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**Senate Resolution: 200424-3**

### **Resolution to Commend Rowan University's Student Government Association**

Whereas, the Rowan University Student Government Association (SGA) is charged with ensuring "that all students' needs are met by acting as a student voice for the campus community, serving as an outlet for student concerns, promoting student participation in campus life, and investigating solutions to various issues that affect the campus as a whole"; and,

Whereas, "The SGA supports unity, teamwork, diversification, acknowledgment of excellence, mutual respect and a dedication to the positive development of each and every individual"; and

Whereas, the SGA acts to meet the needs of current, past and future students; and,

Whereas, the Graduate Student Government Association was created this academic year to give this growing cohort of students a voice in University affairs; and,

Whereas, during this academic year, the Rowan University community has encountered unprecedented tragedy in the deaths of students and staff; and,

Whereas, the global pandemic has forced Rowan University to convert all courses to online instruction, causing issues with accessibility to technology, knowledge of online platforms, and many other instructional and academic uncertainties; and,

Whereas, this pandemic has exacerbated housing and food insecurities, mental and physical health issues; and,

Whereas, the SGA has served on and worked with University Senate committees, task forces, and ad hoc groups to ensure the voice and concerns of the students are heard and addressed; and,

Whereas, the SGA has worked to improve communication between students and the rest of the Rowan community; and,

Whereas, the SGA has been instrumental in creating institutional change and improvements to address the issues stated above; and,

Whereas, the SGA has valiantly fought to help, educate, and protect their fellow students;

Be it Resolved, that the Rowan University Senate commends the entire Student Government Association, and specifically the SGA officers: Arielle Gedeon, SGA President; Ayala Gedeon, SGA Secretary; Kevin McCarthy, SGA Government Relations; Jenna Day, SGA

Advancement; and Jason Brooks, SGA Student Affairs, for going above and beyond the charges of their group to provide outstanding service and leadership to the Rowan University students and community. Their contributions have not only helped the current cohort of students, but also will provide a strong foundation for a safe, affordable, and robust academic environment for future students.