

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.

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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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