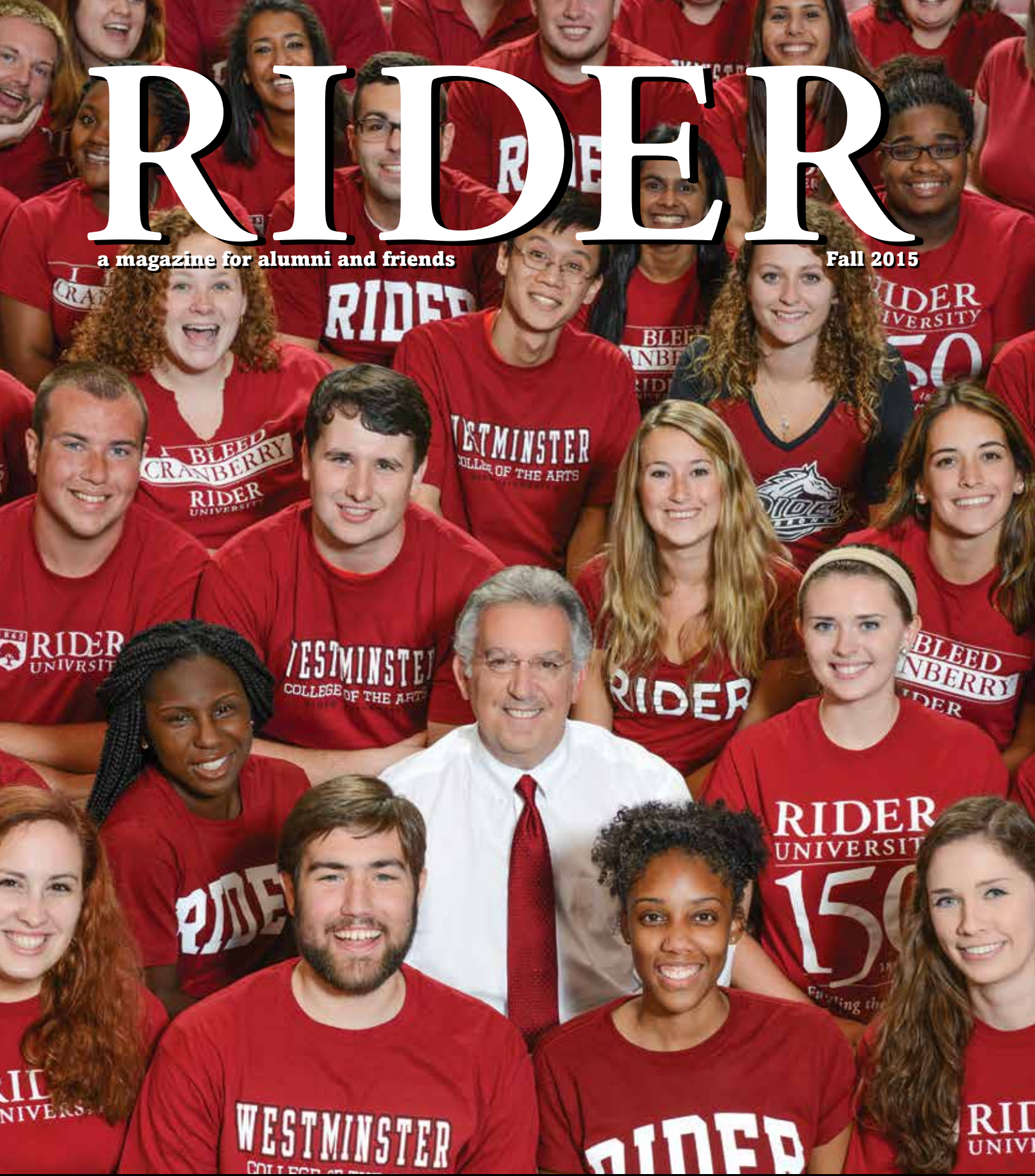


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Celebration for the Ages

More than 300 students, faculty and staff turned out to create this human tribute to Rider during its sesquicentennial year. On Oct. 1, 2015, Rider celebrated its official 150th anniversary. Over the past year, Rider has honored the founding of the University

by holding signature events and observing other noteworthy moments, including hiring Rider's seventh president, Gregory G. Dell'Omo, Ph.D., and two new deans, Matthew Shaftel, Ph.D., and Elad Granot, Ph.D.; holding Sesquicentennial On the Road



alumni events in 10 cities across the U.S.; hosting a lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin; setting a Guinness World Record with the longest string of fruit (10,036 cranberries in a row); awarding Sesquicentennial Medals of

Excellence; holding a 150th Gala; opening the Marion Buckelew Cullen Center; and completing renovations of the Playhouse on the Princeton campus. To see all of the 150th events and related stories, visit www.rider.edu/150.



Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME TO BE STARTING MY PRESIDENCY AT RIDER. Though it's been a while since I was a full-time student, you might say that I never got over my college experience. I still enjoy the buzz that accompanies the fall semester — new classes, new faces, new opportunities to create real and lasting change. The first-year students look startled and amazed; the seniors have confident, loping gaits that suggest they know exactly where they are going. At Westminster, students make their way to class with a staccato-like spring in their steps. Regardless of their focus or standing, they all project a sense of excitement at the chance to start anew.

I am hopeful that you too will be energized by what you see in the pages of this magazine. Within this issue, we close our 150th anniversary celebration with a story of our first-known African American graduate, Herbert Hubbard, who received his degree in 1894. You'll also find a point/counterpoint between two of our most politically savvy faculty members as they debate the 2016 presidential election. In addition, if you are so inclined, you can learn a little bit more about my Jersey roots, and why I feel so fortunate to be part of the Rider community at this moment.

You might also be captured by the photo of the newly

renovated clock tower at Westminster, feel a rush of nostalgia at the collection of commencement caps or reconnect with an old friend through class notes. In short, this issue offers you the chance to discover more about the Rider of today, and ideally will remind you of what you loved most about your time in Lawrenceville or Princeton.

Over the coming months, I'll be making my way around the country to visit with alumni, parents and friends. I've found that the best way to truly understand a place is to get to know its people. What I have already discovered since arriving is that the individuals who are drawn to this University

— our bright students, hard-working faculty and staff and dedicated alumni — are what make Rider University an exceptionally vibrant living and learning community.

I now count myself among those who bleed cranberry and white. I am honored to be serving as your president as we look toward the future, together.

Sincerely,

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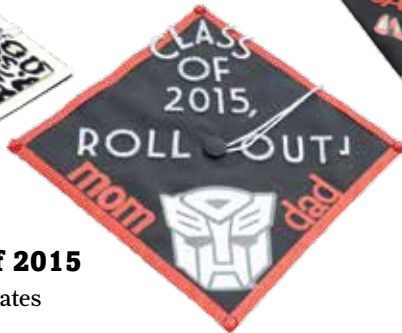
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On the cover: President Dell'Omo with students: photograph by Peter G. Borg, university photographer.

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Capping It Off

Rider graduates celebrate their special day by decorating their mortar boards with personal messages.

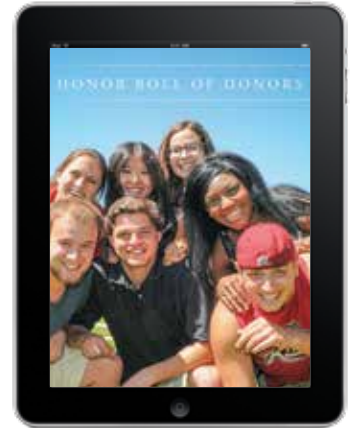


The Class of 2015

hailed from 24 states and 17 countries, including China, Saudi Arabia, Ghana and France, which sent more students to Rider than any other country did.

60% of Rider graduates participated in an internship, co-op or student teaching assignment.

More females (58%) than males (42%) at Rider received diplomas this year, continuing a nationwide trend that began in the mid-1990s.

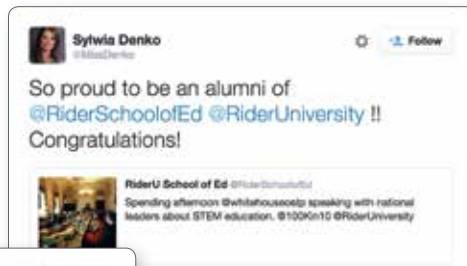
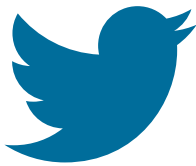


Honor Roll of Donors goes online

This year, Rider's Honor Roll of Donors will be offered online to thank all alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff and organizations that made a gift to Rider between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015. If you wish for your name to remain anonymous or not to appear on the website, please contact advserv@rider.edu or call 609-896-5169.

Twitter Chatter

Join the conversation by following Rider on Twitter @RiderUniversity and using the hashtag #RiderU.



And the winner is...

We are pleased to announce the two winners of our recent social networking campaign. The Bonner Community Scholars and the Class of 1970 both will have scholarships donated in their honor.

***Just Mercy* chosen as Shared Read book for first-year students**

For the 2015-16 academic year, students and the Rider community will again participate in the Shared Read Program, this time by reading and discussing *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson's memoir focused on injustices in the court system as they relate to children and people of color.

As part of their summer orientation, all first-year students received a free copy of the book, which was used by faculty in the Rider Classroom Experience, a component of orientation that introduced incoming first-year students to the expectations of college faculty. Additional copies of the book were made available to the community on a first-come, first-served basis.

This is the second year that Rider has offered the Shared Read Program, an initiative started by Academic Affairs and Student Affairs that aims to introduce students to Rider University's learner-centered mission. Last year, students read and discussed *The Glass Castle*, a memoir by Jeannette Walls.

Have an idea for next year's Shared Read book?
Contact Anne Law, special assistant to the provost, at alaw@rider.edu.

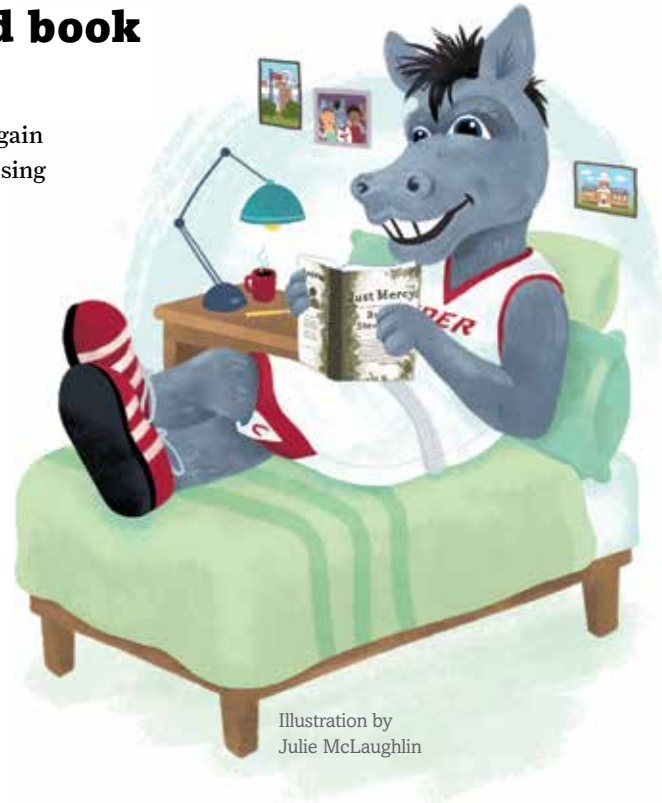


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Huffington Post

Women in the Performing Arts,
Mariann Cook
April 15, 2015

Spotlight interview with **Mariann Cook**, director of vocal studies and senior faculty in musical theatre.

The Philadelphia Inquirer

The Real Monster Behind the 'Jurassic World' Beast
June 23, 2015

Measuring the characteristics of the beasts in the movie *Jurassic World* against what we know about dinosaurs with **Bill Gallagher**, Rider professor of paleontology.

Forbes

How to Answer Nasty, Scathing Emails
June 23, 2015

Psychologist **John Suler** talks about how communicating online can create a "disinhibition effect."

MSN - Money Talk

Can You Trust Wal-Mart's 'Made in USA' Product Claims?
July 2, 2015

Michelle Amazeen, assistant professor in advertising, weighs in on Truth in Advertising's claim that Wal-Mart's labeling "Made in America" is suspect.

NJ.com

Stock Market Decline No Need for Panic, Rider Finance Expert Says
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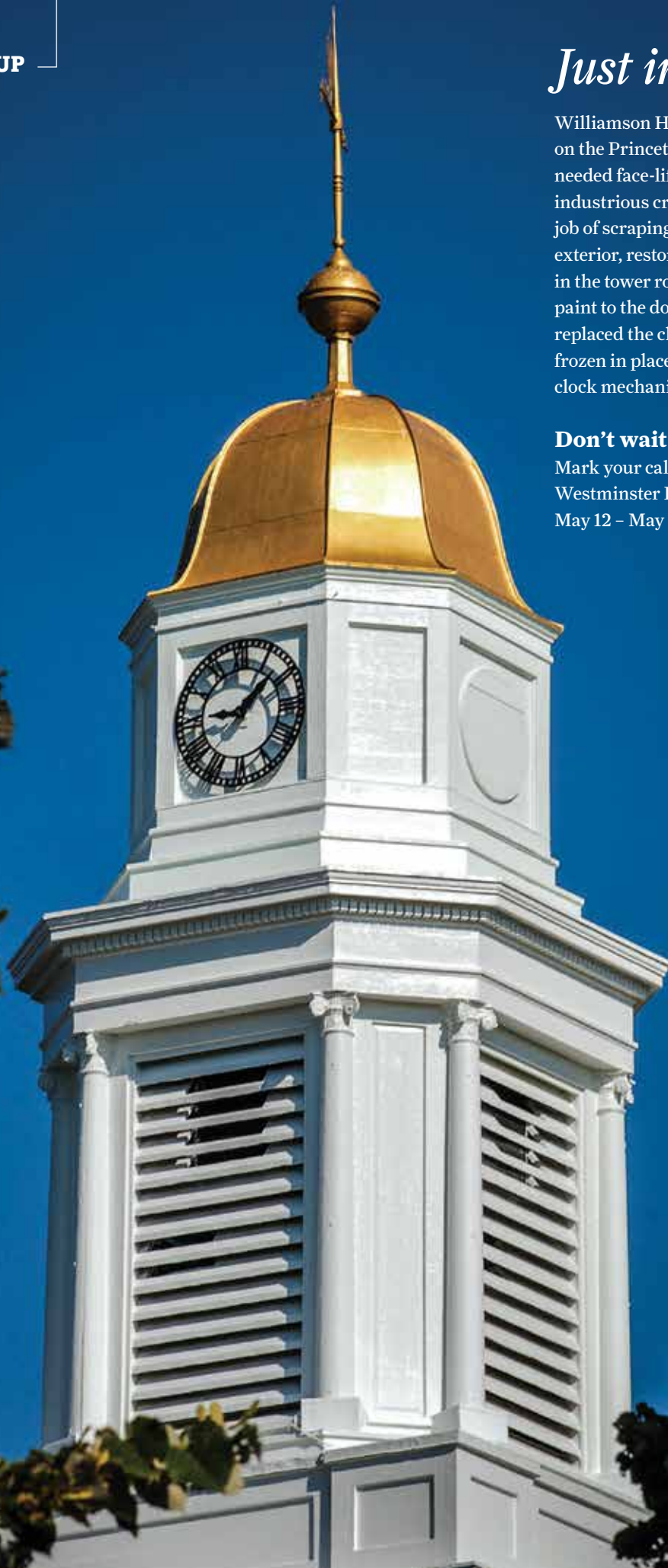
For **Maury Randall**, chairman of the Finance and Economics Department at Rider, watching the stock market is "all part of the game."

Just in Time

Williamson Hall's iconic clock tower on the Princeton campus got a much-needed face-lift this summer. An industrious crew of painters tackled the job of scraping and painting the white exterior, restoring the round window in the tower room, and applying gold paint to the dome. The repair team also replaced the clock hands that had been frozen in place and installed a new clock mechanism.

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Mark your calendars now for
Westminster Reunions
May 12 - May 14, 2016.



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The School of Education's vision for online learning is to blend personalized attention with best practices in online teaching and learning. The goal is to bring together the heart and science of online learning.

TOMORROW'S TEACHERS

provides an enriching experience for high school students who plan to be teachers. This innovative approach to learning provides the opportunity to actively engage in university-level work and earn three college credits while developing a rich foundation in the history and practice of education.

TEACHER LEADERSHIP AND PRINCIPAL LEADERSHIP,

offered in executive-style, cohort-based programs, allow students to use a hybrid model to earn a Master of Arts degree online and still interact with colleagues and faculty on campus during summer residency periods. Candidates work with experienced mentors and distinguished faculty on a variety of authentic school-based projects.

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offers a robust set of online courses with high levels of interaction between faculty and students and a great deal of student-to-student engagement. Building on the strengths of the online format, the program provides students with detailed guidance and facilitates meaningful learning with respect to organizations, leadership, communication, budgeting, human behavior and ethics.

THE LIFE AND CAREER COACHING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

is designed to prepare students to help people through the major transitions of their lives. The curriculum, which is offered via distance learning, covers core coaching competencies. The program enables students to meet all the educational requirements for becoming a board-certified coach through the Center for Credentialing and Education.

To read more, visit www.rider.edu/ridermagazine/fall-2015/news/academics.

CBA has the big data

To provide business professionals with a better understanding of the data and analytical tools that are driving so many decisions in today's business environment, Rider University now offers a new Business Analytics Graduate Certificate Program consisting of four graduate-level courses that can be completed within one year on a part-time basis.

"This new program was designed with the valuable input of executives in the analytics field to help students gain the skills and knowledge needed to organize, analyze and gain insights from business data to make effective decisions," says **Lan Ma Nygren, Ph.D.**, chair of Rider's Department of Information Systems and Supply Chain Management.

The program consists of 12 credit hours that are highly applied in nature, integrating project-based learning, simulations, case studies and field experience with industry partnerships.

"From healthcare to consumer behavior to corporate finance, this program will increase students' confidence in working with big data and business modeling," says **Cynthia Newman**, associate dean of the College of Business Administration. "It puts them at the forefront of the data revolution and improves their marketability in an environment where the value of analytical skills is on the rise."

For more information, contact Cynthia Newman at cnewman@rider.edu.



CLAES students and young alumni thrive

Those drawn to majors in the liberal arts and sciences are typically interested in ongoing intellectual engagement — whether through writing, teaching, historical or analytical research and/or the pursuit of further academic study. At the College of Liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences, students and young alumni continuously exemplify their drive by achieving success early in their careers. Here are just a few examples from the past several months.

Five weeks ahead of graduation, two Rider senior science majors learned they were accepted into Ivy League doctoral programs. This fall, **Brandon Enalls '15** began studying organismic and evolutionary biology at Harvard University, and **Danielle Minichino '15** embarked on her graduate studies in cell and molecular biology at the University of Pennsylvania. This marks the first time in University history that two students from the same class are entering Ivy League doctoral programs directly from undergraduate programs.

The opportunity to add her voice to the scholarly discourse arose for global studies major **Josephine Boyle '15** in a paper she co-authored with political science professors **Frank Rusciano** and **Michael Brogan** to be published in *Proceedings of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, 2015*.

Similarly, criminal justice major **Rachel Shari Safer '16** also received a publishing credit for a paper she wrote with Associate Provost **James Castagnera** in *The Homeland Security Review, 2015*.

Chosen by *Cosmopolitan* from around 46,000 entries, the fashion blog *adornedinarmor.com* by senior communication studies major **Tara-Lynn Saint-Elie '15** was a finalist in the 2014 Cosmo Blog awards. One of only two American bloggers picked in the International Fashion Blog category, Saint-Elie traveled to the XO2 Tower in central London to attend the award ceremony and meet fellow writers from around the world.

Faculty achievements

Dr. Sharon Sherman, dean of the School of Education, and **Dr. Judith Fraivillig**, an associate professor, were personally invited to visit the White House, where they were honored for their innovative work in STEM education.

Dr. Barbara Franz (political science) recently published *Immigrant Youth, Hip Hop, and Online Games: Alternative Approaches to the Inclusion of Working-Class and Second Generation Migrant Teens*.

Drs. Amanda Quist and **James Jordan** (conducting) were among the headliners and presented lecture/demonstrations at the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Numerous faculty have written articles, books and chapters over the past several months, including **Dr. Ciprian Borcea** (mathematics), **Dr. Lucien Frary** (history), **Dr. Matthew Goldie** (English), **Dr. Terra Joseph** (English), **Dr. Nowell Marshall** (English) and **Dr. Janani Umamaheswar** (criminal justice).

To view a full listing of faculty achievements, visit www.rider.edu/ridermagazine/fall-2015/achievements.

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Saturday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Yvonne Theater, free admission

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Thursday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m.

and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2 p.m.

Yvonne Theater

Spring Musical

Theatre Cabaret

Friday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Bart Luedeke Center Theater

A Little Night Music

Thursday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m.

and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.

Yvonne Theater



VETERANS COUNT

SINCE 1865, Rider University has welcomed veterans and military service members to campus. This year, several schools and departments have decided to make issues related to the veteran and military experience key topics of discussion in the classroom.

Dr. Alexander Grushow and **Dr. Jonathan Husch** will offer lectures on a number of related topics, including chemistry in warfare and natural resources and war.

Dr. Cynthia Lucia, through the Film and Media Studies Program, will feature movie screenings related to soldiers and the experience of war.

Professor Scott Alboum is requiring students in his advanced video production class to interview and record a veteran talking about her or his experiences.

Dr. Erica Ryan and **Dr. Brooke Hunter** of the History Department will work with the History Club to organize an exhibit featuring veteran-related artifacts from the library archives.

Dr. Katherine Maynard of the English Department will use **Wilfred Owen's** poetry in her class.



Racing to the top

Emily Ritter's historic season saw her become Rider's first All-American track and field athlete

This year, senior All-American **Emily Ritter '15** became the first woman and just the third athlete ever from Rider's track and field program to compete in the NCAA Championships, where she placed ninth in the nation. She also became Rider's first All-American track and field athlete, making her the fourth All-American female athlete in Rider history. Rider named Ritter, along with **B.J. Clagon '18** of the wrestling team, as the Rider University Athletes of the Year for 2014-15.

"Emily has had one of the greatest and most successful years you could have as an athlete," said Rider cross country/track and field head coach **Bob Hamer**.

Ritter earned All-East honors in three different sports in 2014-15: cross country, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field. During the indoor season, Ritter ran in the ECAC Championship Distance Medley Relay.

Ritter's historic season wrapped up on June 25 at the USA Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Ore. Ritter had never even competed in the steeplechase before last year. The first time she competed, she won the 2014 Rider Invitational. The second time she ran it, she broke the Rider record and placed second at the 2014 MAAC Championships.

Rider breaks ground for new athletics facility and Jason Thompson Court

A groundbreaking ceremony took place July 27 for the construction of an 8,400-square-foot basketball practice facility, the second phase of a multi-phase project to enhance and expand Rider's historic Alumni Gymnasium, the oldest building on Rider's Lawrenceville campus. Within the practice facility will be Jason Thompson Court, named in honor of the 2008 alumnus and former men's basketball star who now plays for the Golden State Warriors.

The Alumni Gym Campaign is funded entirely through the generous support of private donations. Future phases of the project will include expanded seating capacity with additional premium seats, enhanced fan amenities, renovated locker rooms and office space, and a strength and conditioning center.

For more information on the campaign, please visit www.rider.edu/athleticscampaign.

Bronc Bits



The women's soccer team won the MAAC Championship Tournament to advance to the NCAA Tournament. **Bethany-May Howard '17** was named the MAAC Championship Tournament MVP.



The men's soccer team had its best season in 18 years. They led the entire nation in goals scored and finished third in the MAAC.



B.J. Clagon '18 finished fifth in the nation in wrestling and was the first-ever Rider freshman to earn All-American honors.

Triple

Rider boasts three current coaches who all won MAAC Coach of the Year in 2014-15. We asked them the same four questions to see who had the most “winning” answers.

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Illustrations by Mike Tofanelli



Kevin Baggett
(Men's Basketball)

Barry Davis
(Baseball)

Stephen Fletcher
(Swimming and Diving)

Who's your role model?

I grew up in a single-parent home, and my high school basketball coach, Ken Faulkner, was a father figure to me.

Those who are servant leaders and have your best interest at heart.

My parents.

Best coach of all time?

John Wooden in college basketball, Vince Lombardi in the NFL and Coach K at Duke.

Vince Lombardi.

Joe Ehrmann, former volunteer defensive coordinator for football at the Gilman School in Baltimore, Md.

Best advice you've given?

To always stay humble in life no matter how much success you achieve.

Plan your life in pencil, not pen.

Partial commitment limits results.

Best advice you've received?

When I was a kid, my mom told me to make sure every day I wake up, I thank God for another day.

Be a life long learner.

Failure is an opportunity.

For more, visit www.rider.edu/ridermagazine/fall-2015/news/athletics.



The men's basketball team finished runner-up in the 11-team MAAC regular season. The men's hoop team was picked to finish seventh and won a program-best 15 conference games.



The baseball team finished in first place in the MAAC regular season. Catcher **Eric Strano '15** signed a professional contract to play in the Frontier League in the Midwest.



The men's swimming and diving team won a fourth consecutive MAAC Championship. **Zack Molloy** won the MAAC 500 free and the 200 free, swam on the winning 200 and 800 relays, and set four records at the MAAC Championships.

Dr. Maria Villalobos-Buehner

*World Language, ESL and Bilingual
Education Assistant Professor II*

CLASSES YOU TEACH?

Spanish, Linguistics, Bilingual Education
and Second Language Teaching Methods

WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

Bogotá, Colombia

WHERE HAVE YOU LIVED?

Cali, Colombia
Portsmouth, England
Michigan
New Jersey

PAST JOBS?

I have been teaching languages
(Spanish and English) and
bilingual education my entire life.

FAVORITE WORD?

Possibility

FAVORITE HOBBIES?

Zumba and yoga

TODAY'S LUNCH?

Lentil soup and a beef sandwich in a
toasted baguette with goat cheese and
aioli from Chamber's Walk in Lawrenceville

BEST PLACE TO VISIT IN THE FALL?

Millbrook Village area trails



“I TEACH BECAUSE IT IS THROUGH EDUCATION THAT ONE CAN BECOME EMPOWERED TO CULTIVATE THE CREATIVITY THAT WOULD HELP US MAKE GREAT CHANGES THAT COULD BENEFIT AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY.”

DR. VILLALOBOS-BUEHNER'S research interests have been shaped in three different countries. She earned her B.A. in French, Spanish and English in Colombia and then received an assistantship to work and study in England. From there, she earned her master's degree in applied linguistics and TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), which put her on the path to earn her Ph.D. in higher, adult and lifelong education from Michigan State

University. Her thesis merged applied linguistics and education in examining how study abroad experiences influence the formation of possible language selves.

At Rider, along with her teaching responsibilities, she supervises three programs for the School of Education: foreign language, ESL (English as a Second Language) and bilingual certification.

What's on your desk, professor?



A tea/coffee table so people can come to my office and enjoy coffee from Colombia or a good chai while we discuss possibilities for a bright future.

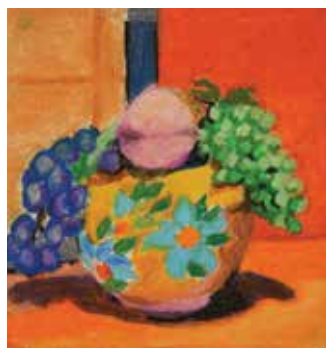
Pictures from previous study abroad trips. They remind me of those moments when people are being transformed by experiences.



An award given to me by my daughter when she was four and named me her hero.



An inspirational board with all the thank you notes I have been given during these past five years at Rider. I look at that board to regain strength during challenging days.



A canvas painting by one of my Rider students.



First IN CLASS

HERBERT HUBBARD,

A BRILLIANT PENMAN AND SKILLED MUSICIAN,
WAS RIDER'S FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN GRADUATE

By Adam Grybowski

A

fter a startling entrance into business and an equally unusual exit, **Herbert Hubbard** worked for most of his life on a 70-acre dairy and vegetable farm run by a white family named Pembleton.

Despite working as a sharecropper, Hubbard, who was black, had an education that prepared him for white-collar work. In 1894, he graduated from Trenton Business College, a forerunner to Rider University, making him the University's first confirmed African American graduate. Upon graduating, he would find employment that conflicted with the mores of post-Civil War America, cutting his promising professional life short.

The naming of Hubbard as Rider's first confirmed African American graduate came this fall after the University's archivist, **Robert Congleton**, and Hubbard's great-granddaughter Beverly Mills met to discuss the issue. Hubbard's status was a family legend for generations.

"Over the years, I've been asked time and time again: Who was the first African American to graduate from Rider?" Congleton says. "Now, I have an answer."

It is possible that prior to Hubbard, Rider may have graduated African Americans who passed as white students unbeknownst to school officials, Congleton says.

Hubbard's name appears in the annual bulletin published by Trenton Business College to advertise courses and requirements, share tuition costs, and list current students and recent graduates. A brilliant penman and skilled musician, Hubbard is listed as an 1894 graduate, but because the publication did not include photos, it was impossible to distinguish the race of students without further details.



Born June 7, 1875, Hubbard was the only child of a woman named Kate who worked as a housekeeper for a wealthy Hopewell, N.J., family, the Stouts. Kate, who was a single mother, died when Hubbard was a boy, though it remains unclear his exact age at the time of her death.

After Kate died, J. Hervey Stout and his sister, Sarah, raised Hubbard. Both single, they lived together in a house on what is now Broad Street. The siblings were distinguished for maintaining “one of the most hospitable homes in the Hopewell valley,” according to a book of early Hopewell history, *Pioneers of Hopewell*.

“I don’t know if they did it because of a sense of loyalty to Kate, who had been there a long time, or if they saw something worth investing in,” says great-granddaughter Mills. “Maybe it was both.”

According to family stories, Hubbard was a self-taught musician who not only played the violin but made the instrument too. He passed his musical gifts on to his son William Earl, who was a well-known local

musician for some 50 years. Hubbard’s musicianship was second only to his penmanship. “Apparently, his penmanship was absolutely extraordinary, and he would drill his children, impressing upon them the importance of good penmanship,” Mills says.

Mills and Congleton believe the presence of a wealthy patron was instrumental in Rider admitting Hubbard. “Someone would have had to not only advocate for him, but pay for him,” Mills says. “The Stouts must have seen something special in him.”

If this is true, Hervey is the likely candidate. He appeared at several significant events in Hubbard’s life, Mills says. When Hubbard married Sarah Matilda Hoagland in 1897, Hervey served as a witness. Hubbard named his first son, who died at a young age, Hervey. “Hervey obviously cared about Herb,” Mill says. “If he didn’t, he wouldn’t have done these things.”

Before the Civil War, opportunities for free blacks to pursue higher education were limited in the North and virtually nonexistent in the slave holding South. In response, many historically black colleges were founded with the primary mission to educate African Americans. More opportunities arose for blacks following the Civil

War, when private colleges enrolled more African Americans than did public institutions, often preparing them for professional jobs.

Booker T. Washington, the president of the Tuskegee Institute, led the shift toward educating blacks, with the goal of securing them jobs in manual labor, where more jobs existed. For instance, in the 1890s, while Hubbard was studying at Rider, New Jersey opened a Manual Training & Industrial School for Colored Youth (known as the “Tuskegee of the North”) in Bordentown. “This segregated residential high school provided vocational training for African American men and women in manual labor jobs,” says history professor Brooke Hunter.

At Trenton Business College, Hubbard likely studied the standard curriculum of penmanship, shorthand, stenography, public speaking and other subjects related to business. Bucking the trend led by Washington toward manual labor, Hubbard used his gifts to transcend contemporary expectations for African Americans — a feat he accomplished, but only for a limited time.

According to Mills, Hubbard told his children that he worked for three years after graduating, saying that he was employed in the back room of two offices (most likely a bank and an insurance company) to keep out of sight of white clients who may have been offended by seeing a black man in such a position. “He would be the one penning specific documents, but the business owners couldn’t ever show that a black man was writing them,” Mills says.

Hubbard and his wife would have three children after the death of Hervey: William Earl, Herma (a combination of his first name, Herbert, and his wife’s middle name, Matilda) and Florence Leona. In 1898, a year after he was married, Hubbard was no longer employed in business but instead, at the age of 23, became a sharecropper for a local family. The exact nature of this transition is unknown. “The only thing I can think of is that farming was a sure shot, and he had to provide for

his family,” Mills says. “It couldn’t have been easy for him.”

Hubbard began working on the farm in 1898 and lived in a section of the Pembleton house with two bedrooms upstairs and one large room downstairs. The Pembletons had indoor plumbing and running water, but Hubbard didn’t. He got water from a well and used an outhouse behind the home.

Despite lacking modern amenities, the farm provided a living. “I remember the pantry on the farm as being like a wonderland,” says Hubbard’s grandson, Stanley Stewart II, who was born in 1937. “There were jars of just about everything that could be grown and canned, along with smoked hams and sausages and such.”

The farm sold its milk to nearby Borden Dairy. Stewart explains that cows were milked twice a day, seven days a week — first at 4 a.m. and then again at 4 p.m. When not completing the work himself, Hubbard received help from his son and son-in-law.

Hubbard worked on the farm until around 1947, when the Pembletons sold it. The sale left Hubbard “virtually homeless,” Stewart says, and, as a result, he moved to 233 S. Main St. in Pennington to live with his oldest daughter, Herma. Hubbard died in Pennington on July 11, 1948, from stomach cancer. He was 73.

Hubbard was buried in Stoutsburg Cemetery, where Mills currently works as secretary on the cemetery’s trustee board. She has been conducting research for a book about the contribution of African Americans to the Hopewell region, and her great-grandfather’s story is one she hopes to tell. “He’s just one person out of many who has a fascinating story,” she says. “So many of them were extremely talented people and the economic engine of the region. If they were born today, who knows what they would have accomplished.” ■

OTHER NOTABLE RIDER FIRSTS

First Degree Conferred

Secretarial science student **Charles Fishberg** of Englewood, N.J., received the first degree — a Bachelor of Commercial Science — from Rider on Oct. 10, 1922.

First Broadcast Pep Song

Fred Waring and **Pat Ballard** wrote Rider’s first on-air pep song, “Ride on with Rider,” which was broadcast on Waring’s national radio show on Oct. 13, 1939, to homes across the nation.

First Student Newspaper

Rider’s first student newspaper, *Onward*, debuted on Sept. 23, 1914. It sold for 25 cents a copy and was edited by **Dorothy Myers**. Now known as *The Rider News*, the student newspaper has also been called *The Rider Rooster* and *Rider College News*.

First Female Students

President **Joseph A. Beecher** created a Ladies’ Department in 1866, when the school enrolled its first female students. The first female graduate of the Trenton Business College was **Marion Ashton** in 1867. She was also one of the first women admitted to the school.

First International Students

International students have been a part of Rider’s student body since its founding. The first graduating class, in 1867, included two students from Cuba, **Sisto Eiucinoso** and **Peter Hava**.



The handwriting of Herbert Hubbard is shown in this ledger from 1912, which Hubbard kept for the Stoutsburg Cemetery.





Building on Strength

Gregory G. Dell’Omo, Ph.D., begins his journey
as Rider’s seventh president

*By Adam Grybowski
Photography by Peter G. Borg*

One day in the fall of 2014, the chairman of Rider University’s Board of Trustees persuaded the president of Robert Morris University to join him for a private meeting over lunch. Chairman **Michael B. Kennedy ’72, ’75** was leading an extensive national search to find a successor to then **President Mordechai Rozanski**, who was preparing to retire as the sixth president in Rider’s 150-year history. **Gregory G. Dell’Omo, Ph.D.**, was a top candidate to become president number seven.

Kennedy and Dell’Omo met at a restaurant near the Delaware River, where the colorful oak trees on the river’s edge reflected the change of season. Kennedy had scrutinized Dell’Omo’s credentials and, in collaboration with the search committee, determined his experience was an outstanding match for the University.

Dell’Omo was riding a wave of phenomenal success that saw RMU’s enrollment skyrocket, its endowment swell and its reputation surge. He had helped transform the university’s identity from a commuter school in Pittsburgh, Pa., to a residential campus where students wanted to live and learn. Coffers from a recent capital campaign were flush, and new academic buildings and residence halls were rising on campus as if it were a new city. In the spring, the men’s basketball team would enter the NCAA tournament for the second time in five years. Athletics, like much everything else under Dell’Omo’s watch, were thriving. Why would he want to leave?

“I could have stayed at RMU and been perfectly happy,” he says, “but I was starting to get restless. I felt like I had one more presidency in me, and it seemed like the right time to help Rider achieve even more success than it has had in the past. I like the idea of trying to take a given institution and bring it to an even higher level of excellence. I love the challenge and the opportunity.”

After meeting him in person, Kennedy was encouraged that Dell’Omo’s personality was as impressive as his professional credentials and that both fit the vision of Rider’s future. Dell’Omo was similarly swayed. He walked away from the meeting convinced he would become a Bronco.



A vibrant living and learning community

Dell’Omo officially became Rider’s seventh president on Aug. 1, 2015. He is presently in the process of familiarizing himself with the Rider community on both campuses by meeting with as many people as he can as part of what he calls his “listening tour.”

As Dell’Omo begins the work of developing a new strategic plan for the University, he already has ideas for a broad vision for Rider. “I want to focus on the idea of enhancing the sense of community at the University,” he says. “My goal is to build on our strengths to offer a Rider experience that better integrates academics, student and residential life and athletics to become a known entity in which alumni and other friends of Rider will want to invest.”

Dell’Omo (pronounced “DELL AH-mo”), who lists coffee as his sole vice, brings considerable energy to the job. His days begin early — 6 a.m. at his kitchen table, where, in between the steady arrival of new email, he digs into three print newspapers to stay current on the local, national and global issues of the day. Along with that energy comes a willingness to experiment. “Let’s not be afraid to try new things, especially in our university setting,” he says. “I’d rather attempt 10 really ambitious initiatives and have four succeed than try three very safe things.”

Generating passion for the institution is one of Dell’Omo’s primary goals. Aside from creating a nurturing and fulfilling environment, he also believes that a feeling of excitement on campus strengthens the University overall. “My goal is to make sure that, from me on down, there’s a love of being here; that we’re allowing people to see that Rider is a place where special things happen,” he says. “I want everyone in the University to believe they own this institution. I want them to treat it like it belongs to them, so they will be inspired to make it an even better place to learn and work.”

Dell’Omo has often said he views athletics as the front door to invite the wider world into university life. A die-hard sports fan whose allegiance in the world of professional sports tilts toward the Yankees, Giants, Knicks and Rangers, he has seen the benefits of athletic success first hand. He was the vice president for external affairs at Saint Joseph’s University when the men’s basketball team completed a perfect 2003-04 regular season, earned a No. 1 national ranking and made it to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. The season had such a profound impact on the awareness of the school that a man once interrupted Dell’Omo during a presentation in Hong Kong because he wanted to question Dell’Omo about St. Joseph’s star point guard.

“I saw what athletics could do for name recognition, which is tough because there’s so much noise and competition out there,” says Dell’Omo. “In my opinion, nothing has the same immediate and positive impact on a university’s reputation as athletic success.”

Dell’Omo holds an ardent belief that active participation in college sets the stage for a successful career and a fulfilling life, and he is keen to share that message with students. He and his wife, Polly, often host students in their home, and he is well-known for being an engaged presence on campus, whether sitting in the stands for athletic events (and even practices), attending student theater performances or chatting with members of the campus community over lunch in the dining hall.

“The undergraduate years are such a unique time in an individual’s life, and not just for what a person gains in the classroom,” he says. “The personal growth students experience is critically important to their development, and becoming involved in the community is what facilitates that experience.”

New Jersey roots

Dell’Omo’s faith in the positive benefits of an active college career began, for him, as an undergraduate at Montclair State University. A native of Rumson, N.J., where he played baseball and football in high school, he considered playing baseball as a Bronc in the 1970s before enrolling at Montclair, which is about 90 minutes north of Rider in Clifton, N.J.

As an undergraduate, he immersed himself in campus life, joining clubs and organizations. He worked as a resident advisor, became president of the economics club and attended numerous and varied events, including an early performance by a Jersey Shore rock ‘n’ roller named Bruce Springsteen. (“The Boss” remains Dell’Omo’s favorite musician to this day.) Those co-curricular and personal experiences continue to reverberate in his life. “I fell in love with the intellectual side of college,” Dell’Omo says, “but I also liked the sense of community and the constant interaction with faculty, staff and other students.”

At Montclair, two of Dell’Omo’s early ambitions were thwarted. First, he realized he would never play shortstop for the Yankees. Second, after he decided he would be happy teaching math and coaching baseball at the high school level, a required and uninspiring calculus class turned his attention away from mathematics altogether. He switched his major to economics and, with advice from his father, set his new long-term sights on law school.

Meanwhile, he married his high school sweetheart, Polly Evans, whom he had known since sophomore year at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, where they crossed paths in homeroom and on visits to their nearby lockers. The couple now has three grown children and two grandchildren. Polly, who has a bachelor’s in mathematics from Montclair and a master’s in instructional leadership from Robert Morris University, has developed an academic identity of her own as a professor and tutor.

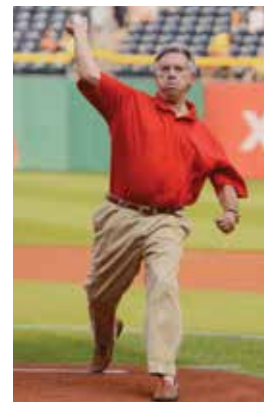
As a newlywed and young father, Dell’Omo enrolled at Syracuse Law School after earning his bachelor’s degree. “Money was tight,” he recalls. “I took a leave of absence and began a six-month junior executive training position at a department store called Dey Brothers. Before I knew it, I was doing well at the job and extended my leave of absence from law school.”

Dell’Omo was transferred from Dey Brothers to Stern Brothers in New Jersey and eventually worked for Saks Fifth Avenue and then Macy’s in New York City. Living in the Garden State, he settled into a comfortable suburban existence: a daily commute into the city, a house and a growing family. He also began working on a master’s degree at Rutgers University in industrial relations. One night, after he and Polly put their daughter to bed, the couple took stock of their lives. In many ways, things were great, but was it what they really wanted? Listening to her husband talk about his wish to earn a doctorate and become a college professor, Polly encouraged him to pursue his dreams.

The couple sold their house and moved to Wisconsin, where Dell’Omo earned a doctorate in industrial relations/human resource management in 1987 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. “The reason I am here today is because of my wife,” he says. “That decision that Polly essentially drove changed our lives.”

Four years later, they returned to the East Coast, where Dell’Omo began working as an assistant professor of management at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. He then spent 14 years at Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, Pa., as professor of management, dean of the business school and then ultimately vice president for external affairs before being named president of Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh in 2005.

Coming full circle a decade later, Dell’Omo’s return to his native state and to the presidency of Rider is the fulfillment of a life-long ambition. “I’ve lived in Wisconsin, Buffalo, Syracuse and Pittsburgh, but there’s something about New Jersey that’s unique,” he says. “I love the candor and the honesty, the diversity and the energy level.”



Sports enthusiast Dell’Omo throws out the first pitch at a Pittsburgh Pirates game last June.



“*My goal is to make sure that, from me on down, there’s a love of being here; that we’re allowing people to see that Rider is a place where special things happen.*”

‘The new normal’ in higher education

Dell’Omo believes that running a university is more challenging today than in 2005, when he first became a university president. “2008 changed everything,” he says, referring to the U.S. financial crisis that rocked the nation’s housing market and erased the opportunity for many to draw on home equity loans, which had become a convenient way to pay for education. “The result is that although net tuition on the national level hasn’t increased substantially, students have to pay more because the ability to borrow has been constrained,” Dell’Omo says. He counts the financial challenges of today’s students as part of “the new normal” in higher education.

That shift altered the relationship between universities and their students. For a long time, colleges and universities existed primarily to provide knowledge to students. While that remains the foundation of the scholar/university connection, prospective students increasingly demand to learn how that knowledge will lead to a practical outcome, like a job in one’s major or admittance to a graduate program. More than ever, prospective students seek value from their educational investments in much the same way that educated consumers seek value from purchased goods and services.

“It’s no longer sufficient to merely provide content and knowledge to students — that’s certainly the minimum expectation, and the better you do that, the better your reputation,” Dell’Omo says. “However, parents and students in 2015 are looking for a return on their educational investments, and we have to demonstrate that return better than our public and private competitors.”

What students expect from their university experiences has changed alongside what businesses expect from new hires. Gone, for the most part, are companies that invest years to train bright young graduates, helping them realize their professional potential. “Today, when students graduate and are hired by a company or a nonprofit, that organization expects them to add value from day one,” Dell’Omo says. “It’s a heavy burden on students and the University, but I believe it’s our responsibility to create an engaged learning

environment that helps students have the kinds of experiences they need so they can graduate and be ready to make immediate contributions.”

Dell’Omo hopes to formalize a student engagement program at Rider, similar to the one he instituted at RMU. He made true student engagement a graduation requirement, codifying and validating the internships, study abroad opportunities and other co-curricular activities many students were already participating in. RMU graduates receive two transcripts, one that summarizes their academic credentials and another that conveys their engaged learning experiences and extracurricular activities.

At Rider, the kind of experiential learning on which Dell’Omo places such a high value dovetails naturally with several existing academic programs, such as student teaching in the School of Education and performances in the Westminster College of the Arts. “The arts are the ultimate experiential learning experience,” Dell’Omo says. While admittedly lacking in musical talent himself, he appreciates the value of the arts, particularly music. He views Westminster Choir College as a “jewel” among Rider’s portfolio of offerings. “To have it as part of the Rider family adds to the diversity of the institution and elevates us as a whole,” he says.

A former member of the Pittsburgh Symphony and Pittsburgh Civic Light Orchestra Boards of Directors, Dell’Omo and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Donna Jean Fredeen** will spend ample time on the Westminster campus in Princeton. “The office space goes beyond symbolism,” he says. “The Princeton campus happens to be seven miles away, but it’s still our campus. Rider’s president should not be perceived as a visitor, but as a fully committed member of the Westminster community.”

That sense of community is at the heart of the environment Dell’Omo has set his sights on creating at Rider. “I want it to become known regionally and nationally,” he says, “that students will have an experience at Rider University that they would not receive anywhere else.” ■



PointCounterpoint

TWO OF RIDER'S MOST POLITICALLY ASTUTE PROFESSORS
DISCUSS THE UPCOMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, THE POLITICAL
LANDSCAPE AND A CLASS THEY ARE CO-TEACHING

Ben Dworkin (Ph.D. in political science, Rutgers University) is the director of the Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics at Rider University and adjunct assistant professor of Political Science. Dworkin has built a reputation as one of New Jersey's most insightful political analysts. He is sought out regularly by the media, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and numerous network news shows. Dworkin has also worked on several political campaigns, focusing on message development, press relations, debate preparation and field operations. Miramax featured Dworkin on the DVD of the Oscar-winning film *Life Is Beautiful*.

Myra Gutin (Ph.D. in communication, University of Michigan) is a professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism and author of *The President's Partner: The First Lady in the Twentieth Century* and *Barbara Bush: Presidential Matriarch*. She is working on a biography of Betty Ford. Gutin has written numerous articles on the topics of American first ladies and women in politics. She is frequently consulted by the media. In January 2014, she was featured on the C-SPAN series *America's First Ladies: Image and Influence*, discussing former first lady Barbara Bush.

How has the political landscape changed over the past several years?

Ben: There have been many changes in technology, partisanship and communications, but one of the biggest changes has been the nation's demographics. The Hispanic and Asian-American communities are growing, and these younger voters are tending to vote Democratic. The base of the national Republican party remains white voters, and — as a share of the national electorate — is shrinking.

Myra: There's an old saying in politics, "You enter left, and exit right," meaning that most people begin their lives as more liberal but tend to become more conservative as the years pass. That no longer seems to be the case for the American people.

Ben: Another oft-used quote in politics, usually attributed to Winston Churchill is, "If you are not a liberal at 25, you have no heart. If you are still a liberal when you are 35, you have no brain." These young voters who are pretty strong Democrats now may well change their partisan stripes when they get older.

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie is running for president. What do you think he will do if he's not on the final ticket?

Myra: I could see Christie running for vice president. I think he realizes he won't win the nomination this time, but he has a chance to be an acceptable VP candidate and then possibly move toward the presidency in four more years.

Ben: I disagree. I think Christie is passionate about being in charge —

and in the VP role, he would be more of a figurehead in many ways. He's not someone who wants to take the back seat; he needs to be front and center.

If Hillary Clinton does win the presidency, what will Bill's role be and what will he be called?

Myra: The jury is out on what the husband of the president would be called. The British press is referring to Bill Clinton as "the first laddie." My guess is that he would be called the first gentleman.

Ben: That presents a unique situation because Bill is a former president and so they will still have to call him "Mr. President." Hillary will, I think, be addressed as "Madam President."

Myra: In any case, it will help us develop a different lexicon and certainly different perceptions.

How has social media changed campaigning?

Ben: It has significantly altered how people communicate. How you identify voters has changed from even four years ago. Twitter and Facebook are old-school social media already. Today, every candidate has to have a strong social media presence.

Myra: I went to a conference and Paul Begala, one of the architects of Bill Clinton's 1992 winning strategy, was the speaker. He said that on the day Bill Clinton was inaugurated, there were 500 websites, but by the end of his first year, there were 5,000. Howard Dean, who ran in 2004, was really the first presidential candidate to use social media to raise money. He sent email messages, and he got funds

that way. We used to talk about the fact that as you came to the end of a presidential campaign, it was critical to get editorial approval. Today, there are stories and opinions going on online, on Twitter and other places.

Tell us more about the class you are co-teaching.

Ben: Our class, Campaign Persuasion, is really one of the great examples of how the Baccalaureate Honors Program works at Rider. Both of us, me from a political science perspective and Myra from a communications perspective, offer specific insights.

Myra: The class meets twice a week, and we are fortunate to have contacts with a wide network of political players who attend and speak about the nuts and bolts of fundraising and communicating in all different aspects of campaigns. One of the byproducts of this is that the students get to meet the people in their chosen industry. These are individuals who want to connect with students and will say, "Here's my card. If you're looking for a job, contact me."

Ben: The class is really a chance to get them thinking about the theory behind campaign communications, because it's such a changing world. More than 100 million people have to be persuaded to vote next year, and we want to show students exactly how that happens, because the outcome has a very real impact on our future.

For more from this Q&A, visit www.rider.edu/ridermagazine/fall-2015/features.

Class of '66

It was the year of the miniskirt, when gas cost 32 cents a gallon, Ronald Reagan became governor of California and Nancy Sinatra sang "These Boots Are Made for Walking." What do you remember from that time?

Come back to Rider for your 50th reunion on Saturday, June 11, and see how we've grown.



CLASS NOTES

From the Alumni Association

Rider University is entering a new and exciting time as we welcome the University's seventh president, Gregory Dell'Omo, Ph.D. For those of you who have not yet met him, I can assure you that he is someone who has the intelligence, experience and leadership needed to continue the great foundation set by Dr. Mordechai Rozanski. I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Greg and his wife, Polly, at the awards ceremony held at reunions in June, and would like to take this opportunity to share with you what I learned from that upbeat interaction.

During our conversation, Greg shared with me how much he supports both the faculty and staff at Rider and recognizes the commitment and sacrifices that have been made to ensure academic excellence for our students. Greg is also an avid sports enthusiast and looks forward to joining students and alumni at many of the Rider athletic events this fall. Greg and Polly reside in the president's home ("The Betta House") in Lawrenceville. They have three grown children and two granddaughters.

Please check out the fall events calendar on the Rider website to see where and when you can meet President Dell'Omo. You can also visit www.rider.edu/events for all the dates, times and locations of upcoming events.

On behalf the entire Alumni Association, I welcome the Dell'Omos to the Rider family and wish them the best on this new chapter of their lives!

Sincerely,



Jim Rademacher '88
President, Alumni Board of Directors
and Alumni Association



1940s

William J. Cubr Jr. '49 celebrated his 92nd birthday in June. He volunteers at Baxter Regional Medical Center half a day each week and exercises regularly. He has also spent time tracing his ancestry as far back as 1600. He remains active in his church and in spending time with his eight grandchildren. About his experience at Rider, he says, "My education at Rider has been a big help in my life."

1960s

Mark N. Morgenstern '61 was one of 10 individuals who appeared on the local ABC affiliate in South Florida as part of its focus on superior community engagement. His segment focused on a grant he had applied for and received from the U.S. Tennis Association to buy six new sport wheelchairs and promote the sport of wheelchair tennis at a local center in South Florida.

The Rev. Nicholas J. Serban Jr. '64 and his wife, Carol, celebrated 50 years of marriage on Aug. 7. They have three married children, Sharon Ware, the Rev. Nick

III and Cynthia Grasso, and 12 grandchildren, all residing in Franklin Township, Tenn. In April 2014, Serban was recognized by the Township District Council of the Assemblies of God, where he has been an ordained minister for the past 32 years. He was recently inducted into the Hall of Champions in recognition of his "Outstanding Faithfulness in Ministry."

1970s

Earl F. Gohl '72, federal co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), was honored this spring by U.S. Congressman Harold Rogers for being a driving force behind the nation's largest collaboration of advocates working to address the prescription substance abuse epidemic. Since taking on his role at the ARC in 2010, Gohl, working with Operation UNITE, has made a significant difference in lessening the abuse of prescription medications.

Frank M. Haggerty '76, '00 published his first novel, *With Strings Attached*. This book tells the story of Stumpy McCabe, a boxer forced to make a comeback into the deceitful world of prize-fighting to chase away the nightmare that has tormented him for decades.

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with you?

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and we'll include your news and photographs in an upcoming issue.

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Bill White '63

On Monday, April 15, 2013, Bill White '63 stood near the finish line of the Boston Marathon with his wife, Mary Jo, and his son Kevin, to cheer on his boss. Suddenly, a blast shook the ground around them. White, a Vietnam veteran infantry officer and Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient, found himself covered in blood. "I looked over at my wife, and I saw smoke coming out of her hair. I asked her if she was okay, but she couldn't hear me." As someone who had seen violence in the war, White had no illusions about the extent of his injuries: "I knew I was going to die."

White was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital. Upon arrival, he did die, twice, and was brought back to life. White attributes his survival in large part to one man — a Boston police officer named Bobby Butler who rushed to his aid with a tourniquet.

When White woke up to find that his right leg had been amputated above the knee, he realized he had a decision to make. "Either I was going to give up or I was going to work hard and recover."

He had overcome challenges before, though none as extreme as losing his leg. As a young student at Rider, he struggled his first semester. In his sophomore year, he joined Delta Sigma Pi and found support with his fraternity brothers. His grades improved and he graduated with a degree in business administration that has served him well in his 40-year business career.

As one of 17 Boston Marathon bombing survivors who lost limbs to amputation, the encouragement of comrades has helped White with the difficult physical therapy required daily. "We're all having to learn how to maintain harmony with this other part of ourselves that feels completely foreign," White says. "It was a relief to know that others were experiencing the same challenges."

On the one-year anniversary of the bombing, White participated in a 1K walk for the survivors. At his side was the police officer who saved his life. "He was with me at the starting point, and he kept walking with me," White says. "When I began to waver, he said, 'You aren't going to quit. You are going to finish this race.' And we did."

White lives in Bolton, Mass., and encourages his college friends and fraternity brothers to reach out to him at wb.white@comcast.net.



Ellen Mauk Higgins

'77 was recently elected National President of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. She currently enjoys her position as a mathematics teacher at the Atlantic County Institute of Technology in Mays Landing, N.J. In her free time, she continues serving as a high school sports official for field hockey, swimming and diving, and track and field.



Steve Diamond '78

was recently inducted into the United States Professional Tennis Association's Eastern Division Hall of Fame. He was also the 2004 USPTA National Pro of the Year and has been the tennis director at the Green Brook Country Club in North Caldwell, N.J., since 1991.

Gary Fisch '79 has opened a fourth wine store, in Hillsborough, N.J. At the new 8,800-square-foot location, he will rely on the same recipe for success that's made his other stores such welcome additions to the town.

1980s

Allen J. Karp '81 has joined Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey in the position of senior vice president of healthcare management. Karp will have oversight responsibility for Horizon BCBSNJ's health affairs and clinical operations, pharmacy program, physician and hospital networks management, and Horizon Healthcare Innovations. He earned a bachelor's degree in commerce from Rider University and a master's degree in business administration from Wilmington College.

The Rev. Dr. Jack DiMatteo '83 recently published *Faith and Farewell: When Your Parents Approach Their Final Days*. The book tells the story of a veteran hospice chaplain exploring the spiritual dimensions of saying goodbye to aging parents. For over 25 years, DiMatteo has served as a Lutheran parish pastor and interfaith hospice chaplain. As an "anticipatory grief"

specialist, DiMatteo has provided spiritual counsel to thousands of families preparing for the loss of their loved ones. He lives in New Jersey with his wife, Kathy, and their four children.

Peter Dontas '83, '87 was honored by the Boys & Girls Club of Mercer County at its Night of Shining Stars Gala in May. He was recognized for his work as treasurer of the "More Than Hope" campaign that has raised nearly \$6 million to create a 3,500-square-foot facility for children. Dontas earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Rider. He is currently a market executive with Bank of America Merrill Lynch and has worked in banking for over three decades.

Mark Oberndorf '83, whose artwork is featured in museums and private collections alike, currently has work offered at numerous galleries including the Westwood Gallery in Westwood, N.J., Plus One Gallery in London, Fritz Behnke Historical Museum in Paramus, N.J., Lambert Castle Museum in Paterson, N.J., and Middlesex County Museum in Piscataway Township, N.J.

Colonel Frank Holinaty '87 is working in the U.S. Army Budget Office

where he serves as the chief of management and control integration. In this capacity, Col. Holinaty's team facilitates strategic messaging to inform and influence the Army's senior leadership and members of Congress on matters relating to the Army's budget.

Robert S. Schimek '87, president and chief executive officer of the Americas for AIG, has signed up to compete in the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii this October. Schimek earned his M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania after graduating from Rider University, where he currently serves on the Board of Trustees.

Diane Fulham Blaszkowski '89 recently became the director of proposal and content development in the corporate and foundation relations department for the Rutgers University Foundation in New Brunswick, N.J. She previously worked as a writer/editor in the foundation and alumni communications department. She is a former assistant director of publications for Rider University and a member of the Rider Athletics Hall of Fame.

1990s

Timothy M. Tracy '90 was named Ernst & Young's northeast assurance managing partner. Tracy, who has been the managing partner of the New Jersey office since 2012, will now be responsible for over 2,200 assurance professionals in 16 offices throughout the region. He also serves as the assistant chair of the Accounting Advisory Council in Rider's College of Business Administration.

Dr. David F. Sorrentino '92 was appointed chief of neonatology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for The Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Amanda Evers Mullan '94 of Wall Township, N.J., has joined New Jersey Resources as vice president of human resources. She holds an M.B.A. from Rider and an B.S. from the University of Delaware. She is also certified as a senior professional in human resources.

Samantha Iraca '95, '97 was elected the new president of the Lambertville Area Education Foundation (LAEF). Iraca earned a bachelor's degree

in political science and a master's degree in human services administration from Rider and later worked as a mutual fund marketing specialist for Merrill Lynch. She is currently employed as a Disney vacation travel specialist for AAA in Wilmington, Del.

Kevin Finefrock '99 was recently named associate dean for the School for Professional Studies and director of external programs by Walsh University. At Rider, Finefrock majored in education and played Division I basketball. He was team captain, MVP and named to the GTE Academic All-American team. He also received his master's degree in educational administration from Rutgers University.

2000s

Jim Scheers '00 published his first novel, *This Is What You Want, This Is What You Get*. Inspired by the punk and hardcore scene that flourished at the infamous Trenton nightclub City Gardens, the book is about suburban punks suspended between the underground scene and a complacent home life. Scheers began writing the book in Professor Katherine Hoff's advanced prose class at Rider.

Terrence Wiggins '02 was promoted to senior product manager for Embolization. He has been a key contributor to the marketing team since joining Terumo Interventional Systems in April 2012. While at Rider, Wiggins was the editor of *The Shadow* yearbook, a *Rider News* weekly columnist and a member of SGA, EOP and Sigma Phi Epsilon. He lives in Fairless Hills, Pa., with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children, Grant, Drew and Collin.

Robert Carrig '03 has been selected as the 2014-15 Teacher of the Year at Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School in Bridgewater, N.J. He is a former Hillsborough High School graduate and teacher.



John Patrick Cashin '03 and **Lisa (Rice) Cashin '04** welcomed daughter Nora Caroline Cashin into the world on Feb. 10.

Michelle (Damsky) Korman '06 and husband Joseph Korman became proud parents of their daughter, Amelia Cheyenne, on Aug. 6, 2014.



Jill Loveland '07 competed in and finished the arduous Ironman triathlon in Lake Placid, N.Y., on July 26. The race consists of a 1.2-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run.

Damian Bariexca '08 graduated from Wilmington University with a Doctor of Education in innovation and leadership in January. Bariexca is currently the supervisor of educational technology and related arts for Lawrence Township public schools in Lawrence, N.J.

2010s



Marc Ashed '10, who graduated cum laude in political science, went on to work on two statewide political campaigns in Maryland, becoming the Midwest deputy political director for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee based in Chicago, Ill. He received his master's degree from Johns Hopkins University in May.

Michael J. Rosati '10, who holds a bachelor's in business administration and an M.B.A. from Rider, is serving on the Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, a barque used to train Coast Guard and Naval Academy cadets. Rosati served for seven years in the Coast Guard.

Rider basketball legend **Ryan Thompson '10** was recently signed to play for Crvena Zvezda, an international basketball club team in Belgrade.



Catherine (Weissman) Kloss '12 graduated with her Ed.S. in school psychology. She married Scott Kloss on June 7.



Joyce Daniel Suarez '13 was accepted into an international fellowship sponsored by Mount Sinai School of Medicine. For 90 days, he will be in Brazil conducting environmental health research.

Kimberly Cruz-Garcia '14, who has worked as a bilingual social studies teacher in New Brunswick, N.J., recently accepted an assistant principal position for the East Windsor Regional School District.

Tina DeMara '14 won the New Jersey Collegiate Entrepreneur of the Year award for her development and leadership of the Sheltered Yoga Organization.

Eugene Marsh '14 was recently appointed to a four-year term to serve on the Supreme Court of New Jersey District Ethics Committee. He began his term in September.

Josephine Boyle '15 co-authored a paper with professors Frank Rusciano and Michael Brogan published in the *Proceedings of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, 2015*.

Anne Marie Stanley '15 won the Philadelphia Orchestra's Balert M. Greenfield Student Competition and will sing with the orchestra next season.

Correction: In the spring issue, we spelled **Joseph Laviano's '07** last name incorrectly when announcing his engagement to **Lisa Tremonte '10**.



Jennifer Gallegos '09

Dance was a big part of Jennifer Gallegos' life while she was growing up in Albuquerque, N.M., but because several of her family members are nurses, she was also interested in healthcare. She didn't expect to find a way to combine both interests into a career.

"When I was a senior in high school, I was a dancer with the local ballet company, and one of our dancers was injured," Gallegos recalls. "During rehearsal one night, she told us about her experience with a physical therapist who specialized in working with dancers. A light bulb went off in my head, and I knew what I wanted to do — be a physical therapist for dancers."

"I chose Rider because I was able to double major in dance and biology and finish in four years, unlike other schools that told me it would take five years because dance classes and science labs overlapped," she says.

After graduating from Rider in 2009, she enrolled in New York University's physical therapy program and earned a doctorate in physical therapy in 2012.

She knew that some physical therapists worked with touring musicals, but didn't think she was ready to do that right out of school. But when she heard about the opportunity to tour with *Wicked*, she applied for the job and was accepted. After a month of training in Atlanta, she started touring in March 2013.

Thinking back to her time at Rider, she says, "I liked the fact that Rider was close to New York City, and the program exposed me to a lot of different dance styles. Dr. Kim (Vaccaro) opened me up to the idea of using dance movement as therapy. I wrote my dissertation on different types of dance therapies."

In August, Gallegos moved from *Wicked* to the *Dirty Dancing* national tour. To check in with Gallegos on the road, go to the *Dirty Dancing* tour's website at us.dirtydancingontour.com.

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**Farewell message
from Mordechai Rozanski**

Dear Friends,

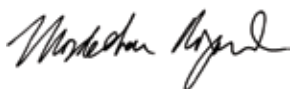
As I begin my retirement, I am heartened that over the past few months, I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you at various events on and off campus about how much my time at Rider has meant to me. My life and career have centered on the profound belief that a quality education can transform the lives of young people in lasting ways. Individually and as a community, your friendship, advice and support have allowed me to facilitate that transformation for many Rider graduates.

And because of our talented faculty and staff, and you, our wonderful and dedicated alumni, I can point to many meaningful achievements and feel a sense of pride and fulfillment in the contributions we've made and our shared successes. With your support, we were able to keep a Rider education affordable for our students, and position Rider for future success in a very challenging period for higher education.

The most important value shaping Rider's progress over the past 150 years has been our community's passionate commitment to the success of our students. And there can be no stronger foundation for Rider's future. As we look forward, the University is fortunate to have such a superb academic leader as Greg Dell'Omo to succeed me as president. Under his leadership, I am certain that Rider will thrive and advance to its well-deserved next level of excellence. Both Bonnie and I wish him and Polly, and all of you, the very best in furthering Rider's legacy.

Thank you for your support over the past several years. Though Bonnie and I are already feeling nostalgic about our 12 wonderful years at Rider, we are close by in Philadelphia and will remain engaged with the University.

Go Broncs!



Mordechai Rozanski
President Emeritus



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Saturday, June 11

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TALK ABOUT A LEGACY. *Carrie Lettiere '15 represents the latest graduate from a Rider-centric family. Her parents, Jack '88, left, and Barb '79, right, are both graduates, as are her grandparents Thaddeus '52 and Eleanor Meskill '43, great aunt Helen K. Beebe '42, aunt Barbara Connor '78 and uncle Eugene Meskill '75.*

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO ATTEND RIDER?

Rider was close to home and yet just far enough away to allow me to live on campus and have a full college experience. I had heard a lot from my extended family about the small class sizes, so I knew I would get to know my peers and professors by name. Finally, I was drawn to the tight-knit community within the University.

WERE YOU HAPPY THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY CHOSE RIDER?

A Rider education has been in my family for two generations, and being the third generation to receive a quality education makes me proud. Hearing my parents tell Rider stories when I was in high school made me realize it was a place where I could have

individualized attention from my professors and also a place where I could be myself.

HOW DO YOU HOPE RIDER WILL CONTINUE TO BE PART OF YOUR LIFE?

From the moment I graduated this year, I wanted Rider to remain a part of my life. My hope is that I can network with other alumni and learn about how Rider shaped them professionally. Additionally, I hope to be able to connect with current students and inform them on life in the professional realm.

TELL US ABOUT A MEMORABLE COURSE OR PROFESSOR.

I had numerous excellent professors, but Dr. Erica Ryan of the American Studies/English Department stands out the most to me. In her American

Studies seminar, many of the classes were discussion-based and I truly loved that aspect. She was always available to talk before and after class, and she was down-to-earth and easy to relate to.

FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS?

It's a toss-up between the Student Recreation Center (SRC) or Cranberry's. The SRC was where I did homework, met up with friends and had rehearsal on the weekends for Rider Dance Ensemble. Then again, after just about every dance show or tech rehearsal, my friends and I would go to Cranberry's to get milkshakes, hang out and chat.

WHAT THREE WORDS DESCRIBE RIDER FOR YOU?

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Five tips

for women to succeed in business

ADVICE FOR
ALUMNI ...
FROM ALUMNI

Cheryl A. Brunetti '92 | Executive Chairwoman at RVM Enterprises, Inc.



Cheryl A. Brunetti '92 is known for her ability to think strategically and make tough executive decisions. This year, she was honored in *SmartCEO* magazine by the Executives' Association of New York City, which gave her the 2015 Deal of Distinction Award in technology. A leader in the eDiscovery industry, RVM has the distinction of making the 2015 *Inc.* 5000 Honor Roll by achieving a place its list for the fifth consecutive year

Women's issues drive Brunetti and she is committed to helping women succeed. Brunetti was instrumental in RVM's recognition by the Women Presidents' Organization as one of the fastest-growing women-led businesses in the world. In 2014, Brunetti was named one of the Best 50 Women in Business by *NJ BIZ*.

Let your drive and desire be known.

When presented with an opportunity, take it and run. Don't wait to be asked.

Lead by example.

By behaving in the ways that bring about positive results, you become someone others wish to emulate.

Have a technology base.

Tech skills will give you a competitive edge no matter what your career choice.

Surround yourself with smart people and don't shy away from those whose opinions differ from yours.

Being around those with different strengths will complement you, make you better informed and promote your successes.

Don't be afraid to fail.

Success never comes without failure. Remember to look back at lessons learned from those failures, but don't dwell on them. Keep laser-focused on the future.

Start leading today. Join the Rider Women's Leadership Council (RWLC), a community of alumnae and friends committed to taking an active role for a positive impact on students, the University and our members. Contact Pam Mingle at pamingle@rider.edu for more info or visit the website at www.rider.edu/support-rider/womens-leadership-council.

In Memoriam

Rachel Phifer Davis '31
 Helen Nicholas Borden '39
 Alice Bartholomew
 Pierson '40
 Ruth Davis Rogers '40
 Alma Geist Cap '41
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 Rosele Grief Suval '42
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Elsie Hilliard Hillman '48, a devoted alumna of Westminster Choir College and Rider University, passed away on Aug. 4.

Hillman, the granddaughter of Katharine Houk Talbott, who played a key role in the founding of Westminster Choir College, helped lay the foundation for the success Westminster enjoys today. A member of the Board of Trustees of Westminster Choir College and Rider University, she committed her time and talent to both campuses. Her legacy will endure through the lives of Westminster and Rider students.



Helen Hubbert Kemp '41 passed away on Sunday, Aug. 23, at the age of 97. Known internationally as a specialist in the area of training young voices, she served as guest conductor and clinician at universities and churches in all 50 states as well as in countries around the world. Professor Emerita of Voice and Church Music at Westminster, she received honorary doctorates from Westminster Choir College and Shenandoah University and the Williamson Medal.



The Land of a Thousand Smiles

By Andrew Dimino '15

Study Abroad Program: Mahidol University with GlobalLinks in Salaya, Thailand

Study Abroad Semester: Fall '13

Rider Degree: B.S. in Business Administration

Before embarking on my final study abroad experience, I completed two semesters of Italian and had every desire to study abroad in Italy. At first, I thought I should go to Rome, but after speaking with **Kim Algeo '15**, assistant director for the Center for International Education, I realized that I should consider expanding my options.

Algeo shared with me her experiences of teaching in Thailand for two years. It all sounded fascinating: the food, the nightlife, the culture, the religion and the people. At first, my parents were not nearly as enthralled as I was. They worried for my safety and the culture shock of being in a foreign country that was so different from my travels to Rome. In the end, though, they relented and I began my fall semester in Thailand.

After just one month of being in “The Land of a Thousand Smiles,” I had fallen in love with Thailand. There is such beauty about waking up each day and never knowing what you will be doing. On Thursday, I might find myself riding my moped into the heart of Bangkok to a local produce market and later going out to dinner and experiencing the vibrant nightlife. On Friday, I could be hiking a mountain with seven tiers of mesmerizing waterfalls. On Saturday, I might be petting a tiger and riding an elephant across a river after visiting an ancient Buddhist temple. On Sunday, I could be spending time with my new international friends or visiting a favorite soup stand in the village.

During my stay, I witnessed a peaceful protest of the prime minister, fed catfish in the parks and spent weekends away in Vietnam and Cambodia. Along the way, the people I met were positive and welcoming, smiling and

emitting an energy that conveyed a collective understanding of the world around us.

In October 2015, I will return as a certified English teacher. When I return, I will be taking with me the knowledge and skills I gained through my education at Rider, my value system from my fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and the leadership skills I honed through DAARSTOC and Model United Nations.

To learn more about study abroad opportunities for current students, as well as scholarship support such as the Peter Aberger Memorial Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship, visit www.rider.edu/studyabroad.

Dimino will be writing about his teaching experience in Thailand periodically. His stories will post at www.rider.edu/ridermagazine/fall-2015/people/voices.

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Nov. 5 and 6**NJEA Convention**

Convention Center, Atlantic City, N.J.

Be sure to stop by the Rider booth!

Check the alumni website for our booth number.

Nov. 7**Legacy Breakfast**

Mercer Room, Daly Dining Hall

9 to 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast celebration of the Rider and Westminster Family Legacy. Alumni who are the parents or grandparents of a Rider or Westminster student are invited to celebrate their continued connection to the University. By invitation. Free event, RSVP by Oct. 30.

Nov. 7**Ice Hockey Alumni Game**

4:20 p.m. – Club game vs. Lehigh University

7:15 p.m. – Alumni game, reception immediately following

Loucks Ice Center at The Lawrenceville School

2500 Main St., Lawrenceville, N.J.

\$25 for game participants, includes reception

\$10 for alumni spectators, includes reception

Free to guests, RSVP by Oct. 30.

Nov. 7**Ultimate Frisbee Alumni Game & Reception**

11 a.m. – Alumni game, Ben Cohen Turf Field

1 p.m. – Lunch, Courts, Student Recreation Center

Free event, RSVP by Oct. 30.

Dec. 19**Wrestling Alumni Day**

5:30 p.m. – Mercer Room, Daly Dining Hall

7 p.m. – Rider vs. Penn State, Alumni Gym

\$15 per person for tailgate and match ticket

Must register in advance, RSVP by Dec. 11.

SAVE THE DATE!

For more information, please visit alumni.rider.edu/upcomingevents, contact us by phone at 609-896-5340 or at alumni@rider.edu.

Nov. 18**Meet the President On the Road – New York City**

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453 W 17th St., New York, N.Y.

Nov. 20**Pre-game Reception in Conjunction with Men's Basketball vs. Maryland****Jan. 23****Rider Baseball's First Pitch Dinner, featuring the Roast of Hall of Fame coach Sonny Pittaro**

6 to 7 p.m., Cocktails / 7 p.m., Dinner

Cavalla Room, Bart Luedeke Center

Lawrenceville campus

\$75 per person (6 to 8 p.m., Open Bar / 8 p.m., Cash Bar)

Meet the President On the Road

In celebration of Rider's new president, Gregory Dell'Omo, Ph.D., we will be visiting several locations around the country where we have large alumni populations. Some locations may include New York City, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Maryland, North Jersey, South Jersey, California, Florida and Arizona. We hope you can join us to meet Rider's seventh president.

To register or RSVP, go to alumni.rider.edu/eventregistration unless otherwise noted. For more information, or to join our mailing list, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@rider.edu or call 609-896-5340. Be sure to join the alumni MyRider at alumni.rider.edu to reap the rewards of alumni benefits.

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