

News from Livingston Alumni Association: Loyal Son Eric Clark Spreads Rutgers Cheer in Chicago

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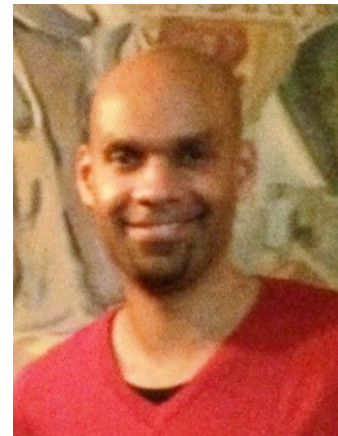
With Alumni Weekend and Commencement in the rear-view mirror, we look forward to the start of summer. In the meantime, enjoy this May newsletter from the Livingston Alumni Association (LAA), and [join the conversation](#) on Facebook.

In this newsletter, read about

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Eric Clark, BIG Ten 'Go-To Guy' in Chicago, Honored as a Loyal Son of Rutgers

Eric Clark (LC'98, pictured) revitalized the Rutgers Club of Chicago upon returning to his home state of Illinois. He continues to be the "go-to" guy for any BIG Ten event in Chicago, and was named the B1G10K Rutgers Representative in 2014. Find out why the Rutgers Alumni Association honored him as a [2017 Loyal Son of Rutgers](#).



All-Alumni Theater Night Features Socializing, Prizes and a Classic Musical

More than 40 alumni and friends attended the annual **All-Alumni Theater Night** on Saturday, April 22. The event featured songs by several student performers from the Livingston Theatre Company (LTC), as well as a discussion of the theater world between the LAA's Jason Goldstein and Julia Mendes, the LTC's managing director. Refreshments, socializing and Rutgers-themed door prizes were also on the menu. After the reception, guests enjoyed the LTC's presentation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical, *Oklahoma!*



Pictured: Student performers prepare to sing. From left: Megan Kalberer, MGSA'17, Gabrielle Talvacchia, SAS'18, and Jonathon Dawson, MGSA'18. Not shown: Rachel Homer, MGSA'17. Photo courtesy of Fran Siederer. [Additional photos](#).



Nominate a Distinguished Alumnus/a or Livingston Faculty Member

The LAA is seeking nominations for our biennial awards ceremony scheduled for fall 2017, honoring Livingston College Distinguished Alumni. The event also honors inspiring faculty and staff who have played a key role in the establishment and growth of Livingston College and its mission, and who have contributed to the overall Rutgers and global communities, with the Livingston Legacy Award. See the details and [nominate a deserving honoree](#).



Livingston College's Class of 1973 'Set the Pace' for Future Students

Noah Hart, Jr. was the editor of Livingston College's [first yearbook](#) (cover pictured here), *Livingston in the Retrospect, 1969-1973*. In an [essay in the yearbook](#), he writes of Livingston's accomplishments and growing pains: "Following four years of trekking to classes through mud, incompleting buildings and a host of other physical and social obstacles, the class of 1973 has found the endurance to set the pace for the many classes to come." Dr. Hart is now the Coordinator of First Year Advising at Monmouth University.

Preserve the History and Advance the Legacy

As part of the LAA's history project, we are scanning, archiving and placing online, [documents](#) of Livingston College's history. Alumnus Louis T. Economopoulos, a classmate of Dr. Hart, contributed the 1973 yearbook and many other early student and university publications.

We particularly need people interesting in interpreting this rich archive. For details, please email us (info@livingstonalumni.org).

Alumnus of the Month

Jessie J. Hanna (LC'07, RWJMS'14) (pictured) founded the Sean Hanna Foundation in 2007 in honor of his brother, Sean, who died at age 20 after fighting cancer for most of his life. Jessie Hanna has since become a physician, and the Sean Hanna Foundation continues its work to assist families and organizations battling pediatric cancer. The LAA honored Jessie Hanna as a [Livingston College Distinguished Alumnus](#) in 2013.



LAA Partners with Unity Bank to Benefit the Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award

LAA's Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award has been given each year since 1990 to a Rutgers-New Brunswick student who most embodies the spirit of Livingston College's leadership and social action. The award winner receives a minimum \$500 grant from the LAA.

Current and new customers of Unity Bank can help fund this award confidentially and at no cost to the customer through the UCare Charitable Giving Program. [Find out how.](#)

In Rutgers Spirit,

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