

2011-12 Executive Board and Council

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Notable Livingston College Alumni

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(The Rutgers University Alumni Association previously maintained a list of notable alumni from throughout the university.)

- **James Bailey**, LC '80, retired professional basketball player.
- **Bill Bellamy**, LC '89, Comedian; Actor, *How to Be a Player*, *Fastlane*; TV Host, *Last Comic Standing*.
- **Avery F. Brooks**, LC '73 and Mason Gross School of the Arts (MGSA) '76, Actor, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, *Spenser: For Hire*; Professor of Theater Arts.
- **Gregory Q. Brown**, LC '82, Chairman of the Rutgers University Board of Governors; CEO of Motorola Solutions; 2010 inductee into the Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni.
- **Thomas F. Daley**, LC '75, appellate judge, Louisiana circuit court (deceased).
- **David M. DelVecchio**, Mayor of Lambertville, NJ.
- **Gerard Gallucci**, LC '73, former chief of the U.S. embassies in Brazil and Sudan, former United Nations peacekeeper in Kosovo and East Timor.
- **Aurelia Green**, LC '74, Deputy Bronx Borough (New York City) President; former New York State Assemblywoman.
- **Verta Mae Grosvenor**, National Public Radio commentator.
- **Mark Helias**, LC '74, jazz musician.
- **Roy Hinson**, LC '83, former Atlanta Hawks basketball player.
- **Eddie Jordan**, Rutgers men's basketball coach from 2013-2016. Formerly a Los Angeles Lakers player and Philadelphia 76ers coach (School of Management and Labor Relations, 2015; originally scheduled to graduate from LC in 1977).
- **Clifton R. Lacy**, LC '75, past Commissioner, NJ Health and Senior Services.
- **John S. Lipori**, LC '77, executive vice president and chief trust officer, The Bank of New York.
- **Shaun O'Hara**, LC '05, Former Center and Captain, New York Giants.

(Originally scheduled to graduate from LC in 1999.)

- **Vivian Salama**, LC'00, SCILS'00, Baghdad bureau chief for the Associated Press.
- **Harvey M. Schwartz**, LC'87, President and Co-Chief Operating Officer of Goldman Sachs; 2014 inductee into Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni.
- **Scott Siegel**, LC'74, entertainment producer.
- **Gregg Spiridellis**, LC '93, RBS'93, co-founder Jib Jab.
- **Harry V. Swayne III**, LC'90, former professional football player.
- **Tom Terhaar**, LC'92, coach of the 2012 Olympic gold U.S. women's rowing team.
- **Robert Uhrlik**, LC'78, Mayor of Rocky Hill, NJ (2019).
- **Eric Young**, LC'89, RBS'89, former Houston Astros baseball player, current MLB Network commentator.

Do you have additions to this list? Contact info@.

From the President

Welcome to the Livingston Alumni Association!



The Livingston Alumni Association (LAA) is working to preserve the legacy and history of Livingston College, which thrived as an innovative undergraduate unit at Rutgers University for more than 40 years (from 1969 to 2010). We hope you will join us for our programs that celebrate Livingston's unique history and mission, including Theater Nights and our biennial Distinguished Alumni and Livingston Legacy Awards. We welcome your involvement and ideas for new programs!

Contact info@ if you would like to get more information, or to join our volunteer team and board. If you're not a participating member of the LAA, now's the time to check out our activities. We look forward to seeing you!


In Rutgers Spirit,
Jeffrey Armus, LC'77
President

All-Alumni Theater Events

The Livingston Alumni Association (LAA) is a proud sponsor of All-Alumni Theater Events, with a reception and entertainment provided by The Livingston Theatre Company (LTC), followed by a performance of LTC's latest musical play.



On May 2, 2021, we enjoyed a live virtual *All Alumni Theater Afternoon* as we went "Behind The Curtain" with the LTC. Students from Rutgers' premier musical theater organization performed songs from favorite musicals in this exciting showcase. The event also included interviews with cast members about their performances.

 Past Theater Nights/Afternoons include the LTC's productions of: *Godspell* (April 2000), *The Will Rogers Follies* (April 2003), *Kiss Me Kate* (November 2003), *Damn Yankees* (April 2004), *A Chorus Line* (November 2004), *Camelot* (April 2005), *Little Shop of Horrors* (October 2005), *Ragtime* (April 2006), *Urinetown* (October 2006 and April 2016), *Cabaret* (April 2007), *The Full Monty* (October 2007), *Seussical* (April 2008), *Sweeney Todd* (February 2010), *The Producers* (April 2013), *Hair* (February 2014), *In the Heights* (April 2015), *Oklahoma!* (April 2017), *Legally Blonde* (April 2018), and *Violet* (February 2019). A Theater Afternoon had been planned for the April 2020 production of *Mamma Mia*, which was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

*Top photo: The cast of LTC's Legally Blonde, April 15, 2018. **Additional photos from the 2018 event**, by Qiumei Wang, Rutgers Business School Alumni Association.*

*Bottom photo: Jason Goldstein, founder of LTC and a former president of LAA, talks with Julia Mendes, MGSA'17, LTC's managing director, at Theater Night on April 22, 2017. They spoke about the LTC's presentation of Oklahoma! and the world of musical theater. **Additional photos of the 2017 performers and attendees**, courtesy of Fran Siederer.*

Livingston Legacy Award

[See also the page listing Honorary Members of the Livingston Alumni Association, who were named between 1981 and 1999.]

The Livingston Legacy Award was established in 2009. The award recognizes faculty and staff who 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.

2009 Honorees

MARIA CANINO EDWARD G. ORTIZ GORDON SCHOCHET



MARIA CANINO: Founder and retired chair of the Rutgers Department of Puerto Rican and Hispanic Caribbean Studies.

EDWARD G. ORTIZ (1931-2010): Retired associate professor and chair of the Rutgers Department of Urban Studies and Community Health. Memorial and obituary.

GORDON SCHOCHET: Professor emeritus of political science and the last member of the Livingston planning group who was still on the active teaching faculty.

2011 Honorees

JEROME AUMENTE LEROY HAINES (LC'71) GERALD POMPER LARRY RIDLEY



JEROME AUMENTE (1937-2023): Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Rutgers School of Communication and Information; Founding Director. Emeritus, Journalism Resource Institute, Rutgers University; and former Chair, Department of Journalism & Urban Communications program at Livingston College. Aumente on the Livingston College journalism legacy. Remembrance of Aumente.

LEROY HAINES (LC'71): Assistant Dean and Director of Residence Life at Rutgers' Livingston Campus. Haines honored at 2012 Rutgers Human Dignity Awards.

GERALD POMPER: Board of Governors Professor of Political Science at the Eagleton Institute of Politics of Rutgers University (Emeritus). and former Chair, Livingston College Political Science Department.

LARRY RIDLEY: Chairman, Music Department, Livingston College 1972-1980, and one of the architects of the college's renowned jazz program.

2013-2018 Honorees

ROGER COHEN (RC'65) W. CAREY McWILLIAMS MICHAEL GREENBERG WELLS HAMILTON KEDDIE



2013 Honoree



2015 Honoree



2018 Honoree



2018 Honoree

ROGER COHEN (RC'65) (1943-2022): A professor emeritus of Rutgers' School of Communication and Information (SC&I); originally taught in Livingston College's Department of Journalism and Urban Communication.

WILSON CAREY McWILLIAMS (1933-2005): A distinguished political science professor at Livingston College and Rutgers University, and a prolific author. Read tributes from his protégé, Patrick Deneen, and his daughter, Susan McWilliams, and a remembrance from his student, Leonard Klepner

MICHAEL GREENBERG: Professor of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Public Policy at Rutgers University-New Brunswick

WELLS HAMILTON KEDDIE (1925-2006): Professor of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

Deans' Reflections



[Also see Alumni Memories.]

Deans Hyndman, Johnson, and Jenkins included these three tributes to Livingston College in the May 2007 Commencement program:

Arnold G. Hyndman, Ph.D. – Dean, 1993-2007

Livingston College was founded in 1969 with the mission of bringing together a diverse group of students, faculty, and staff in a shared learning community committed to the pursuit of excellence and academic innovation. Today, that mission is embraced by the entire university and will be carried forth in the new School of Arts and Sciences. It is my hope that Livingston College will be remembered for our commitments to social justice and




building community through leadership and understanding.

We offered students the personal attention of a small college community in the midst of a major research institution rich in outstanding opportunities. Dedicated to helping students reach their full potential, we fulfilled our mission through our core curriculum, special academic opportunities (such as our minor in organizational leadership, distinctive honors program, and extensive internship program), and rich complement of student life activities. Our academic program stressed critical thinking skills and diverse intellectual, political, and cultural perspectives, designed to foster and deepen an understanding of community and prepare students to become responsible, contributing citizens in a changing global environment. Similarly, our co-curricular activities developed and enhanced the leadership skills we believe exist in each of our students.

As this chapter in the history of Rutgers University comes to an end, we remain confident in the principles of our college and proud of the positive impact Livingston College has had not only on Rutgers as an institution, but more importantly on the lives of faculty, staff and students who shared in this experience. The influence of that legacy will continue well into the future.


Walton R. Johnson, Ph.D. – Dean, 1990-1993

 It is well known that most of Rutgers University – not to mention the society at large – stubbornly resisted Livingston College's founding program of progressive and pro-democracy higher education. This resistance expressed itself in a variety of ways, including stigmatizing Livingston as "the black college," despite the fact that African American students never represented more than 12%-15% of the student body.

As luck would have it, my deanship coincided with a brief resurgence of the social activism and idealism for which the Livingston has always stood. The forward-looking leadership of Rutgers President Edward J. Bloustein with respect to affirmative action had set the stage. Livingston students were among the leaders of campus-wide protests against rising tuitions, which, even today, prevent many of New Jersey's poor and first generation college-goers from realizing the American dream. With similar zeal, the faculty Fellows embarked on a comprehensive self-study of the college with the view to updating and fine-tuning its mission and strategies.

The spring of 2007 is a bittersweet time for Livingston. On the one hand, its mission of making America a more perfect democracy has not been fully achieved. On the other hand, all of Rutgers University has been irrevocably transformed for the better by Livingston's spirit. Furthermore, the college can take great pride in the many thousands of graduates in whom the Livingston mission still lives. They are continuing to transform our society in ways that are truly significant. What a glorious legacy!

W. Robert Jenkins, Ph.D. – Dean, 1977-1990

I joined the Livingston College Planning Committee in 1968, the last year before the college opened. From the nearly private “faculty meetings” of that last year through watching the campus take shape before our eyes, things were always exciting. The most glorious memory was the day in May when we welcomed our first class for advising. We were finally a real school with real students! A true hallmark of Livingston was its open meetings, nominally of faculty, but attended by anyone who wanted to do so. Our college government even gave faculty and students shared rights and responsibilities. 

One can easily guess at the difficulties such a system posed, but it was mostly fun, generally productive, and certainly educational. During Livingston ‘s early years, demonstrations and occupations of dean’s offices were not uncommon. One march in opposition to the Viet Nam war was held with students from all the campuses, during which Livingston’s first dean, Ernest Lynton, led the contingent from our campus. Two figures stand out in my memory of that day: the Public Defender on the steps of the old courthouse in New Brunswick, who left his assemblage to join the march, and the photographers taking pictures of all of us for posterity.


Perhaps most important is the legacy of innovation Livingston left to the university. We created a different culture between the faculty and students. Faculty lived in the residence halls – a model being recreated now in many living/learning communities. They also made themselves available most of the time; walking down the halls of Lucy Stone, one saw faculty in their offices (with doors open) conferring with students. We were a focused group who were proud of what we were attempting and, in many cases, accomplishing. Not only were we the first co-educational, residential college in New Brunswick, we also welcomed a high percentage of non-white students and led the way for Rutgers to grow into the diverse community it is today. Livingston also opened up an entire new set of disciplines, several of which have themselves become well known as they went on to form the basis of new schools at Rutgers. Among them are the Journalism department (now part of the School of Communication, Information, and Library Studies), and the Urban Studies and Planning departments (now part of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy).

It is my fervent opinion that Livingston College has had a profound impact on Rutgers University in that it was largely responsible for turning it into an institution that addresses issues of contemporary society on a host of complex dimensions. In the positive effects we see mirrored in the Rutgers University of the 21st century, it is gratifying to know that we succeeded in achieving many of our goals.

[Jenkins died in 2015 at age 88. Read his obituary.]

Livingston College’s earlier deans were:

Emmanuel George Mesthene, Ph.D. – Dean, 1974-1977

 Emmanuel George Mesthene was affiliated with the philosophy department and the Graduate School of Management at Rutgers for 13 years, *The New York Times* reported upon his death in 1990 at age 69. From 1974 to 1977, he was dean of Livingston College.


Before joining Rutgers, he was director of the Program on Technology and Society at Harvard University and a member of the business school faculty there from 1964 to 1973.

From 1953-1964 Mesthene was a research staff member for the RAND Corporation, specializing in public policy problems in science and technology. He earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy at Columbia.

George Warren Carey – Acting Dean, 1973-1974

Carey served as Acting Dean for one year. He was a Professor and Chairman of the Division of Urban Studies at Livingston College, affiliated with Rutgers' Center for Urban Policy Research. He died in 2012 at age 85. Read his obituary.

Ernest A. Lynton – Dean, 1965-1973

Ernest A. Lynton was Livingston College's founding dean, appointed to the post upon Livingston College's conception in 1965 (four years before the college opened). Lynton, a Yale-educated physicist who had taught at Rutgers College since 1952, had high expectations. He wanted Livingston to become "the MIT of the social sciences," *Rutgers* magazine reported in a 2012 profile of the college. Lynton died March 18, 1998, at age 71. 

According to an obituary published by *The Star-Ledger*, Lynton led a number of curriculum innovations, including the establishment of majors in computer science, African-American studies, urban studies and comparative literature. He also started programs in city and regional planning and anthropology at the school, *The Star-Ledger* reported. A physicist by training, he joined the physics department at Rutgers University in New Brunswick in 1952.

He served as academic vice president at the University of Massachusetts in Boston from 1973-1980 and later was a professor there, according to a 1990 article from *The Daily Targum* about the future of Livingston College.

College History




Livingston College was founded in 1965, and opened in 1969, at Rutgers University's Kilmer Campus (renamed as Livingston Campus in 1991) in Piscataway, New Jersey. It had a mission to bring together a diverse group of students, faculty and staff in a shared-learning community committed to the pursuit of academic innovation and excellence.

- College/campus timeline.
- *Rutgers* magazine's history of Livingston College, *Great Expectations*, published in spring 2012.

Livingston College had the distinction of being Rutgers-New Brunswick's first coeducational undergraduate residential college for the liberal arts.

The college's mission eventually was embraced by the entire university, honoring the college's distinction of community building through leadership and understanding.

Dedicated to expanding opportunities for its students, the college fulfilled its mission through its core curriculum, its minor in organizational leadership, its internship programs, and its student life activities. Livingston offered students the personal attention of a small college community within a major research institution.

 Its original motto, "Strength through Diversity," came to life in the college's signature lecture series, the Global Futures Symposia. Livingston College offered an undergraduate education that prepared students to think critically and to act responsibly in the contemporary world. The college offered the broadest possible choice at the university of more than 60 majors, with an academic program designed to give students an excellent foundation in the liberal arts and an in-depth understanding of their chosen fields of interest. Courses in fulfillment of distribution requirements gave students experience in the humanities, natural and social sciences, and quantitative and analytical studies. Livingston College students were also introduced to the diversity of world cultures as they developed insight into the origins and character of contemporary national and global issues.


Livingston offered a unique minor in organizational leadership. Unifying the theoretical and practical elements of organizational dynamics, the minor ensured that the student's academic background included a component immediately recognizable as valuable by potential employers. The program complemented instruction offered in Rutgers' professional schools and offered important curricular options to students pursuing degrees in arts and sciences. The college was committed to providing an open forum where ideas and values were examined and restructured in the light of knowledge acquired within and beyond

the classroom.

Rutgers' new School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) enrolled its first students for the fall 2007 semester, replacing the New Brunswick-area liberal arts undergraduate colleges, including Livingston College. Livingston's final commencement as a separate college was held in 2010. SAS is now the largest school at Rutgers.

Read more about the vibrant current Livingston Campus.

Alumni-Student Career Speed Networking

As alumni, we feel a special connection with Livingston, Rutgers, and its students, which makes the *Alumni-Student Speed Networking Night* such a successful event. This event provides current students with support and networks to help them with their transition into becoming our future alumni. 

At Speed Networking, alumni will have the opportunity to mingle over a light dinner.

Students participating in the program meet with a series of alumni in three-minute intervals, stressing the importance of networking and that every alumnus or alumna is an important resource.

Students can network with alumni throughout the evening to get advice and networking tips toward their career and post-graduation paths. Alumni from all job fields, including business, finance, marketing, human resources, nonprofit, government, education, entertainment, and legal, join us each year.

The most recent Speed Networking event was held Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at the College Avenue Student Center.

Pictured: LAA board members who participated at the 2013 Speed Networking event, from left: Jason Goldstein, Jeffrey Armus, Eric Schwarz, and Debra O'Neal.

- View the January 3, 2010, article from *The New York Times*.
 - View photos from the 2009 event.
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Awards Celebrations

Livingston College Distinguished Alumni and Livingston Legacy Awards

The Livingston Alumni Association (LAA) of Rutgers University historically has presented the Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Awards and Livingston Legacy Award (for faculty and staff) approximately every two years.

See the information below on the awards celebrations from 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015. See the separate page for information from 2018.

See the award descriptions and biographies of all of the distinguished alumni and Livingston Legacy Award recipients.


 LAA's first Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented at a brunch on Saturday, September 9, **2000**, honoring: **Riki Jacobs**, LC'80; **Clifton R. Lacy**, LC'75; **John S. Lipori**, LC'77; and **Alfred E. Ramey, Jr.**, LC'73. Source: *Livingston College newsletter*, Winter 2002 (page 7).

Photo: From left, Distinguished Alumni John S. Lipori, Clifton R. Lacy, Riki Jacobs, and Alfred E. Ramey, Jr.



The **2002** awards were presented Saturday, October 12 at a luncheon in the Livingston Student Center. The four Distinguished Alumni were: **Thomas F. Daley**, LC'75; **Susan Kille**, LC'74; **David A. Laskow**, LC'77; and **Steven D. Plofker**, LC'78. Source: *Livingston College newsletter*, Winter 2003 (page 4). 

Photo: From left, Distinguished Alumni Steven D. Plofker, David A. Laskow, Susan Kille, and Thomas F. Daley.

 The **2004** awards were presented Saturday, November 6 at the Livingston Student Center. The honorees were **Frank T. Carvill**, LC'75, posthumous; **Gina Collins Cummings**, LC'84; **Edward E. Johnson, Jr.**, LC'79; **Michael C. Laracy**, LC'74; and **Harry V. Swayne III**, LC'90.

The Livingston Alumni Association also presented the first Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumni Award, named after **Lt. Seth Dvorin**, a 2002 graduate

of Livingston who was killed in February 2004 in the Iraq conflict while attempting to defuse a roadside bomb. **Karen Rogers Lee**, LC'92, an honors graduate of Livingston College and a news reporter with 6ABC Action News in Philadelphia, was the first recipient of this award. Source: *Livingston Alumni News*, Winter/Spring 2005 (page 1).

Photo: From left, Karen Rogers Lee, named as the Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumna; and Distinguished Alumni Gina Collins Cummings, Edward E. Johnson, Jr., Michael C. Laracy, and Harry V. Swayne III.


The **2006** awards were presented Saturday, October 14, at the Livingston Student Center. The Distinguished Alumni recipients were **Avery Brooks**, LC'73; **Colleen Fraser**, LC'74, posthumous; **Mark Helias**, LC'74; **Liza Kirschenbaum**, LC'87; and **Andrea D. Lyon**, LC'73. The Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumni Award was presented to **Gregg Spiridellis**, LC'93. 

Photo: Front, from left, Distinguished Alumnus Mark Helias; Gregg Spiridellis, Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumnus; and Christine Fraser, who accepted the Distinguished Alumna Award on behalf of her sister, the late Colleen Fraser. Rear, from left, Marty Siederer, LAA President; Distinguished Alumni Liza Kirschenbaum, Avery Brooks, and Andrea D. Lyon; and Livingston College Dean Arnold G. Hyndman.

See the photo album, courtesy of Steve Goodman.

 The **2009** awards were presented on Saturday, May 15, at the Douglass Campus Center. The Distinguished Alumni recipients were **Marla Diamond**, LC'92; **Francoise Jacobsohn**, LC'78; and **Martha Nell Smith**, LC'85. **Kevin Apuzzio** (LC'06) posthumously was honored with the Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumni Award. The recipients of the first Livingston Legacy Awards were Professors **Maria Canino**, **Edward Ortiz** and **Gordon Schochet**.

Photo: Front, from left, Livingston Legacy honorees Edward Ortiz, Maria Canino and Gordon Schochet. Rear, from left, Livingston College Dean Arnold G. Hyndman; Distinguished Alumnae Franciose Jacobsohn, Martha Nell Smith and Marla Diamond; Joseph Apuzzio, father of the late Kevin Apuzzio, who had been honored as a Seth Dvorin Distinguished Young Alumnus; Leila Apuzzio, sister of Kevin Apuzzio; and Marty Siederer, LAA President.


See the photo album, courtesy of Matt Kleinschmidt.

Watch the video tributes to the honorees.

The **2011** awards were presented on Saturday, May 14 at the Livingston Student Center. **Gregory Q. Brown**, LC '82; and **Eddie Jordan**, SMLR'15. one of the stars of the Rutgers basketball Cinderella 1976-77 basketball season, were honored as Distinguished Alumni. Livingston Legacy Awards were presented to **Jerome Aumente**, **Leroy Haines**, **Gerald Pomper** and **Larry Ridley**. The 2011 Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award was presented to **Matthew Cortland**, SAS '11. (Brown accepted the Distinguished Alumni Award in a presentation held on December 14, 2011, at Winants Hall on Rutgers' College Avenue campus.)

Photo: (Front) Livingston Legacy honorees Jerome Aumente, Gerald Pomper and Larry Ridley. (Rear) Livingston Legacy honoree Leroy Haines; Distinguished Alumnus Eddie Jordan; and Matthew Cortland, winner of the Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award.

See the photo album, courtesy of Rebecca Berkowitz.

 The **2013** awards were presented Wednesday, October 9, at the Rutgers Club. LAA honored three distinguished alumni: **Ndidi N. Amutah**, LC'03; **Nicholas Ferroni**, LC'03; and **Jessie J. Hanna**, LC'07. The Livingston Legacy Award went to **Roger Cohen**, a professor emeritus of Livingston's and Rutgers' journalism program.

Photo, from left: Distinguished Alumni Jessie Hanna, Ndidi Amutah, and Nicholas Ferroni.

See the photo album, courtesy of George Jones.

Watch the video tributes to the honorees.

The **2015** awards were presented Tuesday, November 10, at the Rutgers Club, to Distinguished Alumni **Robert P. Bertrand**, LC'01; **Kenneth B. Cop**, LC'95; and **Deborah L. Stokes**, LC'74.

LAA also posthumously honored **Wilson Carey McWilliams** with the Livingston Legacy Award. McWilliams was a distinguished political science professor at Livingston College and a prolific author who died in 2005.

Photo: Distinguished Alumni Robert Bertrand (left), Deborah Stokes (second left), and Kenneth Cop (right). Nancy Riley McWilliams (second right) accepted the Livingston Legacy Award on behalf of her spouse, the late political science professor Wilson Carey McWilliams.

See the photo album, courtesy of George Jones and Jeffrey Armus.

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[Reunion \(Alumni Weekend\)](#)

- In **2020**, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Homecoming and Alumni Weekend were combined in several online events held Oct. 16-17. Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway spoke with Rutgers alumni online on Oct. 14.

From 2015-2019 Alumni Weekend was held in conjunction with Rutgers Day:

- The **2019** Alumni Weekend was April 26-27.
- The **2018** Alumni Weekend was April 27-28.
- The **2017** Alumni Weekend was held April 28-29.
- The **2016** Alumni Weekend was held April 29-30.
- The **2015** Alumni Weekend was held April 24-25.



- The **2014** Alumni Weekend, held May 15-18, included the annual meeting of the Livingston Alumni Association (LAA) and a tour of the Livingston campus. *Pictured: LAA board members Joe Capo, Debra O'Neal and Jason Goldstein at the All-Alumni Parade, May 17, 2014. More photos.*
- Reunion **2013**, held May 16-19, featured the return of the Knights on Broadway cabaret act and LAA's annual meeting, as well as a campus tour and an interactive Jeopardy game.
- The **2012** Reunion, held May 11-13, included the Livingston Theater Company's Knights On Broadway cabaret and dessert program, a tour of the Livingston

campus and the LAA's annual meeting.

- The **2011** Reunion, held May 13-15, included the Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner.
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Reunion **2010**, held May 14-16, featured exciting events, including socials, family events and class dinners, and a special Livingston-only cocktail reception with a reunion performance by Larry Friends and Family, a light-rock band which consists of members of Livingston's graduating class of 1972.

According to Rosemary Eads, a band member who was a dorm advisor in House 19, "Some of the band members were also Livingston students, and we often played in the commuter lounge, not to mention many nights in the hallways of House 19. The band broke up after a few years, but recently reunited after a 30-year hiatus.

"We play light rock with great harmonies, and we're actually still pretty good! We recently performed at the Strand Theater in Lakewood, opening for the Strawbs, in addition to a variety of coffeehouses in New Jersey and Pennsylvania."

An archived version of the band's MySpace page lists 10 songs from the group's album *Cycles*.

Photo credit: Dave Hutchison. More photos.

- **Reunion 2009**, held May 15-17, featured the LAA's Livingston College Distinguished Alumni and Livingston Legacy awards celebration, a wine tasting and performance by the Livingston Theatre Company, as well as the LAA's annual meeting.
- **Reunion 2008**, held May 16-18, included Knights on Broadway, the Alumni Parade down College Avenue and the LAA annual meeting.