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### Beginning a Movement to Drive Their Alma Mater Forward

**February 5, 2021** - South Jersey natives and high school and Prof sweethearts, Charles and Gina Pusloski return to campus as often as they can—supporting their alma mater as alumni advocates, student mentors and donors.

A New Jersey state investigator and president of the Alumni Board of Directors, Gina has served on the board for the last six years and hosts the ever-popular alumni yoga event, Poses with Profs. Charles, a cybercrime detective, looks forward to participating in University career fairs with his agency as well as returning for alumni- and CHSS-hosted events that offer opportunities to network and engage with current students.



On top of giving their time and talents, the Pusloskis are also generous donors.

After financially supporting the institution through a multitude of programs and initiatives over the years, the couple decided they were ready to “give back in a more meaningful way.”

The couple has established The Gina Lemanowicz Pusloski '03 and Charles Pusloski '07 Annual Scholarship in Law and Justice Studies to support a first-generation student majoring in law and justice with demonstrated financial need.

“Our involvement in the law and justice program really had a great impact on the trajectory of our careers,” said Gina. “I was also a journalism major, which has helped immensely in certain aspects of my job, but I really wanted to support the area that helped get me where I am today, including my mentors like Dr. Stanley Yeldell and Wanda Foglia.”

The Pusloskis’ scholarship is only the second at the University supporting law and justice students in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences.

“We were really shocked to find that out,” said Charles. “But at the same time, it’s not surprising when you think about it because of the perception many have about working in the public sector. And that’s exactly what solidified this decision for us. I’m also a first-generation student, so we felt strongly that offering scholarship support across these underserved areas could have a positive impact on the number of students who choose to pursue a career in this field.”

When asked how they make the time to commit to the Rowan community through event attendance, volunteerism, board membership, and now, an annual scholarship, Charles remarked, “We just do.”

“I was so welcomed by everyone at Rowan when I was feeling very uncertain in my life,” said Gina. “I have always felt indebted to Rowan and strived to give back in every way that I could to do a little extra for the community that was there for me when I needed it.”

“I had the benefit of a lot of great mentors,” said Charles. “I wanted to make sure that I did my part to give back and pay it forward for all the mentorship opportunities that I had. This was another surprise to us, but you can really do a lot of good with a small amount of money, and we hope to inspire others to do the same.”

In their free time, the Pusloskis like to travel in their new RV and unplug in remote areas across the country. Gina enjoys yoga while Charles dabbles in tinkering and amateur radio operating. They have also established their own nonprofit organization, the Courageous Warrior Coalition project, supporting the mental health needs of first responders.

“We have a lot of passions and interests, but Rowan will always be the standout,” said Gina. “As a member and current president of the Alumni Board, I’ve had the opportunity to network with Dr. Houshmand and other leaders of the University. I can tell that they’re truly invested in the students. They have a vision that will take Rowan to the next level in the next decade, so we’re very excited to play a small part in that.”

“I can’t wait to meet the first recipient, honestly,” concluded Charles. “That will help set the tone for how this scholarship will move forward. I hope that it can really gain traction to start a movement to educate the alumni community that helping current students in this magnitude isn’t out of reach.”