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Welcome Class of 2007

Welcome message from
**Robert Evans, Acting
Director, Honors College**

Welcome to the Honors College! I will be sitting in for Dr. Woll while he is on leave during the current academic year, but Dolores Pfeuffer-Scherer and I will keep up the Honors College tradition of helping you get to where you want to be. I already know many of you and hope to soon have the opportunity to meet everyone else, so feel free to drop by and say hello.

We have an exciting assortment of courses and activities planned for the year, and I hope you take advantage of as many of them as possible. Good luck, and best wishes for the year! ▲

NJ Nets Scholar Receives Top Honors

Traymanesha Moore, Class of 2003, was honored with the NJ Nets/Devils top award “The Future Achievers Award” at their annual dinner in June. Tray, a psychology major, childhood studies and African-American Studies minor is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Educational Policy at Michigan State University. This is the first year for the award; the selection process was extremely competitive. Tray was honored for her distinguished contributions to the Camden and Newark communities, particularly at local charter schools. Board members, Nets athletes, and actor Joe Piscopo congratulated Tray on her fine accomplishments. The Honors College joins with them in celebrating her fine work and congratulates her on this wonderful award.▲



**NJ Nets Scholar
Traymanesha Moore with
Actor and Philanthropist
Joe Piscopo.**

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Honors Students in the Spotlight



Joseph Suah and Allen Woll

Joseph Suah, Class of 2004, was the recipient of the Verizon Scholarship and the Florence and Harold Woll Scholarship. He has also been selected as a participant in the McNair Fellows Program, as well as the Minority Academic Careers Program. He plans to enter graduate school in 2004 and receive a Ph.D. in Economics.

Daisy Mangus-Aryitey, Class of 2004, Daisy has created an SAT Preparation Program for Camden City High School. The group is lead by Daisy and other students who go into the high school to tutor students to help raise their SAT scores. The initiative is a great success and has been supported by the Honors College and the Office of Admissions. ▲

CEO Lectures Continue with Success

The CEO Lecture series continued with lectures given by Clement Pappas of the Pappas Juice Company and Steve Hovnanian from J.S. Hovnanian & Sons. The presenters met with students to discuss leadership, how to succeed, and offered students inspirational insights on how they created their own companies. The annual CEO Lecture Series is a collaborative effort between the Honors College, the Office of Development, and local business leaders. ▲

Another Year of Change –

Dolores Pfeuffer-Scherer, Senior Program Coordinator

Another year gone by, another class has graduated. It sounds simple on the surface, but I find the departure of this class particularly bittersweet. Our wonderful, sprightly class of 2003 has gone forward, leaving a wonderful legacy of accomplishments in their wake. This was our largest class to date, over ninety students upon their entry in 1999, and they shaped our program more than any other based on their level of activity and enthusiasm. They revived old student organizations, and created new ones; they took the Honors Student Organization (HSO) and the Honors Advisory Board to new heights, and they added a shimmering vibrancy to our program that I hope will remain. Heading off to places as far as Harvard, and as close as Rutgers-Camden Graduate School and Rutgers Camden School of Law, they have left a lasting mark on our Honors College.

As I bid this group goodbye, I am eager to welcome our Class of 2007. They appear to be an extremely energetic, vibrant group, and I am sure they will bring a lot to our program as well as our campus community. ▲

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National Collegiate Honors Council Conference

This past November six students, Dr Allen Woll, and Dolores Pfeuffer-Scherer represented the Rutgers-Camden Honors College at the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference in Chicago, Illinois. The students met with honors students from across the country and attended seminars designed to explore honors education. Dolores presented a paper entitled “Building Bridges: Ensuring Minority Participation, Satisfaction, and Success” at the annual diversity workshop. Dr Woll notes, “She blew everyone else out of the water with her presentation.” ▲

Amy Sampson, Heather Hilt, Mae Joo, Christian Colalongo, Stephen England, Craig Shellenberger, and Dolores Pfeuffer-Scherer



Honors College Fall 2003 Faculty Updates

As always, the Honors College is pleased to welcome Rutgers-Camden's top faculty members for the fall 2003 honors seminars.

JULIANNE BAIRD – GENDER IN MUSIC – Dr Baird released two CDs this year: Soprano Arias with Trumpet, and Rossini in Venice. The highlights of her 2002-2003 concert-year include the Philadelphia and New York City premieres of Handel's newly discovered "Gloria," Baird's performance in Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall of Handel's Messiah and her Kimmel Center Debut with Orchestra 2001 in Benjamin Britten's Les Illuminations. Her artistic performances this past year have included: Cleveland Museum of Art: "Splendid Varietie: Three Centuries of Lute Music"; Storrs, Ct./ U. of Connecticut: Baroque Academy Italian Music; Soclair Summer Music Festival: "Crazy for Love": "Jane Austen Songbook"; Rutgers-Camden: Gordon Theater: "Crazy for Love and Music". Her seminar students will enjoy a trip to the Philadelphia Opera Company's performance of "Il Travatore" with dinner beforehand at the Victor Café.

JANET GOLDEN – HEALTH AND SOCIETY – Dr Golden is returning to campus from a sabbatical during which she co-edited and co-wrote a book entitled: Child Health in American History: Essays and Documents. She also authored a book on the history of fetal alcohol syndrome, forthcoming from Harvard University Press. Dr Golden plans to take the students to the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia as part of her course.

WILLIAM LUTZ – THE WORLD ACCORDING TO TELEVISION – Dr Lutz's most recent book is Firestorm at Peshtigo: A Town, It People, and the Deadliest Fire in American History (Holt, 2003). He is the author of the famous books Doublespeak Defined (1999), The New Doublespeak (HarperCollins, 1996), and Doublespeak (HarperCollins, 1989), as well as- the co-author of eleven other books.

GABOR TOTH – GEOMETRY AND NUMBERS – Dr Toth's book: Glimpses of Algebra and Geometry, Second Edition, was published by Springer, New York in 2002. His recent articles include: "Simplicial intersections of a convex set and moduli for spherical minimal immersions", Michigan Mathematics Journal, Vol.52 (2004) (to appear); "Moduli for spherical maps and minimal immersions of homogeneous spaces", Journal of Lie Theory, Vol. 12, No. 2 (2002) 551-570; and "Operators on moduli for spherical maps of homogeneous spaces", International Journal of Mathematics, Vol. 13, No. 8 (2002) 821-843. Dr Toth has taught several honors seminars, and is traveling with honors students to Egypt this spring.

CAROL SINGLEY – THE CHILD IN AMERICAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE – Dr Singley is the author of Edith Wharton: Matters of Mind and Spirit (Cambridge, 1995), and the editor/co-editor of five volumes: The American Child: A Cultural Studies Reader (Rutgers, 2003); Edith Wharton's The House of Mirth: A Casebook (Oxford, 2003).

WILLIAM TUCKER – WHO GETS IN? COLLEGE ADMISSIONS IN THE US – Dr Tucker authored a chapter on "Science and Racial Crosses" in an edited collection published by the American Psychological Association, titled: Defining Difference: Race and Racism in the History of Psychology. He also wrote a paper that will appear in the Albany Law Review on the Pioneer Fund, titled "A Closer Look at the Pioneer Fund." His topic is especially timely given the recent Supreme Court ruling on the University of Michigan Affirmative Action case. ▲

Dr. Robert Evans and Dr. Allen Woll with Honors Orientation 2003 Committee



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ALUMNI NEWS

CLASS OF 2001:

IAN BONILLA – Ian is employed as a graphic designer in the marketing department at National Paintball Supply. He plans on attending graduate school.

CYNTHIA EVERLY – Cynthia will finish law school at Weidner School of Law in May 2004.

LYNN FISCHER – Lynn finished her second year of law school, and is employed as a Summer Associate at Dann, Dorfman, Herrell and Skillman, an Intellectual Property Law Firm in Philadelphia. She intends to pursue a career in Patent Law.

ANTHONY FLAMINI – Anthony is working for the summer as a law clerk for the Law Offices of Richard E. Yaskin in Voorhees. During the 2002-03 school year he worked as a research assistant for Professor Allan R. Stein, and is currently an Associate Notes Editor for the Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion.

BETH LARATA – Beth completed a Master's of Science in Education in Psychological Services at the University of Pennsylvania in the spring of 2003. She and her husband Anthony joyfully welcomed their first child, son Louis Arigo, on January 18, 2004.

BRIAN THIEL – Brian is employed at the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia as a Research Assistant II. He is in charge of developing new experimental protocols for as yet undetermined projects. He is also attending University of the Sciences in the Master's Degree program in Cell Biology and Biotechnology.

ROBERT THOMPSON III – Bob is working as a History teacher in Maple Shade High School where he also coaches both Football and Wrestling

CLASS OF 2002:

LORETTA APPLEBAUM – Loretta and her husband Michael joyously welcomed their first child, daughter Veronica Michele, on the Fourth of July 2003. Their little firecracker weighed in at 6lbs. 12 oz, and was 20 inches long. Mother, father, and baby are all doing well.

CAROLINA CABRERA – Carolina completed her first year at Rutgers Law School – Camden. During the summer she was employed by Fleischer & Fleischer, a business/commercial firm in Voorhees, and she also interned with Judge Octavia Melendez at the State Superior Courthouse, family division.

TIFANI COTTINGHAM – Tifani finished her first year at Rutgers Law School – Camden, and spent the summer working for Johnson & Johnson in their legal Department. She intends to pursue a career in patent law.

BRIAN DERSHOWITZ – Brian currently attends Purdue University graduate program sports psychology. He is employed as a teaching assistant, and has been awarded a full fellowship.

ROBERT FARDELLA – Bob is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs in Philadelphia. He specializes in disabled veterans insurance and benefits. He finds it very rewarding, as he is able to assist a number of senior citizens by untangling the labyrinth of government jargon and paperwork for them. He resides in a "cute trinity in South Philadelphia" which he adores.

KYLE FLOOD – Kyle is attending the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School, specializing in physical planning and urban design. He is employed by Capital Access, a consulting firm in Philadelphia specializing in neighborhood revitalization. The company is also involved in project management, and he assists with a large housing development in South Philadelphia called Jefferson Square.

JOHN GIBSON – John serves as the Paul Robeson Library's Instructional Technology Specialist, where he creates the graphics and software designs for the library's web based educational modules. His digital initiatives were profiled in the book, *Creating Web Accessible Databases: Case Studies for Libraries Museums, and Other Non-Profits*, and cited as "best practice" examples in several professional journals and newsletters such as LIRT newsletter.

He is currently in the process of creating a suite of interactive programs for use in instruction with undergraduates at Rutgers. John will be presenting a paper at the Ethics of Electronic Information in the 21st Century: "Patriot, Act! Utilizing Technology in Defense of Intellectual Freedom".

GWEN HARRISON – Gwen is working as the Assistant Marketing Coordinator at H2L2 Architects/Planners in Philadelphia.

PETER HIGGINS – Pete completed the first year of the Masters Degree in Physician Assistant Studies at Arcadia University. He recently began clinical training at St Agnes Hospice Unit; his surgical rotation will begin shortly at Abington Hospital, where he will put in long hours, but will enjoy every moment of his time there.

MAUREEN JOHNSTON – Maureen will be heading to London to work in the field of art history.

MAREK MANDAU – Marek is in the Master's Degree program in biology at Rutgers-Camden.

CHRISTOPHER PINKERTON – After taking a year off to work as Physical Therapist Aide at Virtua in Voorhees, Chris is enrolled in the Master's in Physical Therapy program through Rutgers-Camden.

RACHEL PITTARD – Rachel completed the courses for her Master's in Public Administration degree, and recently returned from Mali in West Africa, where she was an HIV/AIDS extension worker. This assignment ranged from NGO assistance to the development of educational materials.

KEEMYA RICHARDS – Keemya is attending Thomas M. Cooley School of Law at Michigan State University.

CHERYL STARRETT – Cheryl will attend Thomas Jefferson University Medical School in Philadelphia in the fall of 2003.

JANINE STEVENS – Janine graduated with her Master's in Public Administration in May 2003. She is employed as a Human Resource Specialist for the US Office of Personnel Management. She is also employed by Rutgers as a Resident Director in the Residence Halls.

PATRICK WALLACE – Patrick is the Program Coordinator for the Student Activities Office on the Camden Campus.

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CLASS OF 2003:

SHAWN CARNEY – A Psychology major, Shawn attends Rowan University’s Master’s Degree in Counseling Psychology program.

TANISHA BEZUE – An English major with African-American Studies and American Literature minors, Tanisha is taking a year of rest before pursuing a PhD program in English.

COLETTE CAIRNS – A Biology major, Colette spent summer working for Rutgers in Alloway Creek. She is currently applying to graduate school in Ecology and Evolution at Rutgers New Brunswick.

BRANDON CHANDLER – a Biology major, Psychology minor, Brandon is pursuing a career in nursing. He is also employed by Rutgers a Resident Director in the Residence Halls.

JOHN CLANCY – A double major in Political Science and Philosophy, with a minor in Economics, John is attending Rutgers School of Law – Camden.

CHRISTINE EVANS – A double major in English and Religion, and an Irish Literature minor, Christine is attending Harvard Divinity School on a fellowship for a Master’s Degree in Religion, with a concentration on women and religion.

TALITHA FAIRCLOTH – Talitha, an Art major, General Management minor, is employed by Cross County Connection Transportation Management Association in Marlton as a Marketing Assistant.

ROBERT FREEMAN – A Mathematics major, Bob is pursuing a Master’s Degree in Mathematics at Rutgers-Camden.

JENNIFER LISS – An English major with minors in biology and history, she has been accepted to the Master’s in Library Science program at Indiana University in Bloomington for the fall, 2004 semester. Jennifer is also engaged to a fellow she met while on studying abroad in Ireland.

SHERIN KEYS – Sherin, a Spanish major, computer science minor, is attending Rutgers School of Law – Camden.

KRISTY KRASOWSKI – Kristy, a biology major/political science minor, attends graduate school in the Master’s in Public Administration Health Care Track at Rutgers-Camden.

DIANE LANZA – A mathematics major/psychology minor, Diane began law school at Rutgers-Camden School of Law this past summer.

ANNE LOYLE – A chemistry major/biology minor, Anne is a teaching assistant in the chemistry department as she pursues a graduate degree.

KHAYRIYYAH MACK – A general science major, theater arts minor, Khayriyyah attends medical school at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Osteopathic Medicine. She is pursuing a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree, with a specialization in pediatrics. She also would like to attend Rutgers University at Camden to receive a Master’s Public Administration with a concentration in health care management. She states: “Hopefully by our five year reunion, I will have graduated successfully, but do not laugh at my clothes because you know I will be in A LOT of debt!”

JESSICA MADDOX – A nursing major, psychology minor, Jessica nursing attends graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania with a focus in gerontology nursing. She is employed by Taylor Hospital in Ridley Park, PA on their Rehabilitation Floor. Jessica enjoyed her time in the Honors College, labeling it as “priceless”.

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Left to right: 2003 Graduates Sherin Keys, Diane Lanza, Robert Freeman

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SHANNON MCINTYRE – A nursing major and psychology minor, Shannon accepted employment with Cooper Hospital as a labor and delivery nurse. She was married on August 2, 2003.

JAMES MILANO – Jim, a graduate of the School of Business with an accounting major, attends Rutgers-Camden School of Law on a fellowship.

NICOLE MISKOFKY – Nicole, a nursing major, is employed by Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia. She works in the departments of oncology and hematology.

TRAYMANESHA MOORE – Tray, a psychology major with minors in Childhood Studies and African American Studies, attends Michigan State University’s Graduate school of Teacher Education in the fall. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in their Curriculum, Teaching, and Educational Policy division. Upon graduation, she plans on pursuing a career in teaching, research, or as a curriculum planner for year around academic enrichment programs.

JENNIE MURABITO – Jennie, a political science major and psychology minor, is attending law school at Rutgers-Camden School of Law.

CHRISTOPHER PALUSZEWSKI – Chris will graduate in 2004 with a double major in biology and sociology. He intends to pursue law school.

LINDSAY PAYNE – Lindsay will graduate in 2004 with a degree in biology. She intends to pursue graduate training as a Physician’s Assistant.

ALISON RIGBY – A biology major, Alison is enrolled in the dual degree program (BA/MA) in biology at Rutgers-Camden. She is currently applying to doctoral programs in biology.

LISA ROTAN – A biology major, Lisa is attending Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

PATRICIA SEIDMAN – Pat, a double major in urban studies and history, is employed by Moorestown Ecumenical Housing Development (MEND) as a Corporate Development Administrator. The organization is a nonprofit dedicated to creating and managing affordable housing in Burlington County, NJ. She intends test for her state certification as a New Jersey Project Planner, and plans on pursuing graduate school in the future. For now, she is enjoying “reading a few good books of her choosing!”

CRAIG SHELLENBERGER – A psychology major with minors in childhood studies, English, religion and theater arts, Craig will graduate in 2004. Upon graduation he intends to pursue doctoral studies in psychology. He hopes to donate enough money to the Honors College to rename the Honors Lounge in his honor.

CAMBRIA SMITH – A biology major, Cambria plans to attend medical school at SUNY’s Health Science Center in Brooklyn, NY.

AMY THOMPSON – Amy, an English major, with minors in Psychology and Childhood Studies, is interviewing for elementary teaching positions in the region. She is engaged to be married.

FRED TUMOLO – Fred, a criminal science major/sociology minor, is attending law school at Rutgers-Camden School of Law.

ALEXIS WALTER – Alexis, a graduate of the School of Business with a major in finance, and a minor in political Science, will attend Villanova University School of Law this fall.

ROBIN WATERHOUSE – Robin has accepted a teaching position with Washington Twp. High School, where she will teach grades 10th and 11th graders an English survey course, as well as a course in American literature. She is engaged to be married.

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**School of Business Graduate,
Kenneth Lawyer**

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