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Henry M. Rowan
20 YEARS AFTER THE GIFT

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Vince Santorsaro, executive director of the Rowan University Foundation, described the entrepreneurial spirit of Henry M. Rowan: "He was interested in having an engineering school and lots of private partnerships around the South Jersey Technology Park. But his intent in 1992 also was to enhance the educational environment of the region, to support educational programs and facilities, academic programs and more."

During the last two decades, partnerships with private industry and higher education institutions have been the hallmark of the Rowan gift. The University has been a leader in regional economic development and opportunity in the region. In the past two decades, each continuing and new philanthropic initiative inspired by Henry Rowan. As it stands today, Rowan University continues to benefit from the Rowan gift, until then the largest gift made to a public university in the United States. The gift has transformed the educational environment of the region and the people of the region. That, too, has taken place.

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