Drawing a standing ovation, Governor Chris Christie spoke not about politics but about opportunity in America—a message that echoed that of Dr. Ali Houshmand.

Senator Donald Norcross, Senator Stephen Sweeney and Governor Chris Christie (with Board of Trustees Chairman Linda Rohrer and President Ali Houshmand) prepare to receive their Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees.

Michael Carbone ’85 (right) accepts the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Provost Jim Newell and Alumni Association President David Burgin ’82, M’02.

University benefactor Henry Rowan receives a standing ovation during the Undergraduate Commencement ceremony.
higher ed innovator named executive vp

Rowan University has appointed longtime higher education innovator Carl "Toby" Oshholm as its senior counselor for Administration and Strategic Planning.

Oshholm has assumed a key role at a number of institutions as the University continues to expand its reputation for innovation and entrepreneurship and its role as a major economic driver in New Jersey. Among other duties, Oshholm participates in the University’s strategic initiatives, works with Rowan’s corporate and community partners and oversees a wide range of projects to improve operations and to enhance the University’s standing and position among its peers.

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"Part of the grant is going to help us establish our research and development programs in the health sciences, specifically in health care delivery," said Blank. "This is going to be an important area for sustainable growth for the University and for the state of New Jersey. These funds will help us focus on areas that are very sustainable and will be part of our mission from day one of the grant.

"We solicited proposals for health care delivery research from faculty at Rowan and other Rowan colleges and received over 100 proposals. "Blank continued. "This response demonstrates the high level of interest in and commitment to this important area of research throughout the University. The grant also provides funds to support new faculty members involved in health care services research and this process will begin very shortly."

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Dr. Arthur Levine gave the Graduate Commencement address on May 15. “real world,” the University and the College “Their support has also helped in other ways, College of Engineering, says that the Family Foundation has now provided Fellowship Program for Undergraduates. Rowan brought a college of engineering Henry Rowan Engineering Globalization Henry Rowan Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship Program will enable the and tuition support through the gift. The Foundation has given the Rowan College of Engineering Council the opportunity to establish a new doctoral program. This recent gift provided $300,000 to establish the Henry Rowan Engineering Ph.D. Fellowship Program as well as $100,000 to initiate the Henry Rowan Engineering Globalization Fellowship Program for Undergraduates. Dr. Anthony Lowman, Dean of the College of Engineering, says that the continued support from the Rowan family—which began with the historic million commitment in 1991—has been an unwavering core that has provided limitless opportunity for success. “The Rowan family has given in a number of ways and been a constant supporter of engineering, every year, from undergraduate scholarships, to the new Ph.D. and international programs,” said Lowman. “Their support has also helped in other ways, from assisting in identifying individuals to serve on our advisory council, to support from Industries (Mr. Rowan company) for our programs and hiring of our graduates, to involvement with the development of the College and our strategy.”}

The Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation continues to support innovative programs here that demonstrate the family’s belief in both our accomplishments and our goals. Their generosity will have an impact on generations to come.” Dr. Ali Houshmand 1923 Society celebrates consistent giving 1923 Society recognizes donors who served over 20 years as the Rowan Athletic Department’s physician. Left: Honorary Degree recipient, Dr. Arthur Bartolozzi, is a nationally recognized leader in sports medicine and joint replacement who served over 20 years as the Rowan Athletic Department’s physician.

Rowan University President’s Forum

More than 300 of Rowan University’s friends gathered at The Union League of Philadelphia on May 8th for the annual President’s Forum reception. The event celebrated the vision and contributions of this loyal group and their commitment to the University. The significance of private contributions to the Rowan University Foundation continues to grow. With the institution poised to transform higher education and drive the economic development of the region, the investment of generous alumni and friends is vital for continued success. ROWAN ADVANCES Spring/Summer 2014
Lockheed Martin and Rowan University join in new technology partnership

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

Lockheed Martin and the University, which have collaborated on projects as part of the Rowan College of Engineering clinic program, are working together to expand their current partnership to conduct research and develop technology. Research activities will be conducted at the South Jersey Technology Park (SJTP) at Rowan University. As research initiatives expand in scope, these activities will be accommodated at the planned second building at the Technology Park, which opened its first structure—the Samuel H. Jones Innovation Center—in 2008. The Innovation Center is home to 50 sponsored College of Engineering research labs, among other offices.

In the future, Lockheed Martin personnel will look forward to working with Rowan professors and students on:
- Radar component prototyping and analysis
- System performance test and evaluation
- Radar engineering curriculum and educational programs development
- Supportability and sustainment innovation models

“We are excited to prepare for the next step in our partnership with Rowan University to collaborate on the next generation of products and services for our customers,” said Carmen Valenzano, vice president of Naval Radar and Future Systems at Lockheed Martin Monmouth Operations. “Together we can use the innovative and affordable technologies for our customers, while developing the talented individuals who will work on these programs for many years to come.”

“The partnership between Lockheed Martin is good for Rowan University and critically important to our region,” said Rowan President Dr. Ali Houshmand. “Our research—both students and faculty—are able to work with a leader in technology that has an international presence. That work not only furthers our students’ education, but it also provides Lockheed Martin and other businesses with a talented workforce and the opportunity to grow their jobs with valuable experience. By expanding its activity in South Jersey, Lockheed Martin will also further contribute to the economic development of our region.”

According to Dr. Shoshanah Mandaya, Rowan’s vice president for Research and executive director of the SJTP, Rowan professors and students have the background that is critical to Lockheed Martin’s research. The College of Engineering has partnered on research projects that cover everything from video and motion capture to tracking the space shuttle. The college also offers a master’s degree and soon will welcome its first Ph.D. students.

“This partnership is part of a new innovation ecosystem that we are building in New Jersey,” she added. “So that's the Governor’s Council on Innovation, and as the newest member of the Partnership for Action, I believe that the Rowan-Lockheed Martin initiatives ensure that our State and country will remain leaders in technology. It is my hope that this is just the first in a series of new relationships that will be formed as our companies recognize the value of our State's research institutions and turn to them for their research and development needs.”

More than 100 golfers enjoyed a day on the green at Laurel Creek Country Club during the Foundation’s 24th annual golf outing on June 2nd. The annual event raises funds to benefit the Robert A. Harris and Robert Collard Memorial Scholarships.

1. Thomas Ward, Executive Vice President for Administration and Strategic Advancement
2. Toby Tipton, Bill Mcreynor '38 Rowan Foundation Board member David Krout
3. Atlantic City Electric—Ryan Zook, Vince Maxine, Mark Kressan and Bert Lazzio
4. Generalmanning—Michael Carnemolla, Sam Deghege, George Reina and Joe Daily

Golf outing raises scholarship funds

Noteworthy

Susquehanna Bank supports PAC

Students in Rowan’s Philippine American Coalition (PAC) received a $3,000 contribution from Susquehanna Bank as an assist in fund raising efforts to assist Tyrphoon Haiyan victims in the Philippines. In addition to monetary donations, the students collected food, clothing and supplies.

From left: Rowan Trustees Eric Abl, Susquehanna Bank Regional President Robert Stine, Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students Richard Jenne, Rowan President Ali Houshmand, Rowan President Alumni Board Chair Blackfied, PAC President Richard Beut, and Susquehanna Assistant Vice President Jaggie DiMartino.

Scholarship benefits engineers

Departmental director of strategic planning for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Orlando, Fla., Catherine Ni ‘00 is grateful for the College of Engineering for laying the foundation for her career. Of the College’s Distinguished Engineering Alumni award, Ni and her husband, James, created the Catherine and James Ni Scholarship in 2011 to recognize engineering students who are dedicated to academics and community. To date, six recipients have benefited from the awards.

From left: Jeffrey Eker, Catherine Ni ’00, College of Engineering Dean Anthony Lowman, James Ni, Gabrielle Boshens and James Rich."
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Linda Rohrer

In December, the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation committed $1 million to the Rowan University Foundation to establish an Endowed Chair in Geriatrics at the School of Osteopathic Medicine’s New Jersey Institute for Successful Aging (NJISA). In discussing the gift, Dr. Thomas Cavalieri, dean of RowanSOM, invoked the words of President John F. Kennedy.

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

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

The endowment will provide a perpetual funding source to support geriatric research, clinical care and education programs at the NJISA and—when combined with two RowanSOM endowments already established by the William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation—will result in a fund of more than $2 million.

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

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

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

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

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