

Apply or Nominate for an LAA Award

The LAA welcomes applications/nominations for the Riki Jacobs Livingston Pride Award. This award is given annually to two undergraduate seniors (with a graduation date in the current calendar year, as defined in the application) on the New Brunswick/Piscataway campus. Two awards have been given each year since 2021. (Previously, one person received the award each year.) Applicants nominate themselves.

Applications for 2024 are due Monday, April 15, 2024. Download the application.

The following awards are given at occasional celebrations.

- Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Award
- Livingston Legacy Award (for faculty and staff members)

No date has been set for the next celebration. Nominations for those two awards are not open at this time.

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2023-2024 term (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024)

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2022-23 Executive Board and Council

 LAA board members at Theater Afternoon, April 23, 2023. Seated, from left, Lucille Lo Sapio and Debra O'Neal. Standing, from left: Joe Capo, Iris Martinez-Campbell, Eric Schwarz, Jeffrey Armus, and Rosemary Agrista.

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'Rutgers at the Races' at Monmouth Park (2022)



Rutgers at the Races was a fun day at Monmouth Park on June 26, 2022.

The event was sponsored by University College Rutgers New Brunswick Alumni Association (UCRNBAA) and Livingston Alumni Association (LAA).

It included a buffet lunch served on the clubhouse patio terrace. There was a private betting booth, and the location was perfect for trackside viewing.

UCRNBAA and LAA sponsored a race, and Monmouth Park provided the photo collage shown on this page, with representatives from the Rutgers Business School Alumni Association (RBSAA), Rutgers Alumni Association (RAA), UCRNBAA, and LAA.



(Center photo): Greeting the winner and presenting the trophy, from left: Peter Yuen (guest of an RBSAA member), Rosemary Agrista (LAA), Jeff Armus (LAA), Helen Pirello (UCRNBAA), Jacob Alonzo (UCRNBAA), James O'Neill (RAA), and Gloria Clark (guest of LAA).

[2021-22 Executive Board and Council](#)

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[Livingston College Time Capsule](#)

Livingston College created a time capsule on the occasion of its 30th anniversary in 1999-2000, and closed the capsule on April 18, 2000. The capsule is on a shelf in the double-height Great Hall of Tillett Hall on Livingston Campus.



The Livingston College time capsule, as seen in 2019.



Livingston College's Liberated Gospel Choir performs to celebrate the time capsule closing on April 18, 2000.



Students Michelle Massie, Melissa Carpini, and Marcella DiBenedetto, seen here, headed the Time Capsule Committee in 1999-2000.

The time capsule project and its contents were described in an article in the Livingston Alumni Association's newsletter of summer 2000 by Ruby Keise of the Rutgers News Service, as reprinted below. The time capsule is to be opened in 2029, the 60th anniversary of the opening of Livingston College.

Celebrating 30 Years

By Ruby Keise, Rutgers News Service

Faculty, staff and students at Livingston College wrapped up the celebration of the college's 30th anniversary on April 18, by filling and closing a time capsule during a ceremony in The Great Hall in Tillett.

Among the items in the capsule are photographs of students dating back to the

1970s; an old term bill from 1969 indicating a tuition of \$280 for the semester (Spring '00 tuition was \$2,381); old student ID cards; and a 1973 recording by the Liberated Gospel Choir, a Livingston student group. The choir, which has continued to grow throughout the years, sang two selections for the capsule-closing ceremony.

Several personal items left by students were added to the capsule during the ceremony. Students also left messages written on archival-quality, acid-free postcards that were made available by the Time Capsule Committee, headed by students Michelle Massie, Melissa Carpini and Marcella DiBenedetto [Editor's Note: pictured above].

"When Livingston opened its doors in 1969 with some 800 students, the university very much needed the social and intellectual jolt that Livingston was to supply," stated Martin Gliserman, an associate professor of English and an early faculty member at Livingston, who was among the speakers at the ceremony. There have been great changes at Livingston over the years, he reflected, both in the physical plant – in the beginning there was "one elevator on campus that my 90-year-old father could beat any day" – and in academics.

Programs such as urban studies, Africana studies, anthropology, Puerto Rican studies, computer science, marketing, and women's studies originated at Livingston and have all now been integrated into the general university curriculum.

The closed capsule will be housed on a specially built shelf on the wall of The Great Hall. It will be opened in 30 years when the college celebrates its 60th anniversary.

Resources

Update your information with Rutgers University Alumni Relations, so you continue to receive the LAA's newsletters and other communications from Alumni Relations. (Since it's your alumni record, LAA can't correct the information directly.)



Everything can be updated online. You may also send your details to RUALumni@ or call 1-848-932-7490.

Need to contact LAA? We've got several ways to do so.

Additional resources:

- Livingston Alumni Association Facebook Page
- Livingston Alumni Association LinkedIn Page
- Rutgers University
- Rutgers University Alumni Association
- Rutgers Career Exploration and Success
- Scarlet Knights
- The Core 90.3 FM
- The Livingston Theatre Company

Note: *Livingstone* College (note the “e” at the end of “Livingstone”) in Salisbury, North Carolina, is not, and never has been, affiliated with Rutgers University or Rutgers’ former *Livingston* College in New Jersey. For information on graduates of the college in North Carolina, contact the Livingstone College Alumni Affairs Office.

[Talks with Livingston College Alumni](#)

Programs Celebrating Livingston College’s 50th Anniversary and Beyond

The Livingston Alumni Association (LAA), in cooperation with the Rutgers University Alumni Association, is sponsoring a series of events featuring Livingston College alumni speaking about their lives and careers.

These have included:

Covering New York City

An online conversation (March 25, 2021) with WCBS Reporter Marla Diamond LC’92 and Rutgers professor Steven Miller.

Diamond, a reporter for WCBS Newsradio 880, joined Miller, Director of Undergraduate Studies at Rutgers’ School of Communication and Information, in a one-on-one conversation about covering New York City in good times and bad.” Watch a one-hour video of the event.

Diamond got her start in radio at WRSU and joined WCBS radio in 1997. Diamond has been recognized by the Associated Press and other news organizations for her on-location news reporting. She received the Livingston College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009 and has returned to “The Banks” to serve as the emcee for events like the Rutgers Loyal Sons & Daughters Awards and a panel organized by Rutgers Career Services and the School of Arts & Sciences.

This event was jointly sponsored by the Livingston Alumni Association and Rutgers School of Communication and Information Alumni

Association.

From Rutgers to the National Security Beat



An online conversation (June 8, 2021) with Vivian Salama, LC '00 SC&I '00, national security correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*, and Steven Miller RC '79, director of undergraduate studies, Journalism and Media Studies program, Rutgers School of Communication & Information. Watch the replay (59 minutes).

Salama has covered U.S. foreign policy and national security issues for nearly two decades, reporting from more than 80 countries. A native of New York, she earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Rutgers University, a master's degree in Middle East politics from Columbia University and a law degree from Georgetown University. Salama previously covered the Trump White House and national security for the Wall Street Journal, CNN and NBC. Before moving to Washington, she served as Baghdad bureau chief for the Associated Press, during which time she covered the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, as well as Iran's growing influence across the region. She also covered the refugee and IDP crisis spurred by the violence, visiting camps across the Middle East. The experience inspired Salama to write a children's book, *The Long Journey Home*, about an innocent Syrian boy who is forced to flee his home because of the war.

Over the course of her career, she has called Iraq, Egypt, Pakistan, Israel and the Palestinian territories, and the United Arab Emirates home. She has also reported more broadly from five continents, with extensive experience in several East Asian countries as well.

Pictured: Vivian Salama.

2020-21 Executive Board and Council

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[Previous Events](#)

This page lists all programs sponsored by LAA or of interest to the Livingston community held since Jan. 1, 2018.

- Current events
- LAA ongoing and signature events.