name well known throughout the region."

In 2008, Virginia Rowan Smith, vice president of the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation and long-time member of the University's Board of Trustees, established the Marie F. Rader Memorial Fund to revitalize the performing arts at the University.

The fund honors the late Mount Laurel resident and friend of Smith's who was noted for volunteering her time and talent to the Philadelphia Orchestra for more than 20 vears, and who served as a member of the N.I. Committee for the Orchestra and chaired numerous committees and fundraisers.

"In the spirit of my dear friend Marie, I am happy to support performing arts at Rowan through this investment, and I am especially pleased that it continues the work Marie was so passionate about," Smith said. "Rowan's College of Performing Arts has a tremendous opportunity to have a direct and positive impact on deserving students and to broaden cultural opportunities for all of us in South Jersey."

By championing new and creative ways of bringing programs and performances to the campus, the Marie F. Rader Memorial Fund continues the expansion of the performing arts at Rowan and enriches the lives of students, faculty, alumni and the greater New Jersey community

New Rowan Family Foundation gift to transform engineering



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s Rowan University sends its 15th class As Rowan University series ... "real world," the University and the College of Engineering have marked another major step in their evolution as a research institution

In much the same way that Henry Rowan brought a college of engineering to South Jersey, the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation has now provided funding to establish the first Ph.D. program in engineering at the University as well as opportunities for engineering undergraduates to study abroad.

The Foundation has given the Rowan College of Engineering the initial funding to establish a new doctoral program. The recent gift provides \$300,000 to establish the Henry Rowan Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship Program as well as \$100,000 to initiate the Henry Rowan Engineering Globalization Fellowship Program for Undergraduates.

Dr. Anthony Lowman, Dean of the College of Engineering, says that the continued support from the Rowan family—which began with the historic \$100 million commitment in 1992—has been an unwavering core that has provided limitless opportunity for success.

"The Rowan Family has given in a number of ways and been a constant supporter of engineering, every year, from undergraduate scholarships, to the new Ph.D. and international programs," said Lowman. "Their support has also helped in other ways, from assisting in identifying individuals to serve on our advisory council, to support

to involvement with the development of the College and our strategy.

"Mr. Rowan's visionary gift in 1992 was the catalyst," Lowman continued, "It's amazing to think about what his gift and his vision have done for 15 years of engineering graduates and now we're entering the next stage. Receiving the bond money from the State last year validated his initial gift. In 20 years, we've built a nationally ranked College of Engineering and are in a position where we turn down 10 qualified applicants for every seat we fill. The fact that the State has provided these funds and the directive to build a new building, hire more faculty and train more students, communicates that we have done the right thing with the money and that his initial vision was solid.

"I'm proud to be a part of it and I'm proud to be leading the College into the next transformative phase," Lowman concluded.

"The College of Engineering has proven itself to be an excellent steward of our family's gifts. These new Ph.D. and globalization programs will provide more opportunities for students at all levels and will further distinguish Rowan Engineering as a leader in the field," said Virginia Rowan Smith, vice president of the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation. A strong advocate for Rowan University, Smith currently is serving her third term on the University's Board of Trustees and is chairman of the Board's university advancement committee.

Similar to the first class of engineering undergraduate students, the initial group of Ph.D. fellows will receive full stipend and tuition support through the gift. The Ph.D. Fellowship Program will enable the College to recruit top-level doctoral students by providing support for an inaugural cohort consisting of one student from each of its five disciplines—biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, civil and environmental engineering, electrical and computer engineering, and mechanical

The doctoral program will be unlike most traditional doctoral programs in the United States and will be modeled on the College's

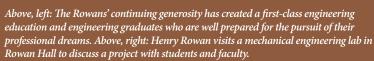
unique undergraduate Engineering Clinic format, which places heavy emphasis not only on conducting cutting-edge research but also on developing new technologies. The program will foster greater ties with Rowan's industry and government partners while providing students with intensive applied research experiences.

The Henry Rowan Engineering Globalization Fellowship Program for Undergraduates will provide opportunities for undergraduate engineering students to study abroad at select universities and to complete industrial internships at corporate sites around the globe, including subsidiaries of Inductotherm Group—the firm Mr. Rowan founded—as well as at other leading technology companies. This international educational and work experience will provide Rowan engineering students with an advantage in an increasingly global technological society.

Rowan President Dr. Ali Houshmand emphasized the enduring impact the Rowans' generosity has had on the University and the

"When Henry and Betty Rowan made their \$100-million gift to our school in 1992, they started the transformation of our campus and made an important investment in our University, our region and in engineering education in our country," Houshmand said.

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Dr. Ali Houshmand

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from Inductotherm (Mr. Rowan's company) for our programs and hiring of our graduates,

Graduate commencement

Right: Nationally recognized educator and sixth president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation in Princeton, Dr. Arthur Levine gave the Graduate Commencement address on May 15.





Left: Honorary Degree recipient, Dr. Arthur Bartolozzi, is a nationally recognized leader in sports medicine and joint replacement who served over 20 years as the Rowan Athletic Department's physician.

1923 Society celebrates consistent giving

The Rowan University Foundation proudly introduces the 1923 Society, a new giving society to recognize our most loyal supporters. By making a gift to Rowan for 10 or more consecutive years, this dedicated group has helped advance the University and its students

Membership is maintained simply by continuing to give every year. Individuals in the 1923 Society will be acknowledged annually and receive special recognition for milestone years of consecutive giving. Get started today on creating your own consistent giving legacy at Rowan

Thank you for your continued support!

Reception celebrates support of Rowan's loyal friends and donors

President's Forum

More than 300 of Rowan University's friends gathered at The Union League of Philadelphia on May 8th for the annual President's Forum reception. The event celebrated the vision and contributions of this loyal group and their commitment to the University. The significance of private contributions to the Rowan University Foundation continues to grow. With the institution poised to transform higher education and drive the economic development of the region, the investment of generous alumni and friends is vital for continued success.















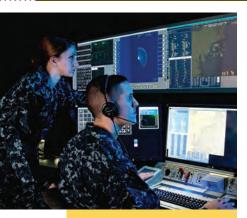




- 1. President Ali A. Houshmand, Thomas Bantivoglio, SJTP Board member Manning Smith III, Rowan Board of Trustees member Virginia Rowan Smith, Patricia Bantivoglio and Farah Houshmand
- 2. Farah Houshmand, Mary and Kohran Hovsepian and President Houshmand
- 3. College of Education Dean Dr. Monika Williams Shealey, Gus Bader '68 and Janice Bader '68, M'79
- 4. Alumni Association Board member Sandy Maxwell '69, M'84 and Executive Vice President for Administration and Strategic Advancement Tobey Oxholm
- 5. Christopher Tully, Rowan Foundation Board Chair Paul Tully '99, Dr. James E. George, James George Jr. and Dr. James Bonner
- 7. Rowan Board of Trustees Chairman Linda Rohrer and Rohrer College of Business Executive Advisory Council member Michael Carbone '85
- 8. Dr. Pamela Zee and Dr. Minh Huynh
- 9. Fred Byrne and Alumni Association Board member Brighid Burgin '12
- 10. Farah Houshmand, President Houshmand, Assemblywoman Celeste Riley and Rick Dawson

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Lockheed Martin and Rowan University join in new technology partnership



Lockheed Martin and the University will allow Rowan's faculty and students to collaboratively conduct research and develop defense technology systems that will greatly enhance our nation's security.

ockheed Martin and Rowan University Lare kicking off an innovative, strategic partnership to develop new technologies for a broad range of radar system applications in support of national defense. As threats to the United States become increasingly more complex, this next generation of radar technology is critical to protecting national assets and requires the dedication of an educated workforce.

Lockheed Martin and the University,

which have collaborated on projects as part of the Rowan College of Engineering clinic program, are working together to expand their current partnership to conduct research and develop technology. Research activities will be conducted at the South Jersey Technology Park (SJTP) at Rowan University. As research initiatives expand in scope, these activities will be accommodated at the planned second building at the Technology Park, which opened its first structure—the Samuel H. Jones Innovation Center—in 2008. The Innovation Center is home to 16 sponsored College of Engineering research labs, among other offices.

In the future, Lockheed Martin personnel look forward to working with Rowan professors and students on:

• Radar component prototyping and analysis

• System performance test and evaluation • Radar engineering curriculum and

- educational program development
- Supportability and sustainment innovation models

"We are excited to prepare for this next step in our partnership with Rowan University to collaborate on the next generation of products and services for our customers," said Carmen Valentino, vice president of Naval Radar and Future Systems at Lockheed Martin's Moorestown location. "Together we can create the innovative and affordable technologies for our customers, while developing the talented individuals who will work on them for many years to come."

"This partnership with Lockheed Martin is good for Rowan University and critically important to our region," said Rowan President Dr. Ali Houshmand. "Our researchers—both students and faculty—are able to work with a leader in technology that has an international presence. That work not only furthers our students' education, but it also provides Lockheed Martin and other businesses with a talented workforce and with young professionals who enter their first jobs equipped with valuable experience. By expanding its activity in South Jersey, Lockheed Martin will also further

contribute to the economic development of our region."

According to Dr. Shreekanth Mandayam, Rowan's vice president for Research and executive director of the SJTP, Rowan professors and students have the background that is critical to Lockheed Martin's research. The College of Engineering has partnered on research with major corporations since its inception and offers degrees in chemical, civil, electrical and computer, and mechanical engineering, with a biomedical engineering program to start in fall 2014. The College also offers a master's degree and soon will welcome its first Ph.D. students.

Secretary of Higher Education Rochelle Hendricks said the partnership between Rowan and Lockheed Martin will be part of a "new innovation ecosystem that we are building in New Jersey." She added, "As chair of the Governor's Council on Innovation, and as the newest member of the Partnership for Action, I believe that the Rowan-Lockheed Martin initiative ensures that our State and country will remain leaders in technology. It is my hope that this is just the first in a series of new relationships that will be formed as more companies recognize the value of our State's research institutions and turn to them for their research and

Golf outing raises scholarship funds



More than 100 golfers enjoyed a day on the greens at Laurel Creek Country Club during the Foundation's 26th annual golf outing on June 2nd. The annual event raises funds to benefit the Robert A. Harris and Robert Collard Memorial Scholarships.

- 1. Thomas Ward, Executive Vice President for Administration and Strategic Advancement Tobey Oxholm, Bill McNamara '01 and Rowan Foundation Board member David
- 2. Atlantic City Electric—Ryan Tookes, Vince Maione, Mark Krason and Bert Lopez
- 3. Gourmet Dining-Michael Caramanica, Sam Deighan, George Kuzma and Joe Lally





Noteworthy

Susquehanna Bank supports PAC

Students in Rowan's Philippine American Coalition (PAC) received a \$5,000 contribution from Susquehanna Bank to assist in their fundraising efforts to assist Typhoon Haiyan victims in the Philippines. In addition to monetary donations, the students collected food, clothing and supplies.



From left: Rowan Trustee Lita Ahele, Susauehanna Bank Regional President Kathie Stone, Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students Richard Jones, Rowan President Ali Houshmand, Susquehanna Retail Executive Jeremy Shackleford, PAC President Michael Bacani, and Susquehanna Assistant Vice President Jaggie DiMartino.

Scholarship benefits engineers

Deputy director of strategic planning for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Orlando, Fla., Catherine Ni 'oo is grateful to the College of Engineering for laying the foundation for her career. Recipient of the College's 2014 Distinguished Engineering Alumnus award, Ni and her husband, James, created the Catherine and James Ni Scholarship in 2011 to recognize incoming freshmen engineering students for their dedication to academics and community. To date, six recipients have benefitted from the awards.



From left: Jeffrey Eker, Catherine Ni '00, College of Engineering Dean Anthony Lowman, James Ni, Gabrielle Rochino and James Ritchie.

Gaiman inspires campus to write

Award-winning author, screenwriter, producer and director Neil Gaiman visited campus in March—the latest installment of the President's Lecture Series. His appearance was sponsored by the Office of the President, the College of Communication & Creative Arts and the Norton Fund for Excellence in the Study of Literature. The Fund, established in 2001 by Helen '60 and Robert Norton '60, supports initiatives that benefit students in the Department of English, including hosting authors and poets of renown and purchasing collections in literature.



Scholarship endowment continues Gallia legacy



Thomas Gallia has been giving back to the

campus. After he volunteered as an usher

at the end of his first year, he was hooked.

as both a student and an employee, Gallia

retired at the end of the 2013 calendar year—

but certainly not without leaving his mark.

His lengthy career at the University

included his most recent position as vice

president of University Relations and the

president's chief of staff before being named

vice president emeritus. He also served as a

professor of education in the departments

of Teacher Education and Educational

during the 1963 commencement ceremonies

Now, after more than 50 years at Rowan

Dr. Thomas Gallia has made invaluable contributions to Rowan University, to Glassboro and to South Jersey, and his campus legacy will continue thanks to the Thomas J. Gallia **Endowed Scholarship for** Community Service.

academic department chairman from 1981-87 and as executive associate dean from 1984-92. But Gallia, a native of Vineland who now resides in Glassboro, has ensured that he and his family will continue to leave their

Leadership. He began his career at Rowan in

1967 as an adjunct professor and continued

on to become a professor. He served as

mark on the University he called home for nearly his entire adult life. The Thomas J. Gallia Endowed Scholarship for Community Service was established thanks to a \$100,000plus endowment from Gallia and his family.

This scholarship—which will be awarded to students who exhibit outstanding community service records—reflects Gallia's values and commitment to the region. First priority will be for Glassboro residents, followed by South Jersey residents. He expects the inaugural one-time scholarship in the range of \$3,000 to be awarded to a freshman for the 2014–15 academic year.

"Glassboro, as a town, has made me feel really welcomed and that's why I selected the scholarship to be given to a student who resides in Glassboro," Gallia said. "The student must be from South Jersey but priority will be given to Glassboro residents because of how much this town has done for me and the kindness that has been extended to me and my family

"It all is inspired by the fact that to have a well-rounded student and a mature individual, academics are necessary but not

sufficient. You need to say, 'I've given back to my town, my community, my university.' You can see the potential in that. While not everyone is oriented along those lines, you can see the potential in some students. That's what Rowan will look for, to reward this kind of person and encourage those efforts.

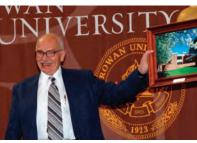
Students who are providing service solely for the purpose of providing help to those who need it—that's the kind of person who I want to reward," Gallia continued.

Over the span of his career, Gallia has seen the campus transform from one with just a single building on the north side of Route 322 (Bosshart Hall) to a nationally recognized University that now includes medical school campuses in both Camden and Stratford. He's proud that despite the physical changes, the spirit of the institution in which he enrolled in 1962 has remained the same.

"It's been an exciting time to be at Rowan and I've seen a lot of changes over 50 years. I've also seen a lot of shifts in terms of the institution and its academic focus," said Gallia. "We're really a multi-purpose institution now with the medical schools and engineering and a strong business college. It gives me great pride to see the evolution.

"Most importantly, we haven't lost our values. Rowan is still very centered on student growth and development, and values students and the experience they have. We want them safe, we want them contributing and we want them to mature and grow at Rowan. We do an excellent job with that."

Dr. Chamberlain



Dr. Mark Chamberlain guided Rowan through a period of extraordinary transformation and helped the University grow from a teachers college into a multifaceted institution. The Rowan University Board of Trustees recognized Dr. Chamberlain's contributions, particularly his work with students, by naming the Student Center in his honor in 2006.

> Dr. Mark M. Chamberlain's legacy at Rowan University touched a impressive five decades-from 1969, when he was appointed president, until March 29, 2014, when he passed away at age 83.

In between, Chamberlain, the University's fourth president, left a legacy of service, studentcenteredness, scholarship, openmindedness, vigor and kindness

He took office at age 38, as the youngest president in the

institution's history. During his tenure, he guided the institution through 14 years of incredible enrollment and academic program growth and facilities

In a relatively short period, he supervised the development of three new academic divisions and encouraged the start of a dozen new major programs, including two educational specialist programs and a score of minors, specializations and concentrations. Full-time enrollment more than doubled, from 3,529 in fall 1968 to 8,788 in fall 1984, and on-campus beds increased from 900 to more than 2,700. To accommodate this student influx, nine new buildings were built or purchased and another five were extensively renovated.

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

Faculty Senate became a strong and viable governance body. Chamberlain navigated the

College through the turbulent waters of the '70s and early '80s, skillfully avoiding the chaos and destructive outbursts that afflicted many other campuses. On his departure, he left an institution better prepared to deal with the changes that lay ahead.

In October 1083, Chamberlain announced he was stepping down from the presidency and wanted to return to his first love—college teaching. He was appointed distinguished professor of chemistry and taught students until his retirement in June 2000.

He earned a bachelor's and Ph.D. in chemistry from Franklin & Marshall College and the University of Illinois, respectively.

Contributions in Dr. Chamberlain's memory can be made to the Mark and Barbara Chamberlain Endowment Fund, which supports research in chemistry and biochemistry, as well as an award for emergency medical service. Visit: rufoundation.org

Remembering

Rohrer Foundation gift creates endowed chair in geriatrics at RowanSOM

"Our Foundation is pleased to continue to support the NJISA's important work to improve the quality of life of older adults and their families, while maintaining the Institute's standing as one of the country's preeminent geriatric education programs."

Linda Rohrer

RowanSOM

In December, the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation committed sı million to the Rowan University Foundation to establish an Endowed Chair in Geriatrics at the School of Osteopathic Medicine's New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA). In discussing the gift, Dr. Thomas Cavalieri, dean of RowanSOM, invoked the words of President John F. Kennedy.

"President Kennedy, many years ago, said, we have added years to life, now we must add life to those years. Of course he said this in the 1960s and here we are 50 years later and what we found is that people are living longer," Cavalieri said.

"The mean lifespan today is the early eighties whereas in the 1940s, 50s and 60s, the mean lifespan was in the sixties. The goal of our program at the NJISA is to be sure that those longer years have quality of life. So this endowment will provide the resources to enhance the quality of life and it meshes beautifully with what President Kennedy said."

The endowment will provide a perpetual funding source to support geriatric research, clinical care and education programs at the NJISA and—when combined with two RowanSOM endowments already

established by the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation—will result in a fund of more than \$2 million.

Endowed chairs have a long tradition in higher education and enable donors to create a permanent funding source to enhance specific areas while enabling professors to push the frontiers of their scholarship. The endowment funded by the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation at the NJISA will continue the legacy of William G. Rohrer by preparing top geriatricians to care for the rapidly aging population.

The Rohrer Charitable Foundation's commitment comes at a critical time as RowanSOM works to address the impact the rapidly aging American population will have on our health care system. By the year 2030, America will be faced with a critical shortage of professionals trained in the complex health care needs of older adults. By that time, one out of every five people will be 65 years or older, including more than 1.1 million who call New Jersey home.

"What we've demonstrated in our field is that with the appropriate care from a geriatrician or a physician trained well to care for the elderly, that physician could enable patients to have a better quality of life," said Cavalieri. "Through research we can identify ways for the quality of life to be enhanced. When we do that, we're not only helping people in New Jersey but those discoveries are really identified and utilized nationally and internationally. We are very grateful to the Rohrer Foundation for this gift. It will really help us to have an even greater impact in helping people as they age and improving the quality of their life."

The gift to the NJISA came just five months after the historic joining of Rowan University and the former UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine. The William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation has been a generous supporter of Rowan University for more than a decade, having donated over \$13 million to support a variety of educational initiatives at the institution.

"Our Foundation is pleased to continue to support the NJISA's important work to improve the quality of life of older adults and their families, while maintaining the Institute's standing as one of the country's preeminent geriatric education programs," said Linda Rohrer, trustee of the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation and chairman of the Rowan University Board of Trustees. "We are excited to partner with the Institute to impact the lives of the students and patients through educating the next generation of top geriatricians."

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