

Welcome From The President



Marty Siederer LC '77

What an exciting time it is to be a part of the Livingston Alumni Association (LAA)! We have organized a number of great programs in the past few months, including:

- Fun and great food at our Homecoming Weekend tent to celebrate our ties to Livingston College and the beginnings of what has been an incredible season of Rutgers Scarlet Knights football. Thanks to the Livingston Theatre Company and Liberated Gospel Choir for contributing their talents in show-stopping performances, and to 90.3 The Core and the Livingston Office of the Dean for their support.
- A capacity crowd at the Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner on October 14, 2006 that featured stirring video tributes about each of our honorees and memorable acceptance speeches. More information about this event can be found on page ___ and on our Web site <http://livingston.rutgers.edu/alumni/>. Special thanks to the incredible team of board members, University staff and event sponsors who stepped forward and organized an event that celebrated the achievements of our very deserving award recipients.

But, as they used to say on those television commercials, "But wait, there's more!"

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Oh What A Night!

From Activism to the Arts to the Information Superhighway, Six Distinguished Alumni Honored at Banquet

What do an actor, an Internet-savvy innovator, an advocate for the disabled, a prolific musician and two activist attorneys have in common? They comprised the slate of honorees at Livingston College's Distinguished Alumni Awards banquet, held October 14, 2006, in the Livingston Student Center. Since the inception of the awards program in 2000, the dinner has evolved into a multi-media, dress-to-the-nines special evening. Attendance for the 2006 dinner was up by about fifty percent over the 2004 celebration and included alumni and their families representing the earliest graduating years up to the present.

LAA President Marty Siederer greeted nearly 150 guests and introduced Roberta Kanarick, President of the Rutgers University Alumni Federation, who thanked the attendees for their participation in the dinner and functions organized by Rutgers' alumni association. Kanarick's remarks were followed by Livingston College Dean Arnold Hyndman to the podium,

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The Future of Livingston

by Jeff Apfel

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At this year's address opening the new academic year, President McCormick spoke clearly to the need to address Livingston in a comprehensive fashion. Considering the stops and starts in the past, including a couple of attempts at what is called College Town, how credible is this statement and what does it mean, exactly?

I am the Senior Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer and in that role have been working actively on a new vision for Livingston over the past year. In my view, the President's statement is not just rhetoric, but represents a true articulation of a possible transformation of the campus. What might the dimensions of that transformation be?

To get a sense of the vision, start with the College Town idea: a vibrant 24/7 community, complete with residential and commercial space. The problem with College Town—as we were able to determine in consultation with our real estate advisors—was two-fold. First, it wasn't really ambitious enough. The number of units planned was simply not sufficient to support a vibrant commercial or entertainment core. Second, and more critical: College Town was always envisioned by all parties as a kind-of 'add on' to the core campus. But you really can't plan that way, just from the 'outside in'—not if you intend a transformation. It took the winding up of the Undergraduate Task Force report to set the stage for the deeper question: what does Livingston want to be as a place for education and student life? Without addressing the question from the 'inside out', there was little hope for the development of an attractive venue in which to live, study and socialize.

So we made a decision that a more ambitious program was in order, as well as a program tying development to a clear sense of academic and student life values. Done correctly, an enhanced Livingston campus will involve new academic and student buildings on the main campus (creating desired density in the core) as well as significant new residential, commercial and office development on the periphery. Residential might consist of student housing, as well as faculty/staff housing and Rutgers retirement housing. In essence, we may well propose a new town, embracing new urbanist principles of walkability, density and attentiveness to good design. Funding for the new academic core might come from a variety of sources, including new enrollment revenues, revenues from student rents and lease revenues in connection with ancillary residential and commercial development. We don't know for sure if it all hangs together, but we're pretty sure it does. Over the next year, we'll be opening up the dialogue, and will welcome the input of Livingston alumni.



President's Message Continued...

- On February 12, 2007, students and alumni are invited to our Networking Night at the Livingston Student Center. The evening starts at 7 pm and is open to students and alumni from all New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. We'll have alumni from a variety of professional fields who will be available to share their insights on to network your way into a first or new job and the Rutgers Career Services team will be providing workshops on job interview tips and putting together a winning resume.
- Come on back to school May 11-13, 2007 for Reunion Weekend! Join Livingston alumni for the traditional parade down College Avenue, and at our lunch for Livingston graduates on May 12 at The Rutgers Club. For the first time, we will combine the lunch with the LAA's annual meeting. Learn more about the future of Livingston and the LAA's plans for the coming year. If you're a graduate from a class year ending in a "2" or "7," meet up with your classmates at special dinners. Even if you're not a "2" or a "7" but share memories of your times at college, this weekend is for you! More information will be coming soon.

While it is true that Rutgers University and Livingston College are undergoing transformation, our membership and organization are alive and providing vital programs and services. Your support as a paying member of our association, along with your involvement as a volunteer or board member makes it all happen. Contact me at laaemail@alumni.rutgers.edu if you would like to help.

Best wishes,

Marty Siederer LC '77
President, Livingston Alumni Association



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who spoke about the significance of the Distinguished Alumni Award program. Then, in turn, various Executive Council officers and members introduced short video biographies prior to presenting the Distinguished Achievement Awards to the evening's recipients.

The first award of the evening was presented by LAA First Vice President Jason Goldstein to acclaimed actor Avery Brooks, LC '73. Brooks, a tenured professor at the Mason Gross School of the Arts, is best recognized by television audiences for his roles as Commodore/Captain Benjamin Lafayette Sisko on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" and as Hawk on "Spenser: For Hire." Known for his dedication to African-American issues, he serves as artistic director for the National Black Arts Festival.

Attorney Andrea D. Lyon, LC '73, has spent her career trying capital cases. Lyon is a Clinical Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Justice in Capital Cases at DePaul University College of Law. Today, Lyon is known as a nationally recognized expert in the field of death penalty defense and a frequent speaker on the topic at legal education conferences around the United States. LAA Second Vice President Mike Beachem brought her to the stage to receive her award.

Colleen Fraser LC '74, was remembered posthumously for her dedication to rights for the disabled and a hero who lost her life on September 11, 2001, when Flight 93 went down. An advocate for 20 years, Fraser served on the New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Council for more than 11 years. She was appointed chair of the Council by Governor James Florio in 1990 and served in that position for five years. The award was accepted by Colleen Fraser's sister Christine, who was

introduced by Iris Martinez-Campbell, a member of the LAA Board and Rutgers University Board of Governors.



LAA Distinguished Award recipients and event participants included: Bottom row, left to right: Mark Helias, Gregg Spiridellis, Coleen Fraser. Top row, left to right: Marty Siederer, Liza Kirschenbaum, Avery Brooks, Andrea D. Lyon and Dean Arnold Hyndman.

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World-renowned bassist and composer Mark Helias LC '74 was introduced by LAA Secretary Harsh Dutia. Among musicians active in Livingston's earliest music ensembles, Helias readily proves the school's reputation as a jazz music school hotbed. Since 1984 he has released eight recordings and has composed music for a short film and two feature films by director Jay Anania. Involved in a wide variety of projects and collaborations, Helias teaches at Sarah Lawrence College, The New School and The School for Improvised Music.

Liza Kirschenbaum LC '87 was introduced by LAA Past President and Membership Chair Yash Dalal. Founding director of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Jersey, Kirschenbaum currently serves as its director of public affairs. After graduating from Livingston summa cum laude, she earned her Juris Doctorate from New York University School of Law.

Kirschenbaum also serves on the Advisory Board of Foster and Adoptive Family Services of New Jersey, the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and the Task Force Protection Subcommittee. Kirschenbaum is also a life member of the LAA.

The evening's final award, introduced by LAA Elections and Nominations Co-Chair Lynn Astorga, was the Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumni Award, named in memory of the LC '02 graduate who was killed in Iraq in 2004. This year's recipient was Internet innovator and 1993 alumnus Gregg Spiridellis, co-founder, along with his brother Evan, of Jiblab Media. In 2004, Gregg's lyrics and Evan's art helped spark an international sensation with the release of Jiblab's election parody "This Land." The two-minute short and its follow-up, "Good to Be in DC!" were viewed more than 80 million times online and on every continent. The media frenzy that followed put the brothers in front of millions of people watching *The Tonight Show*, CNN, FOX, CNBC and *The Today Show*. *ABC World News Tonight* named the brothers "Persons of the Year."

To view the tributes to each honoree and a photo gallery from the Livingston Distinguished Alumni Award dinner, or to place a nomination for the Livingston Distinguished Alumni Award, visit:

http://livingston.rutgers.edu/alumni/distinguished_alumni.php

Check out pages 6 and 7 of our newsletter for more photos from the 2006 Livingston Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner.



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Theater Night

The LAA came together on October 21, 2006 for "Urinetown" at The Livingston Theatre Company. We had a strong turnout from members who brought their friends and family. If you haven't joined us for a theater night yet, now's the time! The Livingston Alumni Association will be holding another theater night at The Livingston Theatre Company's production of "Cabaret" on Saturday, April 14, 2007.



The fun starts at 6:30 pm at the Livingston Student Center, with a special wine and cheese reception with fresh fruit, finger sandwiches, vegetable platters and assorted chips. Mingle with fellow alums prior to the show while members of the show's creative and production team drop in to share some insight on the musical. Then, we head over to the show for great seats in a special reserved VIP section.

The Kit Kat Klub. Sally. The Emcee. Berlin. Germany. Remember the first time you met these remarkable characters? Whether it was on film or on Broadway, Cabaret is a show that has always been in our hearts and on our minds. Joe Masteroff has taken the well-known play by John Van Druen and stories by Christopher Isherwood and transformed them into something dark and beautiful. Cabaret is a unique play that is both entertaining and challenging, to the cast as well as the audience. The unbelievable music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb masterfully weave together the tale of life as beauty, life as tragedy, life as romance,

life as family, and life... as a Cabaret!



Livingston Theatre Company, a student-run organization now in its ninth season, has grown

tremendously since its inception in 1998, producing four large musical productions a year in The Livingston Student Center. For more information about the LTC visit www.rultc.org. We are happy to continually support this artistic effort on campus.

Tickets for the show and reception are \$8 for LAA Members and their guests; otherwise it is \$12 per person. The LAA encourages bringing friends and family to the show. To order tickets, please e-mail a request to Jason Goldstein at Jason_Goldstein@alumni.rutgers.edu with the number of tickets you request. You can bring payment the night of the show. Tickets go quickly, so contact us soon.

Networking Night

February 12, 2007 – Livingston Student Center, 7 pm

The Livingston Alumni Association and Rutgers Career Services are proud to present a Networking event on February 12, 2007 starting at 7:00 PM. The LAA is working to provide Rutgers's students with a head start into the working world by providing an opportunity for students to learn from our fellow alumni.

This program is a great opportunity for students from all campuses to meet with Livingston alumni and find out how they got their first job, get tips on making connections, interviewing skills to land a first job, and to decide what job or career best fits the students. The

Networking Night will feature speakers from Career Services and fellow Livingston Alumni. Also, students will have the opportunity to learn more about the great programs provided by Rutgers Career Services. Following the speakers, students will break off into smaller interest groups to promote more discussion and personal attention.

The LAA would like to thank Career Services and our fellow Livingston Alumni for participating in this Networking Event. We are confident that this annual event will continue to be successful in giving our students a head start in the working world.



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When the first plane hit, FDNY firefighter Robert Humphrey, thought there was a major accident. But, when the second one hit, it was obvious to him that something had gone terribly wrong. Fire Engine 4 arrived on the scene within five minutes of the first attack.

As the second building fell east, it landed onto the post office building where Humphrey suddenly found himself trapped inside an unsafe situation. He instantly transformed from a rescuer to a victim and realized he would have to rescue himself first.

Against the heat and smoke pouring in, Humphrey's hands patted unfamiliar territory to figure out where he could go. As he felt around, he discovered he could not get out the same way he got in. With no mask, no light, and absolutely, no time to waste, Humphrey picked himself up from the floor and attempted an escape route. He found a wall and followed it. Twenty to thirty minutes later, he was back on the street.

"It was like a war zone where I was," Humphrey said. A firefighter from a neighboring unit was already injured. He saw people jumping to their deaths out of flaming windows, even landing on other people. "It was like a splat. It was totally over," he remembered. He also recalled how he could not do anything to help those victims.

Humphrey remembers because he cannot forget. The memories are too vivid and the events of Sept. 11 are highlighted annually. Five years beyond that day, the tragedy is still a task for him to put behind.

It is the rehashing every year that gets to Humphrey most. "As soon as Sept. 11 comes around, we have to do the whole thing all over again."

Engine Co. 4, near the South Street Seaport suffered one of the most fatalities in all of New York City fire departments. Humphrey's firehouse lost 14 members that day. He was the only survivor. Most of them were younger than he was with no more than three years of experience. Some were still in the academy or had just graduated. It took the FDNY about a year to re-man his firehouse with employees from other unaffected firehouses. For the first two weeks, they set up an A-B schedule. Firefighters worked for 24 hours and were off for the next 24 hours. Then, they implemented the A-B-C Group, which required a 24-hour shift and 48 hours off. Eventually, firefighters worked their usual shifts again.

Sept. 11 did not just shift Humphrey's work schedule, but it also altered his frame of mind. Realizing that he could have died with the rest of his co-workers, he feels lucky today, and believes he took a lot

of things for granted before. The first person he called that sad afternoon when he found a telephone was his wife. He described her as shocked and worried, him teary-eyed. Humphrey now appreciates life more, considering himself a family guy.

Humphrey noticed that FDNY procedure also changed. The once offense-oriented force converted into a more tactical unit. For instance, if there is a threat underground, firefighters no longer run into the subway, but they take extra caution before acting. "We don't want to be too aggressive," He stated. He thinks they took a step backward to be more safety-conscious.

Humphrey lost 25 percent of his lung capacity resulting from the tragedy. Many asked why he did not retire after the attacks. Since becoming a firefighter in 1986, he planned to complete 25 years of service. "I don't want to veer off it," he answered. The community, tourists, and families of victims make things easier. Special events and memorials such as the Christmas party, family picnic, and

firehouse memorial, held throughout the year enable everyone to remember all those affected. The gatherings are emotional, but also fun.

In the past five years, the public has gone out of their way to show their appreciation to firefighters who risked their lives. "Before we had visitors, but no thank-yous," Humphrey noted. Today, the firehouse is decorated into a giant memorial and receives tourists from all over the world.

Humphrey knows the events of that day will remain on the front pages of recent American history for now, and he will have to revisit that sad day annually. Moving past the fifth year, "it's not as bad now, but I can't help not thinking about it," Humphrey said.



Reunion 2007

Join Us For A Great Celebration

You won't want to miss Reunion 2007, coming up on the weekend of May 11-13, 2007! If you're a member of a graduating class ending in a 2 or 7, This year's reunion commemorates the graduating classes of all years ending in 2 and 7, special plans are in store for you!

The reunion committee have been working hard to ensure this year's reunion is Livingston College's best yet. It promises to be a fun-filled weekend, and a wonderful opportunity to catch up with classmates. The 2007 Reunion will include:

- a special Cabaret Night at the Livingston Student Center
- lunch with Livingston graduates. The lunch will also include the Livingston Alumni Association's annual meeting and an opportunity to hear about the future of our college
- dinners and fun events for the classes ending in 2s and 7s
- the traditional march down College Avenue with fellow Livingston graduates
- golf tournament
- campus tours

Not a graduate of the 2's and 7's but want to catch up with some friends who were? Looking for ideas for your next reunion? You're invited too! Information about Reunion will be mailed to you shortly. Be sure to register early, and tell a friend. Reunion details will also be posted on the alumni website: <http://livingston.rutgers.edu/alumni/>. If you like to volunteer or have any questions, you can contact the Reunion Committee at LAAreunions@alumni.rutgers.edu.

Join the LAA

Haven't joined the LAA yet? Giving back to Livingston has many advantages. Besides the discounts to the Rutgers bookstore, Rutgers sporting events, membership to Rutgers Club, access to the entire Rutgers University online alumni directory, discounts to local entertainment attractions, merchants and restaurants, free subscriptions to Rutgers Magazine and this Newsletter, you are helping your alma mater. LAA membership helps both Livingston College and Rutgers University to better serve our students, our alumni and the entire Rutgers community. If you're not a member yet, please join the hundreds who already are proud Livingston Alumni Association members. Visit www.livingston.rutgers.edu/alumni for more information





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May 11-13, 2007

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