Faculty High Honors in Science and Law

By Irene O'Brien

Two Rutgers-Newark faculty members were recently honored for outstanding achievement in the areas of science and law. Paula Tallal, co-director of the Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience, received the prestigious 2000 Thomas Alva Edison Patent Award from the Research Development Council of New Jersey. Paul Tractenberg, professor of law and Alfred C. Clapp public service professor at the Rutgers School of Law-Newark, was named a Distinguished Service Professor by the Rutgers University Board of Governors.

The Thomas Alva Edison Patent Award is given annually to patented inventions from companies and individuals in New Jersey who create new advances in research and development. Tallal’s honor recognizes the patents that led to the development of Fast ForWord, a computerized program that has dramatically improved the language and reading abilities of children with learning disorders. Tallal created Fast ForWord with Michael Merzenich, professor of otolaryngology, University of California-San Francisco, and William Jenkins, Stephen Miller, and Christoph Schreiner. The award-winning patents are jointly held by Rutgers University and the University of California-San Francisco. Scientific Learning Corporation is the exclusive worldwide licensee of the patents; Merzenich, Tallal, Jenkins, and Miller are co-founders of Scientific Learning.

Tractenberg’s Distinguished Service Professorship is a new honor reserved for faculty members who have performed sustained and exceptional service contributions to the academic profession, university, state, nation, or world. The service must involve the application of the faculty member’s expertise to the solution of international, national, state, county, or local problems, and involvement with...
Campus Training Program is Launched

By Irene O’Brien

The Offices of Personnel and QCI launched an ongoing campus training program this fall for staff and administrators, with the goal of expanding opportunities for professional development.

A number of focus groups were created to obtain input on what training people wanted. “We found that technology training, supervisory training, the ability to learn new skills, and guidance with personal issues were high on people’s lists,” explained Bil Leipold, new coordinator of QCI activities on the Newark campus. The program will expand in the spring to include seminars, brown bag lunch meetings, and workshops on topics such as computer training, email etiquette, basic writing skills, understanding the purchasing system, and budgeting for non-accountants.

For additional information on the training program or a schedule for upcoming sessions, contact Bil Leipold at 973/353-1037 or bleipold@andromeda.rutgers.edu.

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government agencies or private organizations that serve the public good. Tractenberg was recognized for 30 years of working to promote equality of educational opportunity for New Jersey’s urban students, and for his work overall, improving the process of education in New Jersey and around the United States. Tractenberg founded and provides non-partisan leadership to the Education Law Center, which has served as the voice of New Jersey’s urban school children. Recently he launched the Institute on Education Law and Policy, an interdisciplinary research program based at the law school.

Emmys Awarded to Caucus: New Jersey

Caucus: New Jersey, the state’s longest running public affairs program which grew out of a partnership between Steve Adubato, Jr. and Rutgers-Newark nearly 14 years ago, recently won two Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The awards were given in the categories of “Outstanding On-Air Achievement” and “Outstanding Health and Science Programming,” for a program exploring the effects of Alzheimer’s disease.

“When Caucus started in 1986 on the Rutgers-Newark Campus, we wanted to introduce an exciting public affairs series that would encourage dialogue on critical issues and topics,” explained Adubato, host of the program. “Caucus grew naturally out of the Rutgers-Newark commitment to address the social, political, and personal issues confronting the people of New Jersey,” said Provost Norman Samuels. The program is now shown on New Jersey Network, WNET, and a host of cable stations.

Provost Norman Samuels and Caucus host Steve Adubato, Jr.
This fall, the Rutgers-Newark campus expanded its offerings with a new Bachelor of Fine Arts. Previously, this degree was available only at Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts in New Brunswick. The Newark BFA offers concentrations in graphic design, fine arts, and computer art.

"Employers in business, the arts, and academic sectors consider the BFA the degree of choice when hiring designers, computer artists, art directors, and other arts professionals," said Annette Juliano, chair, Department of Visual and Performing Arts. "We've received an excellent early response from highly qualified students, and we anticipate that interest in the program will only increase for the 2001 academic year."

The Rutgers-Newark BFA includes a strong liberal arts component. Graduates must complete 47 general education credits in subjects including math, social science, literature, history, and lab science, as well as 81 credits in their area of concentration. "This allows students to obtain a professional degree without sacrificing a solid liberal arts education," Juliano added.
Campus Hosts International Conference
By Carla Capizzi

Come March, 1,100 members of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) will convene on the Rutgers-Newark campus for its 62nd annual conference. The event is believed to be the largest professional conference held in Newark in recent years, according to Marc Holzer. Holzer, chair of Rutgers-Newark’s Graduate Department of Public Administration, is president of the ASPA national council.

“The choice of Newark as host city reflects the commitment of conference organizers and ASPA to urban revitalization,” says Holzer. “We are working to enhance national awareness of Newark’s renaissance, and the important roles played by the community, businesses, higher education, and state and local governments in that rebirth.”

Attendees from around the world and at all levels of government and academia are expected to participate. The conference will give practitioners and academics an opportunity to share their expertise with the goal of continuously improving government and the public sector, and of presenting cutting-edge research.

Rutgers Graduate School of Management is one of the top b-schools in the country according to Business Week’s 2000 MBA rankings. Fewer than 70 of the more than 1,200 business schools in the United States are ranked by the prestigious business publication, and Rutgers was one of only 31 public institutions to receive this distinction.

The magazine also reported that the full-time MBA class of 2000, which was surveyed as part of the ranking project, identified Professors Lei Lei and Farrokh Langdana as most popular professors. “Leadership and Teams” and “Options” were the two most popular electives. In compiling its 2000 list, the publication polled more than 10,000 graduates and 200 recruiters at many of the country's best companies. Schools are ranked alphabetically in tiers beyond the top 30.

Rutgers College of Nursing is getting high ranks for its graduate programs. U.S. News and World Report's “America’s Best Graduate Schools” ranked the College of Nursing’s Psychiatric/Mental Health specialty program No. 5 in the nation, and its Master's program as No. 59 out of 175 ranked schools.

The magazine also ranked Rutgers-Newark’s undergraduate business program No. 77 in the top 100 programs. The Master in Public Administration moved up to No. 52 out of 125.

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Dec. 14, 7-9 pm, Jazz Research Roundtable: "Between Jazz and Brazil: Common Lineage, Divergent Path." Speaker: Clifford Korman, Dana Room, Dana Library, 185 University Ave.
Dec. 21, 2 pm, CMBN Colloquium Series, speaker/topic to come. Seminar Room, Aidekman Research Center, 197 University Ave. 973/353-1080, ext. 3293.
Jan. 18, 7-9 pm, Jazz Research Roundtable: “Jazz Repertoire: Saving the Music.” Speaker: Jeff Sultanof, Dana Room, Dana Library, 185 University Ave.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Dec. 3, 3 pm, Belleville Reformed Church, 171 Main St., Belleville; and Dec. 10, 3 pm, St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, 528 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd., Newark, “Holiday Choral Sampler,” Rutgers University Chorus. Tickets $5–$25. Information: 973/353-5119, ext. 28.
Dec. 13, 2:45 pm, Campus Holiday Concert, Rutgers University Chorus, Bradley Hall Lobby, Warren St. and Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd.
Dec. 13, 4 pm, jazz performance by The Lewis Porter Quintet, Bradley Hall Theater, Warren St. and Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd.
Feb. 8, 4 pm, jazz performance by Greg Wall and the Rutgers-Newark Jazz continued on pg. 5
ATHLETICS

MEN’S BASKETBALL
Home games played at the Golden Dome Athletic Center, 42 Warren St.

Dec. 9, 3 pm  Rowan University
Jan. 13, 3 pm  William Paterson University
Jan. 20, 3 pm  New Jersey City University
Jan. 27, 3 pm  Rutgers-Camden
Jan. 29, 7 pm  Brooklyn College
Feb. 3, 1 pm  Polytechnic University
Feb. 7, 8 pm  Richard Stockton College
Feb. 10, 3 pm  College of New Jersey
Feb. 14, 7:30 pm  Ramapo College

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Home games played at the Golden Dome Athletic Center, 42 Warren St.

Dec. 9, 1 pm  Rowan University
Jan. 13, 1 pm  William Paterson University
Jan. 15, 7 pm  FDU-Madison
Jan. 20, 1 pm  New Jersey City University
Feb. 7, 6 pm  Richard Stockton College
Feb. 10, 1 pm  College of New Jersey
Feb. 14, 5:30 pm  Ramapo College

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL
Home games played at the Golden Dome Athletic Center, 42 Warren St.

Jan. 26, 7 pm  New Jersey Institute of Technology
Feb. 2  Loyola-Chicago
Feb. 3  Lewis University
Feb. 17, 4 pm  New York University

New Nursing Program in Adult Acute Care

An $821,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services was recently awarded to the College of Nursing to fund an Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program. In collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center, the program was designed by Dr. Gloria J. McNeal, assistant professor, College of Nursing.

“The program’s curriculum of study affords students the opportunity to gain expertise in bedside management, and to recognize the effect of disease and various treatment methods when caring for culturally diverse populations,” explained Dean Hurdis Griffith. A portion of the grant funding is being used to create a state-of-the-art simulated critical care unit, to prepare students to practice in a variety of critical care settings.

According to McNeal, one focus of the program will be on the use of telemedicine technologies. Hand-held computers and telemetric monitoring systems will be used to transmit clinical data from the bedside to a repository in the simulated lab. This will create a virtual critical care environment where data can be stored and retrieved for further analysis, in keeping with the trend to move the intensive care unit beyond its traditional walls.

What’s Happening AROUND TOWN
Check out these websites for a look at Newark’s vibrant arts and entertainment scene.

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THE NEWARK MUSEUM
973/596-6550  www.newarkmuseum.org

NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
888/GO-NJPAC  www.njpac.org

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
973/624-3713  www.njsymphony.org

What’s Happening ON AND AROUND CAMPUS


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Faculty Band. Bradley Hall Theater, Warren St. and Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd.

Feb. 24, Academic Challenge, Northern New Jersey Regional Tournament, Rutgers-Newark campus. To volunteer, call 973/353-5262.

March 1-3, 7 pm, and March 4, 2:30 pm, “High Tech Tunes and Trouble,” an original musical comedy, directed by Bill Gile. The Rutgers-Newark/ NJIT Theatre Arts Program, Kupfrian Hall Theatre, NJIT Campus. $7. Info: 973/ 353-5119, ext. 17.
A Mission of Saving Lives

By Lori Graham

Saving people's lives should be everyone's mission, according to Albert Rundio, clinical assistant professor, College of Nursing. A volunteer for the New Jersey affiliate of the American Heart Association for 18 years, Rundio has dedicated his own life to informing others on ways to prevent cardiac disasters by teaching courses on preparing for a cardiac emergency.

A certified Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) instructor, Rundio has taught a variety of groups throughout New Jersey. His courses stress procedures such as early defibrillation, used for victims of cardiac arrest.

Rundio has served as a supervisor of emergency services and as an emergency department nurse, and he has seen firsthand how proper training does save lives. His latest success story involves a group of nurses in New Brunswick who work in the same day surgery department of a local hospital. "I taught a course in advanced cardiac life support to this group of nurses," Rundio explained. "The following week, one of the nurses experienced a heart attack on the job, and she was saved by one of her co-workers who used the skills I'd taught. I felt elated and relieved when one of these nurses explained what had happened."

Rundio plans to continue teaching others how to save lives. "This story just reinforced to me the importance of being an ACLS instructor and spreading the news about early defibrillation," he said. "And it is a story that I will tell in future courses."

A Moving Image of Rutgers-Newark

The Rutgers-Newark campus is the star of a new video commissioned by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Created to help attract high-caliber undergraduates to Rutgers-Newark, the video also provides an excellent view of the city and all that it offers. "We wanted a visual tool that we could use to show people what Rutgers-Newark is all about," explained Rutgers-Newark Admissions Director Bruce Neimeyer. "We were also able to portray the city and all the advantages that an urban campus offers."

The video can be viewed in a streaming video format at www.searchbyvideo.com/stream/rutgers.html or by visiting the Rutgers-Newark website at www.rutgersnewark.rutgers.edu. Copies of the video can also be purchased. For more information, contact Daisy Gonzalez at dazg@andromeda.rutgers.edu.