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ON THE COVER: Nydreama McDuffie, '19, addresses the Class of 2019 during the Commencement ceremony for the College of Humanities & Social Sciences. McDuffie graduated with degrees in Africana Studies and International Studies.

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Message from the Dean

This year, the College of Humanities & Social Sciences—Rowan University’s second largest college—graduated more than 600 students, explorers who are setting off on diverse and distinctive courses.

As the University and College grow, we continue to take an innovative approach to our educational mission, research and service to the local, national and international community. In this dynamic environment, our students cultivate transferrable skills for positions that we could have only dreamed of just a decade ago, careers that will call for an explorer’s spirit to embrace unanticipated challenges. With the evolving nature of the global marketplace, society has rediscovered the humanities and social sciences. Employers seek out the adaptable skills of our students.

Functioning as explorers inside and outside the classroom, our students learn to pay attention, express themselves, assume positions that oppose their own beliefs and be open to new experiences.

Our students acquire career and leadership skills through internships, undergraduate research with faculty, career days and alumni presentations. They venture into new experiences, such as the Model African Union Conference and Model United Nations Conference. In addition, they travel to academic conferences and internationally through study abroad programs.

Within our growing research institution, we also conduct departmental and interdisciplinary research that benefits the local community, as well as the global community, on issues that unfold each day in the news. Among them, gun control, addictions, human rights, corruption and much more.

Our faculty have received fellowships and grants from numerous prominent organizations and have published in prestigious academic journals and books. They also have organized and supported workshops, presentations, conferences and other opportunities for discussion.

As we continue to pursue our educational, research and service missions in CHSS, we are excited to see the accomplishments of our recent graduates, who clearly understand and embrace the value of pursuing studies in the humanities and social sciences.

Like all CHSS graduates, they are poised to build successful careers and make indelible contributions to our world through their work and scholarship.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nawal Ammar".

Dr. Nawal Ammar
Dean

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Shining Stars Capture the Spotlight at University Awards Ceremony.

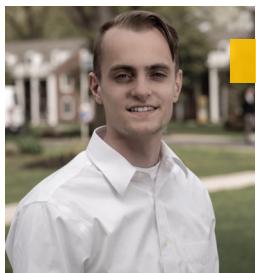
As Rowan University's second largest college, the College of Humanities & Social Sciences (CHSS) was well represented this spring at the 2019 Celebrating Leadership Awards Ceremony.

Each of the following CHSS students received prestigious University medallions in recognition of their achievements, service and leadership:



Rachel Barton, '19

A writing arts and English major from Mount Ephraim, Barton received the Dr. James M. Lynch Jr. Courage in Adversity Award, which is presented to a student who overcame extreme hardship to attain success.



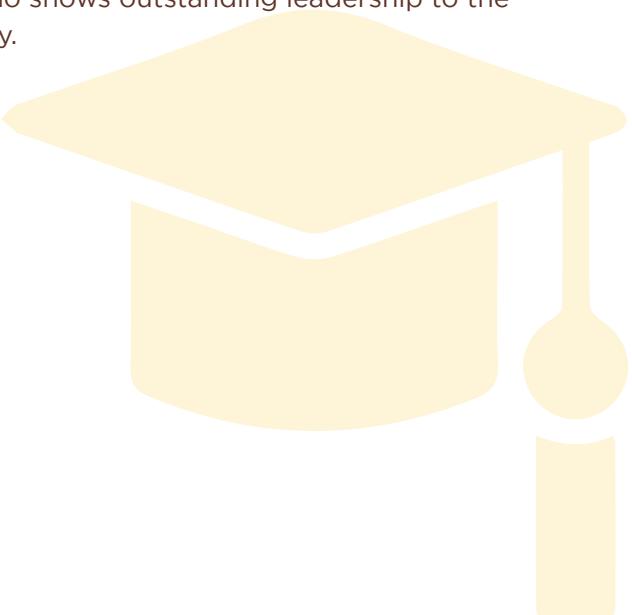
Phillip Mastoridis, '19

A biological science and philosophy and religion studies major from Glassboro, Mastoridis was awarded the Dr. Robert D. Bole Humanitarian Award, which is given to a graduating senior exhibiting compassion and concern for the well-being of others.



Rbrey Singleton, '19

Student Government Association president and a political science major from West Milford, Singleton received the Dr. Thomas E. Robinson Leadership Award, presented to a graduating senior who shows outstanding leadership to the student body and Rowan community.





On the Fast Track to Success with Combined Advanced Degree Programs

Vanessa Washington, '19, M'20, has covered a lot of territory during her college career, exploring global issues and international business, becoming conversant in German and studying abroad in the Netherlands.

As one of the first students admitted to Rowan's Combined Advanced Degree program (CADP) in international studies and business, she earned a B.A. in international studies with a concentration in international business and economics, which she will cap off with a Rowan M.B.A. next year.

"I want to work in economic development and with international nonprofits, so it fits in that context," said the Pine Hill resident. "I'm still able to have an arts degree, but the business degree will provide the economics and development education." Furthermore, she believes her M.B.A. will give her a competitive edge in the job market.

This is just one of several innovative CADP programs that help CHSS students customize their academic paths while saving time and tuition in pursuing their goals.

Similarly, Alexis Walker, '19, is getting a head start on her law career as part of Rowan's 3 + 3 B.A./J.D. program. Walker, of Marlton, who earned her bachelor's degree in political science, is in her second year at the Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, while working as a law clerk and teaching assistant at the law school.

"I enjoy law school and I love what I'm learning, so my new challenge is to figure out through the next years exactly what I want to do with a law degree, where I really want my future and career to go," she said. "I want to be involved in my community and be involved in academia."

Additional CADPs include the B.A./M.A. in history, B.A. in law and justice studies/M.A. in criminal justice, B.A. in English/M.S. in teaching, B.A. in history/M.S. in teaching and B.A. in Spanish/MS in teaching.

Extending the College Reach to New and Prospective Students

When new and prospective students arrive at the College, Denis Long, '21, one of the inaugural CHSS Reps, may be one of the first people they meet, helping them find their niche at CHSS.

Members of this unique team represent CHSS at events such as orientation, open houses, registration events and others.

"I see them as a mix of Rowan's Peer Referral Orientation Staff (PROS) and the admissions ambassadors," said Stephen Fleming, assistant dean.

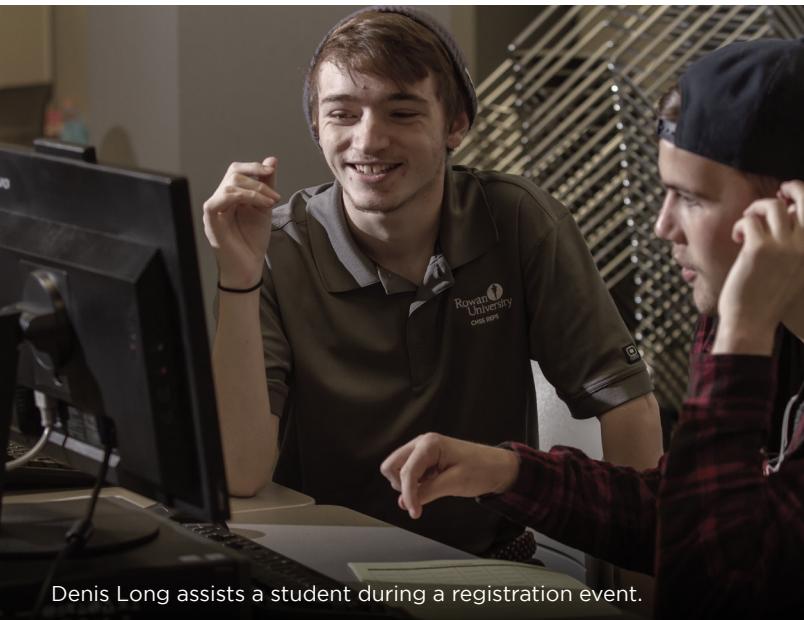
"I enjoy the open houses and orientations because I like talking to new and prospective students to find out what their goals are and help set the path straight for them," said Long, a Point Pleasant Borough resident majoring in history and subject matter education.

CHSS Reps help fill the gaps where CHSS needs representation, Fleming said. For example, CHSS

recently partnered with the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering to encourage students to pursue a Certificate of Undergraduate Studies in public policy.

"We were able to place two of our CHSS Reps at Engineering Day, and they were able to promote the College," he said. "I'm inclined to think students were more likely to come up and express interest because they saw a student face there, instead of an administrator."

CHSS Reps also attend special leadership training sessions and build critical skills. "The students are very autonomous in their positions," Fleming said. "They're given tasks and asked to complete them on their own with very little supervision. They engage with different types of people and can hone their presentation and networking skills"



Denis Long assists a student during a registration event.



Students (from left) Yamil Almonte, Denis Long, Najwa Cappard, Michael Webster and Erica Rager are members of the inaugural cohort of CHSS Reps.

Students encounter the difficulties that nations face in this process and develop a better appreciation for the UN itself.



Earning Honors at the Model UN Conference

From the moment she arrived at the national Model United Nations Conference in Manhattan in the spring, Ashley Hermansen, '21, stepped into the role of an international diplomat.

She was just one of a dozen Rowan students from 10 different majors (including six CHSS majors) and four colleges who participated in simulations of United Nations (UN) committee meetings, cooperating with other students to develop resolutions on political issues. During the conference, they represented the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), ultimately earning honorable mention.

Hermansen, an international studies and modern language and linguistics major, was thrilled to debate other student diplomats and win support for her positions in a realistic environment. "It was very rigorous, very challenging," said Hermansen, a Mullica Hill resident. "There were points where the conference got so tense. I had to step back and remind myself, 'Hold on. I'm still in college. Nothing is at risk.'"

While protecting the interests of their designated countries, students learn to find common ground. "Students encounter the difficulties that nations face in this process and develop a better appreciation for the UN itself," said Dr. Michael Smith. He taught the semester-long course that prepared students for the conference for the international studies program, which was coordinated by Dr. Kelly Duke Bryant, associate professor.

Smith explained that people often question the value of international cooperation. "This class shows students that there are very real and practical results of the cooperation stemming from diplomats meeting in the context of the UN, using it as a forum for developing new ideas or settling disputes, and sometimes making the world a safer place," he said.

International Awards Transport Students to Global Destinations

Winning an array of international scholarships, CHSS alumni and students are embarking on life-transforming journeys where they will explore new cultures and experiences.

Imani Pressley, '18, and Mahaa Ahmed, '19, received recognition as they pursued prestigious Fulbright scholarships. An early childhood education and liberal studies major, Pressley is teaching English in an elementary school in Taiwan.

A student in the Thomas N. Bantivoglio Honors Concentration in the Honors College who majored in biological sciences and philosophy and religion studies, Ahmed was chosen as an alternate for the extremely competitive Fulbright to the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom. She chose a different path, entering Harvard University's graduate school this fall.

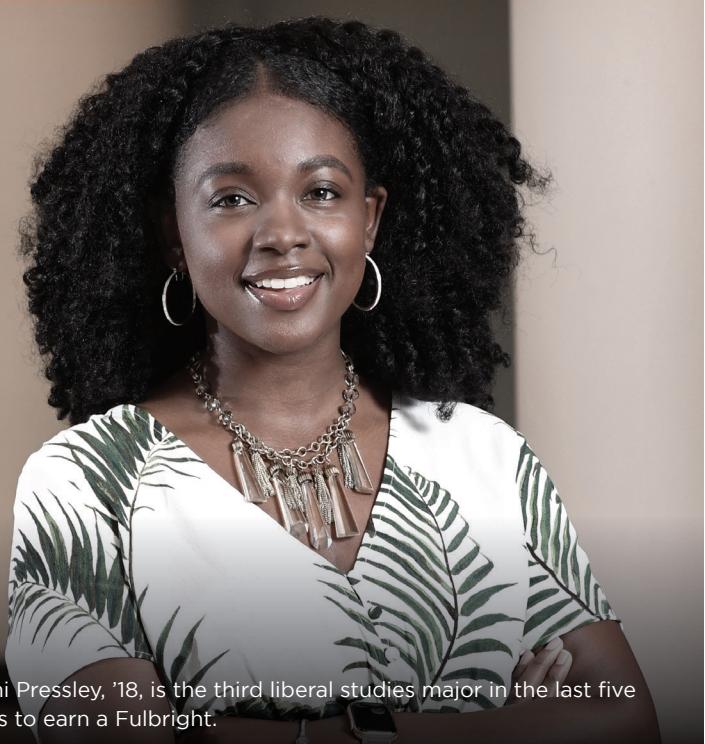
Three CHSS students landed Boren awards. Cheyanne Marion, '19, an international studies major, traveled to Jordan for one year to study Arabic and work with refugees through an internship with the Collateral Repair Project.

Katie Patterson, '19, a modern language and linguistics major, traveled to China.

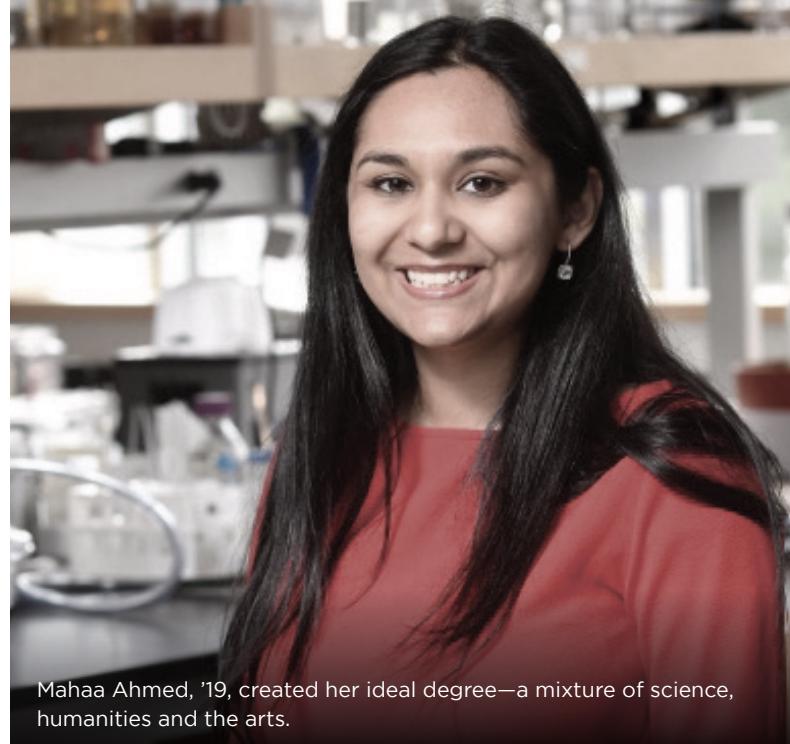
Sean French, a sophomore majoring in international studies and history, received a Boren Award to Japan.

Two students also received awards from the Teaching Assistant Program in France. Kaitlin Gaffney, '19, an Honors student majoring in writing arts and minoring in French, English, international studies and creative writing, was chosen to teach English in secondary schools in l'Académie de Lille in Northern France.

Amy Ribinsky, '19, an Honors student majoring in communication studies and international studies, was selected to teach English in Toulouse, France.



Imani Pressley, '18, is the third liberal studies major in the last five years to earn a Fulbright.



Mahaa Ahmed, '19, created her ideal degree—a mixture of science, humanities and the arts.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Examining the Connection Between Mechanization and Innovation

For much of her life, Dr. Zena Meadowsong, associate professor and chair of English, has been fascinated by machines.

This attraction grew over the years, leading her to write her new book, *Narrative Machine: The Naturalist, Modernist, and Postmodernist Novel* (Routledge).

Narrative Machine focuses on the historical process of mechanization and how it influenced the form of the novel. “Machines enjoy a certain amount of critical attention, but not as much as you would expect, given how defining they are in our contemporary environment and historically as well,” she said.

Although the nine-chapter book is intended for faculty and other researchers, she believes it is also accessible and useful for students.

“Its most ambitious aim is to offer a new history of the novel, to show exactly how the process of modernization, in terms of technology, marches alongside and actually shapes the narrative tradition — the tradition of the modern novel.” “I hope that the book makes a contribution to the study of modern narrative and also to the study of three subsets of that tradition: the naturalist

novel at the end of the 19th century, the modernist novel at the beginning of the 20th century and the postmodernist novel after the Second World War,” Meadowsong said.

“It’s what you always want to do as a researcher: You want to contribute to a field so other people who care about these periods and those writers and those novels can build on and use that work.”



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Top Left: Dr. Evan Sorg (left), Law & Justice Studies, receives the CHSS Excellence in Research junior faculty award from Dean Nawal Ammar.

Top Right: Dr. Stephen Hague (left), History, and Dr. Nathan Bauer (right), Philosophy & World Religions, receive the CHSS Excellence in Service Award alongside Associate Dean Corinne Blake and Dean Nawal Ammar.

Bottom Left: Glenndon McDorman (left center), History, and Dr. Natalie Schell-Busey (right center), Law & Justice Studies, receive the CHSS Excellence in Teaching award alongside Assistant Dean Stephen Fleming and Dean Nawal Ammar.

Bottom Right: Dr. Q. Edward Wang, History, receives the CHSS Excellence in Research senior faculty award from Dean Nawal Ammar.

Achieving Excellence in Research, Service, and Teaching

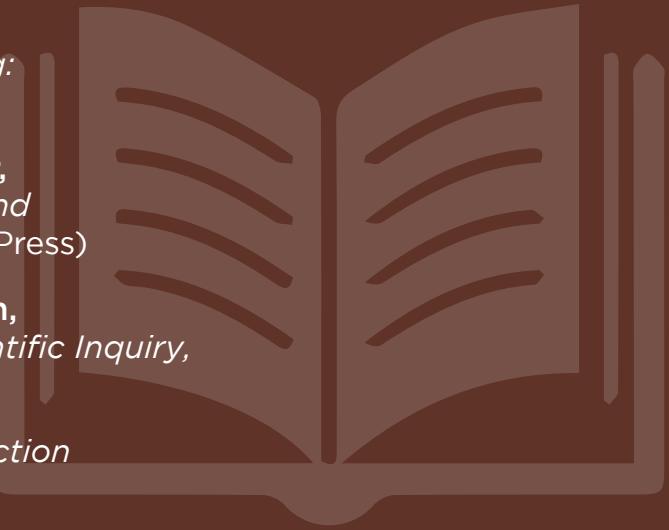
Two professors received Excellence in Research awards, which recognize exceptionally influential research accomplishments by CHSS faculty. Dr. Q. Edward Wang received the Senior Researcher Award, and Dr. Evan Sorg received the Pre-Tenure Researcher Award.

Additionally, Dr. Stephen Hague and Dr. Nathan Bauer received Excellence in Service Awards, which recognize their outstanding efforts to provide service to students, programs, departments, the College or the University.

The Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Dr. Natalie Schell-Busey and Glenndon McDorman. Students nominate faculty members for the award based on their responsiveness, their ability to educate and support students within and outside the classroom, and additional criteria.

New Books by CHSS Faculty

- Dr. Lawrence Markowitz, with Mariya Y. Omelicheva, *Webs of Corruption: Trafficking and Terrorism in Central Asia* (Columbia University Press)
- Dr. Yuhui Li, *China's Assistance Program in Xinjiang: A Sociological Analysis* (Rowman & Littlefield)
- Dr. Joshua Gedacht, editor, with R. Michael Feener, *Challenging Cosmopolitanism: Coercion, Mobility, and Displacement in Islamic Asia* (Edinburgh University Press)
- Dr. Matthew Lund, editor, Norwood Russell Hanson, *Perception and Discovery: An Introduction to Scientific Inquiry, 2nd Edition* (Springer)
- Jessica Sanders, *The World Is Our Lab: An Introduction to Sociology* (Kendall Hunt Publishing)



FACULTY GRANTS

CHSS faculty continue to win grants to fund important research.

They include:

- Drs. Joel Capellan and Evan Sorg: National Institute of Justice grant
- Dr. Joel Capellan: International Development (USAID) — Regional Training Academy Program: Promoting Quantitative Analysis Capabilities and Applied Research on Citizen Security in Central America
- Dr. Bill Carrigan: Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation grant
- Dr. James Heinzen: Woodrow Wilson Center Keenan Institute grant, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship and ACLS Fellowship for Underground Entrepreneurs and the Soviet Shadow Economy Under Late Socialism, 1950s-1980s
- Dr. Melissa Klapper: Pearlstine/Lipov Center for Southern Jewish Culture and Southern Jewish Historical Society
- Dr. Harriet Hartman: co-principal investigator, National Science Foundation grant
- Dr. Chanelle Rose: Rockefeller Archive Center



Faculty presented their research during the University's annual Faculty Research Day. (From left: Dr. Kul Kapri, Economics; Dr. Jeanna Mastrocinque, Law & Justice Studies; Dr. Kimberly Houser, Law & Justice Studies; Dr. Wanda Foglia, Law & Justice Studies; Dr. Christina Saum, Law & Justice Studies; and Dr. Katharine Javian, Political Science. Not pictured: Dr. Christine Poteau, World Languages, and Dr. Harriett Hartman, Sociology & Anthropology)

FACULTY PRODUCTIVITY



114
Conference Presentations



15 Book Reviews



17
Federal, State & Other Grants



55 Academic Presentations
at Rowan & other universities



21
Book Chapters & Articles



51 Refereed Articles



8
Monographs & Edited Anthologies

19 Community Talks & Knowledge Dissemination Events



NEW INITIATIVES



Students engage with anthropological artifacts in the Museum of Anthropology at Rowan University (MARU).

College Launches New Majors

The new B.A. in anthropology in the department of Sociology & Anthropology will take students on multiple paths to explore the historical and ancient past.

The new major will focus on forensic and physical anthropology, cultural resource management and archeology, medical anthropology, and public culture and museum studies.

Dr. Maria Rosado, coordinator and professor of anthropology, is enthusiastic about the new program, developed with the assistance of Dr. Jane Hill, instructor in anthropology and co-curator of the Museum of Anthropology at Rowan University (MARU), and Dr. Seran Schug, lecturer in anthropology.

"Anthropology offers not only humanistic courses, but we bridge the gap to the sciences since we are made up of archeology and biology, which includes human evolution," Rosado said.

The Sociology & Anthropology Department offers a minor and concentration in anthropology, but the anthropology major will open new doors.

"The emphasis right now is on museum studies because our goal is to eventually create a master's in anthropology and, of course, a 4 + 1 program, which will focus on one of these tracks," Rosado said.

The College also established a major in area studies, with concentration options in Asian studies, European studies and Latin American studies. Either taking this major alone or combining it with another major, students will implement approaches used by different disciplines to understand the diversity, influence and complexity of the area they are studying.

The coursework is primarily drawn from several CHSS departments, including World Languages, History, Political Science & Economics, English, Sociology & Anthropology, and Philosophy & World Religions. Students also have additional elective options from other colleges, including art, music, geography and honors courses. Starting in fall 2019, Dr. Kelly Duke Bryant, associate professor of history, will serve as the program coordinator.

Through this program, students will gain greater cultural awareness and sensitivity to engage with diverse populations.

"Our world is really getting smaller and more interdependent," said Dr. Marilyn Manley, professor of Spanish, the primary sponsor of the program. "For our students to be successful, whether they're pursuing a career in the United States or abroad, it's very important for them to have this deep knowledge of different cultures and groups with different kinds of backgrounds and experiences."

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT



A panel of CHSS alumni present to students during the Inaugural CHSS Career Day. (From left: James Adams, '08, Joseph Libutti, '14, Karen Stanwood, '94, Porsche Johnson, '07, and Mattieu Genay, '13)

Returning to Campus to Inspire Students

Long after earning their degrees, CHSS alumni return to campus to support and mentor the students who follow in their footsteps.

Alumna Valerie Buickerood, '03, director of engagement and communications for Hopeworks, a Camden nonprofit dedicated to changing the lives of youth through education, technology and entrepreneurship, was keynote speaker at this year's Seniors of Distinction ceremony.

Buickerood, who earned her bachelor's degree in history, urged students to be open-minded as they take on the future.

"Be open and understand all of the things that are out there," she said. "My advice would be to hone the skills, the traits you've learned as students here at Rowan. Network and meet people. You never know where that might go."

During the third annual CHSS Alumni Meet & Greet, co-sponsored by the Office of Career Advancement and the Office of Alumni Engagement, more than 25 alumni with a diverse range of majors met with students to share career advice and their experiences.

Alumni also lend their expertise to events such as the CHSS Case Study Competition. In addition, they participate in events like this year's inaugural CHSS Career Day, co-sponsored by the Office of Career Advancement, which drew more than 30 employers. It included career development workshops, an alumni panel and a reception.



Sam Rosetti, '01, addresses case study competitors as a judge for the second annual CHSS Case Study Competition.

Encouraging Students to Make Their Mark

Mark Storms, '94, understands the value of hard work.

A first-generation college graduate, Storms spent eight years earning his bachelor's degree in economics while working full time.

Enrolling at Rowan after stints with other colleges, Storms was impressed by the small class sizes and personal connections with professors who taught the courses. "It really suited my learning style," said Storms, whose wife and children later attended Rowan.

Never satisfied to settle for the status quo, Storms diligently worked on innovative financial ventures, gaining experience with mutual funds and life insurance premium financing and building businesses.

He launched AdvisorCentral for Franklin Templeton Investments. Several years later, he joined AI Credit Corp., a division of AIG, building a marketing department to educate the industry about life insurance premium financing. When AIG sold AI Credit Corp. in 2009 to Wintrust Life Finance, Storms started from scratch again, developing awareness of the unique product.

Storms, now Wintrust's eastern region vice

president, is eager to give back to the college that sent him on this path. When he returns to Rowan to speak with CHSS students, he not only emphasizes the value of their degree, but the importance of hard work in achieving success.

"A humanities degree makes you a well-rounded thinker," he said. "The whole world is open for you."

There's more work to do after graduation. "The degree is just a piece of paper that will open some doors for you," he said. "Once those doors are open, you have to go in there and start working and validate yourself."



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