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Introducing the Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine

In what was a landmark day for veterinary medicine nationally—and for New Jersey—Governor Phil Murphy and other state officials and veterinary medicine leaders joined the Rowan community on April 28 to celebrate a \$30 million gift for the state's first veterinary school.

The gift from South Jersey businessman and staunch animal welfare advocate Gerald B. Shreiber was announced during a groundbreaking ceremony on Rowan's West Campus.

The Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine will be a fitting tribute to the successful business leader and entrepreneur from South Jersey who has generously supported education and animal health and wellness for decades.

Three medical degrees

With the addition of the veterinary school, expected to welcome its first class in 2025, Rowan will be one of only two universities in the nation to offer three medical degrees: D.V.M., D.O., and M.D. Currently, there are just 33 veterinary schools in the United States and only five on the east coast.

Shreiber's gift is the third-largest gift to Rowan (and the second-largest gift from an individual). A generous supporter of the University for more than two decades, Shreiber in 2019 committed \$3 million to establish the Shreiber Family Pet Therapy Program. Since then, the program has provided group and individualized therapy animal visits for more than 8,000 Rowan students and employees.

'Humbling and inspirational'

With Shreiber's gift, the University will have the means to offer scholarships to veterinary students, said Rowan President Ali A. Houshmand. The School will address an increase in demand for veterinary professionals in New Jersey and across the nation.

"Gerry Shreiber's generosity has literally changed the lives of students at Rowan University. His confidence in us over the years is both humbling and inspirational," Houshmand said.

"Thank you, Mr. Shreiber, for your investment in Rowan, in New Jersey, in education, and in the health and welfare of animals for years to come. Your gift will be used to support scholarships, making attaining a veterinary degree more accessible and affordable. And that will happen in perpetuity."

Addressing affordability

Affordability is an important issue for veterinary students, Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine Founding Dean Matthew Edson said. The gift and its support of scholarships will distinguish the Shreiber School as it works to keep veterinary students in New Jersey, said Edson.



South Jersey business leader and philanthropist Gerald B. Shreiber (seated, center) is congratulated by University and state officials, who joined together to celebrate his \$30 million gift to New Jersey's first veterinary school at Rowan University. Seated with Shreiber are (from left) New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy and Rowan President Ali A. Houshmand. Standing, from left, are Sen. Troy Singleton, Provost Tony Lowman, former State Senate President Steve Sweeney, Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine Founding Dean Matthew Edson, and Assemblyman Bill Moen.

"I grew up here and I knew what it was like to have to leave our state to obtain a veterinary education," he said. "The ability to fix that for future generations is really incredibly important to me.

"Donations like what Mr. Shreiber has provided for us are really going to allow us to fill that gap and our students can pursue the career that they want after they graduate—and not just pursue a paycheck."

Lifelong animal advocate

Chairman of J&J Snack Foods Corp., Shreiber said he is pleased—and proud—to support the School.

A lifelong animal lover, Shreiber has used his business success to generously support education and animal welfare. He created SAFE (Shreiber Animal Foundation Enterprise), which made a transformational gift to establish a pet therapy program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"I've been very fortunate in business over the years," he said. "I'm honored to give this gift. Animals are my passion, so I couldn't think of a better way to give something back to make a positive impact on their lives," Shreiber said.

Visit rowan.edu/shreiber-gift to learn more about Mr. Shreiber and the Shreiber School of Veterinary Medicine.

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—Dr. Ali A. Houshmand

Justamere Foundation funds awards for 3+1 degree program students

Together, Rowan University and the Justamere Foundation are making it easier for students to earn their bachelor's degree through the University's 3+1 degree program. To ensure students have the resources necessary, the Justamere Foundation has provided \$100,000 to support scholarships for students in nursing and law and justice studies programs.

The University, in collaboration with Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) and Rowan College of Burlington County (RCBC), offers accessible, affordable pathways to a bachelor's degree in high-demand fields. Through this model, students can pursue a bachelor's degree at a highly reduced cost, completing three years of study at either RCSJ or RCBC and then their final year at Rowan University.

Participating students benefit from a range of accessible delivery models and can save thousands in tuition costs. With the support of the Justamere Foundation, selected students will be able to continue to pay the community college rate while completing their fourth year.

"We were impressed by the innovative 3+1 model, which provides an affordable pathway for individuals to find careers with sustainable income," said Lori Cushman, president of the Justamere Foundation.

Rowan's 3+1 programs are administered by the University's Division of Global Learning & Partnerships (Rowan Global).

Students were able to apply for funds this spring for the 2023-24 academic year. RA



Lori Cushman (center), president of the Justamere Foundation, celebrates the Foundation's \$100,000 gift to support scholarships for students in the University's 3+1 programs in nursing and law and justice studies with (from left) Peter Rattigan, dean of the Rowan-Virtua School of Nursing & Health Professions; Nawal Ammar, dean of the College of Humanities & Social Sciences; Jeff Hand, senior vice president for Strategic Enrollment Management; and Mary Ellen Santucci, department chair of nursing.

The line was long, the legacy even longer

s an educator herself, Marian Gerald remembers seeing her brother at the annual New Jersey Education Association Convention in Atlantic City.

"I'd look over at Rowan's tent, and I knew if the line was long, Marvin was there," said Gerald. "Past students of his—alumni—they would stop and talk with him all day if they could. The line would be wrapped around the place!"

Gerald recently established an endowed scholarship for students studying in the College of Education to honor the memory of her brother and longtime staff member of the University, Marvin Sills '70, M'73.

After returning to campus this spring with family friend and godparent to Sills' daughter, Ginny Moore '70, the two spent time reminiscing over Sills' impact and how much change the University had seen in 50 years. Together, they described Sills as charismatic, a good listener and a gentle, kind spirit.

"You only needed five minutes with him and you felt like you had known him forever," said Gerald.

"Glassboro was the perfect place for him," added Moore. "He was committed to the University and its students. He always called himself an ambassador."

Sills' career at the University spanned positions from dorm director and assistant/associate director of admissions to director of admissions and, finally, assistant vice president for professional development and continuing education.

During Sills' tenure in admissions, he admitted tens of thousands of students, worked closely with Rowan's EOF/MAP Program, coordinated the administration of the National Teachers' Examination at Rowan, the only testing site in South Jersey, and was instrumental in raising admission test scores as well as increasing

the minority composition of incoming classes from six to 20 percent, among many other accolades.

The Marvin G. Sills Endowed Scholarship in Education Fund will honor Sills' legacy of 38 years of service to the University while supporting students who endeavor to impact the world just as he did.

Dr. Philip Tumminia, former executive vice president for advancement at Rowan, told the crowd at Sills' Celebration of Life in 2016, "When you think of Rowan University, think of Marvin Sills." RA



TD Bank commits \$1 million for Green Jobs Academy

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TD Ready Challenge grant from
TD Bank Group,

Rowan University and its partners are establishing a new Green Jobs Academy to prepare workers with required industry credentials for jobs in offshore wind and solar power.

The TD Ready Challenge grant program is an annual, competitive, North American initiative that seeks to support nonprofit and charitable organizations developing innovative, impactful and measurable solutions for a changing world. Rowan is among this year's 10 grant

recipients with community-based projects designed to address the challenges of climate change and the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Green jobs are the fastest-growing segment of New Jersey's economy, with 7,000 new jobs in offshore wind and 6,000 jobs in solar energy expected in southern New Jersey over the next 10 years. The median pay for wind turbine technicians is \$56,230 a year; solar photovoltaic installers earn on average \$46,470 a year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

With the development of the Paulsboro Marine Terminal and the New Jersey Wind Port, the renewable energy sector in South Jersey will require local skilled labor for construction and maintenance of wind turbines and monopiles, installation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems, and management, environmental, engineering

and operation of wind and solar energy businesses.

By working closely with industry, Rowan College of South Jersey, southern New Jersey workforce development boards and other training partners, Rowan is developing a flexible, stackable-credit education model to educate and build the workforce for this fast-developing field.

Led by
Rowan's School of
Earth & Environment, the
Green Jobs Academy will recruit
students for hands-on experiential
programs that lead to essential

workforce certifications and credentials, and that provide a pathway to associate's, bachelor's and graduate-level degrees, as well as research and development opportunities. The academy will especially benefit students from South Jersey communities most affected by the closures over the last 20 years of seven refineries along the Delaware River.

"TD Bank is leading the way on sustainability, economic development and corporate social responsibility. We're so happy we could partner with them to develop educational programs that will benefit South Jersey now and far into the future," said Rowan University President Ali A. Houshmand.

The Green Jobs Academy builds on Rowan's ability to work closely with local institutions and industries to align academic programs with employer needs. In 2022, the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering received a \$500,000 federal grant to develop specialized wind energy certificates for students enrolled in "2+2" engineering technology degree programs offered in partnership with Rowan College of South Jersey.

The Academy is a natural fit for the School of Earth & Environment, which is "100 percent focused" on addressing the climate and biodiversity

crises, said
Dean Kenneth Lacovara. The school is leading a university-wide initiative to hire sustainability catalysts, key faculty who will help transform education and champion sustainability in every Rowan college and school.

Rowan is also developing partnerships with local wind and solar energy employers to ensure academic programs lead to local, meaningful careers, Lacovara said. Eventually, the Academy will expand into other green industry sectors, according to market demand.

"We are always going to listen to the market, because the whole point is for these students to get jobs," said Lacovara. RA

REIMAGINING THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE

Created through an historic academic health partnership, the **Virtua Health College of Medicine & Life Sciences of Rowan University** is transforming the future of education, healthcare, and research—and distinguishing South
Jersey as a regional hub for innovation, research, and clinical discovery.

The new College and its schools are supported by Virtua Health's philanthropic investment of \$85 million to create an endowment that will fuel investments in faculty, educational programs and the construction of a state-of-the-art research facility.



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"It's their time."—Scholarship impacts students in the College of Science & Mathematics

n 2022, Drs. Sunitha Menon and Paul S. Grand added to their already generous and extensive giving history at Rowan University by establishing the Menon and Grand Scholarship Fund for the College of Science & Mathematics (CSM), an endowment surpassing \$6.4 million as of this spring.

As two of Rowan's most passionate donors, supporting various programs across the University

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—Dr. Sunitha Menon

since 2018, one of two compelling questions for Menon and Grand was: Why the College of Science & Mathematics?

What initially began as a focus on programs aligned with their industry experience and their son's area of discipline at Rowan—pharmaceutical sciences and computer science—soon expanded into a comprehensive scholarship fund with a remarkably large impact.

"Rowan has allowed us to play in a variety of playgrounds, and as

scientists, that's what you do," said Grand.
"You experiment, you explore. One of the
reasons we chose CSM was because we
became interested in the College as a vehicle
to set students up for success. With a degree
in the sciences, your chances of landing a
good career are high, so now we are focused
on helping those in need to get that degree."

The Menon and Grand Scholarship
Fund for CSM supports students majoring
in computer science, chemistry, biology,
psychology and applied mathematics with
preference to those from underprivileged
and underrepresented populations who are
committed to the educational transformation
of their communities.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, almost \$100,000 provided academic support



Drs. Paul Grand and Sunitha Menon (fifth and sixth from right) with President Ali A. Houshmand; Voki Pophristic, dean of the College of Science & Mathematics (second from right); and student recipients of the Menon and Grand Scholarships.

for 13 recipients, and according to Grand, "Now we're looking at how year two will go and there's always more help to give."

From a young age, both Grand and Menon remember their families as natural "givers."

"I was born and raised in Singapore. My father would give you the shirt off his back," said Menon. "And my mother would make food to feed a local boys' orphanage. When I finally understood them, it was like a light went on. The hearts they touched, some of them also went on and gave back. It's important to do that, and my hope is that the chain continues."

"I remember my mom always talked about my uncle because he helped people," said Grand. "The enthusiasm she had for the good he was doing was extraordinary, and that was the beginning of my own giving and learning."

After earning their doctoral degrees—Grand studying organic chemistry at Caltech and Menon studying biochemistry at Bryn Mawr College—their commitment to research and education only grew. Both having come from backgrounds where the value in helping one's community ranked above all else, it was the combination of those values and the success of their son that created the perfect formula, generating a legacy at Rowan University.

"We first revisited Rowan in appreciation for John Woodruff [Director of Accessibility Services and Co-Director for the Center of Neurodiversity], because of how much he helped our son Aaron," said Grand. "We are privileged to be members of the Rowan community and that's what communitarians do. They help each other"

The couple's first gift to the University established the Autism PATH Program (Preparation & Achievement of Transition to Hire). The program supports the Academic Success Center and Career Advancement Office to serve the needs of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Grand and Menon have supported multiple student-centered initiatives in addition to the PATH Program, including the College of Humanities & Social Sciences and the Rowan Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights as well as students studying photography in the Ric Edelman College of Communication & Creative Arts.

"For a long time, we wanted to stay quiet and anonymous," said Menon. "But we realized there is power in letting others know so that they can participate. It's like, 'Hey, we're doing this, so we invite the rest of you to join in!' And to me, that's a wonderful thing—sharing our passion so that others can join in or do the same."

So, the second compelling question for Menon and Grand?

Why now?

"We have to be there as the older generation to help the younger generations through our experiences," said Menon. "We need their minds. When they show interest and ability, it's our responsibility to guide them, help them, give them what we can. It's their time. Our time is done.

We have found that our gifts are our rewards. We fervently encourage other potential donors, both large and small, to experience the joys of giving." RA

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Kevin and Lisa
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they met during a Greek mixer as pledges for Alpha Phi Delta and Kappa Lambda Psi.

Kevin's decision to head to Glassboro

State had its roots in the mentorship offered by his high school's athletic director after the sudden passing of his father during his senior year. "He said to me, 'let me take you down to Glassboro,' and he introduced me to the school and a few people there and the rest is history. I was playing football and baseball right away."

Lisa found her way to Glassboro as a transfer student from Muhlenberg College and similarly became involved across campus as she found

herself at home. She was later crowned Miss Glassboro State in 1981.

"Everything in our life started in Glassboro," said Kevin. "We met at Glassboro. We earned our education. We were heavily involved and made lifelong friends. Everything starts there."

Kevin, an accounting and finance major, recently retired after more than 30 years in mortgage finance, while Lisa, a speech communications major with a minor in theater, taught elementary education K-2 and spent time on stage before retiring. Having spent their careers in business and education, they decided to support Rowan students studying in the same fields.

The Crichtons' \$50,000 gift has established the Kevin and Lisa Crichton Endowed Scholarship. Support will alternate annually between student-athletes studying business and education.

"We always had a softness in our heart for Glassboro," said Kevin. "We hold that to be a significant part of our upbringing. We want the school to grow and want to draw others to attend."

Kevin and Lisa were instrumental in the building of Rowan's Business Hall as founding donors with a collaboration room named in their honor, and Kevin has been involved with the William G. Rohrer College of Business' Executive Advisory Council as well as the Brown & Gold Gridiron Club.

"We wanted to give a little more comfort to students at Rowan. Helping them financially would allow them to follow a similar mindset

> and be able to focus on putting in the work. Lisa and I have always shared that discipline and mindset, and anything we're able to do to help those who need it, we're willing to do."

A mindset surely thriving, Kevin joked that he and Lisa have worked so well together because they represent both sides of a successful brain.

"Lisa is that right side of the brain," said Kevin, "while I live comfortably in the left. She's an artist, a creator, a musician, an educator. All qualities that started for her at Glassboro. We've been fortunate enough to take our talents and utilize them together

as real-estate investors. We love seeing the value in something that can be built back up for another family."

And it all comes back to family.

"At Glassboro, the football team was my family," said Kevin. "Lisa, my fraternity—it was all my people at Glassboro. It meant a lot to have that brotherhood and family around you, and that was a big part of me growing up and prioritizing family first."

Kevin and Lisa have three children and two grandchildren with one on the way.

"Everything we did, and continue to do, is for our family," said Kevin. "We've worked hard to make sure our family is taken care of. We are thankful to be able to do more for others. We've always given back in different ways, but this is probably the most significant commitment we've made, and we knew Glassboro was the right place for it."



Scholarship recipient Miguel Rivera '23 sets sights on medical school

"Completing my degree has come with an overwhelming sense of joy and relief. As a first-generation student, it can be difficult to dream big and truly envision yourself getting there. However, with the resources, faculty, and mentors that Rowan University provided me, I was not only able to have high aspirations, but to do so without any lingering doubts that I couldn't attain them.

Without the financial relief that my scholarship provided, I wouldn't have been able to fully devote myself to the things that I love. I was able to pursue leadership roles in areas that I am passionate about including the Minority Association of Premedical Students (MAPS), the Honors Student Organization (HSO) and the Men's Track and Field team. As I reflect on the last four years, I am so grateful for the opportunities, people and memories that Rowan has granted me.

In the next year, I plan on attending medical school with the hopes of becoming a physician and, most importantly, a role model to my younger sister and future students."



Passing it on: Dr. Arnold (Arnie) Goldman's legacy

"Call me Arnie."

That's what Dr. Arnold Goldman told his family, his friends and even his patients.

"He would always say, 'Medicine is what I do, it's not who I am. Call me Arnie," recalled Arnie's wife, Marilyn Goldman. "Patients would tell me that talking with him was like talking to a friend, and I knew the feeling because I didn't spend 30 amazing years working for my husband,

I was working for my best friend."

Just three days before he began medical school in the 1950s, Marilyn met Arnie on a double blind date where they were both paired with someone else.

"We went to see Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing," said Marilyn. "I

walked to the candy machine at the back of the theater and thought, 'Talking to this candy machine would be better than talking to the person I was with."

Thankfully Arnie felt the same way, and, that fall, the two of them became an "item."

According to Marilyn, Arnie's education was sponsored by a corporate benefactor who saw great potential in Arnie's ambition and was given much joy in seeing his success.

"He was indebted to this man for starting him down the path to his future," said Marilyn. "But he would not let Arnie pay him back. He said, 'It's not about the money, it's about passing it on. The only thing I want you to do is pass it on."

So that is exactly what Arnie set out to do.
Arnie earned his bachelor's degree from
the University of Pennsylvania and was
accepted into Hahnemann Medical College,
now Drexel University College of Medicine.

"That idea of passing it on, that was the foundation for Arnie as a person, as

a father, as a physician—he

was always passing it on," said Marilyn. "That is

why I established this scholarship in his memory, so he can continue to pass it on."

The Arnold
D. Goldman, M.D.
Endowed Scholarship
Fund at Cooper Medical
School of Rowan University

(CMSRU) will annually provide

support to one student with demonstrated financial need entering their third or fourth year of medical studies at CMSRU. The recipient must have either demonstrated stellar performance while on their psychiatry rotation or be planning on pursuing a residency program in psychiatry.

Arnie was recruited to Cooper Hospital in the 1980s and was instrumental in co-founding a psychiatry department. Arnie spent more than five years on staff, consulting at Cooper and liaising between Philadelphia and New Jersey before starting his own psychiatric private practice in Cherry Hill, where he changed the lives of many.

"The work he did was special, and part of his heart was always at Cooper," said Marilyn. "He continued to train residents

That idea of passing it on, that was the foundation for Arnie as a person, as a father, and as a physician.

-Marilyn Goldman

through Cooper even when he was in private practice. I remember when he passed, the community of doctors who knew him were deeply impacted, telling me they had never met anyone like him."

Arnie was also a volunteer teacher at Cooper, earning the organization's first Voluntary Teaching Award, which is now awarded annually in his name.

"It's another wonderful way that Arnie continues to pass it on," said Marilyn. "He very much valued education, and he made sure he passed that on to our four children as well: Audrey, Shari, Rachel and Daniel."

The first Arnold D. Goldman, M.D. Endowed Scholarship Fund at CMSRU recipient will be selected for the 2023-2024 academic year, and Marilyn and her family plan to meet them at the University's annual Scholarship Reception in November.

"I am just so excited," said Marilyn, "and I know Arnie would be too." RA

Professor emeritus donates collection to Rowan Archives

Dr. Denis Mercier, professor emeritus in the Ric Edelman College of Communication & Creative Arts, recently donated a personal collection to the Rowan University Archives. The collection is intended to support the work of faculty and students in the Diana King Master of Arts in Television Studies program.

The Mercier Collection consists

of materials demonstrating the portrayals of BIPOC in early American media, including vinyl records, magazines, books, posters, sheet music and more. Mercier focused on the portrayals of Black Americans in the media, but his collection also covers Asian, Indigenous, and other people of color as portrayed in the media.

"My collection tells a poignant story about the struggles of many citizens of America and elsewhere and shows significant cultural shifts," said Mercier.

University Archives plans to have researchers use the collection in a traditional fashion with students in the MA in Television Studies program processing the collection, to make it more broadly accessible. RA

Tune in to our Beyond the Brown & Gold podcast and radio show

The Beyond the Brown & Gold (BTBG) podcast is delivering a dose of nostalgia and alma mater pride by highlighting the lives and memories of Glassboro State College and Rowan University alumni.

Produced by Rowan University's renowned WGLS radio station, alumni are invited back to campus (or interviewed virtually) to share their stories with the larger Rowan community. Join hosts Rob Lightfoot '00, M'01 and Jessica Kanady '08, M'15 as they sit down with graduates

spanning the decades and learn more about their unique college experiences, career paths, life lessons and more.

Some of our featured guests have included Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03; John Sadak '00, M'03; Dr. Pete Contini '66, M'71; David Burgin '82, M'02 with Brighid Burgin Hoempler '12; and Mike Melniczuk '03 with Megan Brown '02.

Tune in to BTBG every other weekend on Rowan Radio 89.7 WGLS-FM or find episodes on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, iHeart or PodBean. RA



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Record-breaking Day of Giving

sets the tone for 10th anniversary

On March 8, the Day of Giving generated more than \$314,000, surpassing \$1 million raised for Rowan students in the event's nine-year history!

Over \$100,000 in matches and challenge funds were unlocked thanks to University leadership, boards and other incredible

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! supporters. Winners that unlocked challenge funds for most gifts and most dollars included Women's Club Ice Hockey, Fencing Club, The Early Childhood Demonstration Center, Softball, the William G. Rohrer College of Business, The Rowan Fund, the SOM Annual Scholarship Fund and

Cooper Medical School of Rowan

University. Stay tuned in 2024 for more history in the making: 10 years of Day of Giving alongside the University's year-long Centennial celebration! RA

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WHEN THE PRIDE OF THE PROFS COME MARCHING IN!

John H. Martinson (center) thought he was simply attending a dinner with University leaders in the Chamberlain Student Center dining hall. And then, to the philanthropist's delight, a band rolled through. Martinson got a surprise performance from College of Performing Arts students to celebrate and recognize a generous multi-six-figure gift he made in 2022 which will make the launch of the "Pride of the Profs" Marching Band possible for the fall 2023 season.