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## News from Livingston Alumni Association: LAA to Honor Everette Penn, Robert Snyder, Marie Varghese and Other Distinguished Alumni and Faculty Members

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Hope your 2018 is going well. Welcome back to the Livingston Alumni Association (LAA) newsletter, at the end of January. (We took a holiday break in November and December 2017.)

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### Livingston College Distinguished Alumni and Livingston Legacy Awards

The LAA is honoring six alumni and two faculty members on March 20, 2018, at the [Livingston College Distinguished Alumni and Livingston Legacy Awards](#). Among the honorees are:

- [Dr. Everett Penn](#) (LC'91), who co-founded the Teen and Police Service (TAPS) Academy, which uses evidence-based results to reduce the social distance between youth, law enforcement and their communities.
- [Robert W. Snyder](#) (LC'77), a historian of New York City who has written books on Washington Heights, popular culture and transit.
- [Marie Varghese](#) (LC'03), who helps college students “survive and thrive,” and who writes on the contours of immigrant family life, queer (in)visibility, spirit, grief and resilience.



The LAA will also honor:

- **Staci Berger** (LC'94, EJB/GSNB'04), a housing and community development advocate
- **Jeanie Bryson** (LC'81), a vocalist specializing in jazz, pop and Latin music
- **Michael R. Greenberg**, Interim Dean and Professor of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Public Policy at Rutgers -New Brunswick
- **Wells Hamilton Keddie** (1925-2006), Professor of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers -New Brunswick (posthumous)
- **Carlyle E. Shelton Jr.** (LC'80), Deputy Inspector General of the U.S. Marine Corps

The celebration will be held the evening of Tuesday, March 20, at the Rutgers Club above the Livingston Dining Commons on Livingston campus. Tickets will be available shortly. For more information please contact [laaemail+2018event@gmail.com](mailto:laaemail+2018event@gmail.com).

*(Pictured above, from left: Everett Penn, Robert Snyder and Marie Varghese.)*



### **LAA's Jeffrey Armus to Be Honored as a Loyal Son of Rutgers**

The Rutgers Alumni Association is honoring Jeffrey M. Armus (LC'77, School of Business'82) as a Loyal Son of Rutgers for 2018 for his service to the university and its alumni.

Armus serves as the LAA's Vice President and Secretary.

He is among eight Loyal Sons and Daughters who will be honored on Saturday, April 14.

Read more about his [passion and commitment to volunteerism](#).

## Save the Date for All-Alumni Theater Afternoon

The next All-Alumni Theater Afternoon will be held Sunday, April 15. The event features a reception and entertainment, followed by the Livingston Theatre Company's performance of *Legally Blonde*. Check the [LAA's website](#) for further information closer to the event.

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### Alumnus of the Month: Jayceryll de Chavez

[Jayceryll de Chavez](#) (LC'99) was driven to succeed and started two fraternities at Rutgers.



He was killed in the 9/11 attacks in 2001.

In October 2017, Rutgers Business School named the South Tower of its building on the Livingston Campus in honor of de Chavez.

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### In Memoriam: Hank Plotkin



**Henry A. (Hank) Plotkin**, a retired Assistant Professor of Political Science at Livingston College, died on November 4, 2017, at age 74.

He also had served as Executive Director of the New Jersey State Employment and Training Commission.

[Read more about his life and service to others.](#)

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## Livingston Theatre Company's Printed Programs Are Now Online

The LAA and the Livingston Theatre Company (LTC) Alumni Association have partnered to scan and digitize all of the printed programs from LTC's plays from April 1999 through May 2017. [Check out the programs](#) and relive the memories of 62 productions over a span of 19 years.

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## Your Role in Preserving Livingston's History

You can help us **preserve the history and advance the legacy of Livingston College**. We particularly need people interesting in interpreting a [rich archive of yearbooks and other materials](#) we have scanned and archived.

Want to volunteer? Let us know which specific document(s) you'd like to review. Perhaps consider starting with [your own yearbook](#). Then email us with your ideas ([info@livingstonalumni.org](mailto:info@livingstonalumni.org)).

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### **Unity Bank Partnership Supports Pride Award Fund**

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.](#)

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**In Rutgers Spirit,**

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President, Livingston Alumni Association

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