Rutgers-Newark Provost Norman Samuels was one of three members of the Rutgers community to receive the Rutgers University Human Dignity Award. The annual award, which is part of the university’s World Week celebration, recognizes individuals who have an extraordinary commitment to promoting diversity.

Samuels is the highest ranking university official ever to receive the Human Dignity Award. During his more than 30-year career as a faculty member and administrator, he has been a driving force behind the Newark campus’ progress in intercultural relations and tolerance. Under his leadership, the campus has been ranked as the most diverse national university for four consecutive years, according to U.S. News and World Report.

The awards are sponsored by the Office of the President and the Committee to Advance Our Common Purpose, and include an honorarium and stipend for the school or unit that each individual represents.

The Changing Face of Rutgers-Newark

Back in the 1960s, when the bulk of Rutgers-Newark’s campus was constructed, its planners were content to feature concrete and asphalt in major starring roles. But cities have changed over the last 40 years. People have grown to appreciate open space in cities, with the accompaniments of grass, plantings, brick walkways, and benches. Rutgers-Newark has been part of this friendlier cities movement -- while steadily chipping away at the concrete and

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asphalt, R-N is moving towards a vision of a welcoming and open campus in the midst of a bustling city.

The latest addition towards this vision is the New Street Plaza, an inviting eastern entrance to campus. With spring in the air, this new plaza is quickly becoming a favorite gathering place. To welcome visitors to campus, a kiosk just off Washington Street is set up to provide directions and information.

The New Street plaza is only the most visible of many enhancements and improvements to R-N, made possible primarily by a $40 million grant to the campus as part of the New Jersey Higher Education Capital Improvement Program. Among the many projects underway, all slated for completion within 5 years, is a home for the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies at 47 Bleeker Street. The university has received approval from the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office to begin the renovation of this building.

The project will include the reconstruction of the existing building to return it to the style of the numerous historic brownstones in the nearby community. The cost of the project is expected to be $1 million. Work should begin this spring with an expected completion date of summer 2002.

Other planned projects include the “greening” of the entrance to the main campus on University Avenue. Cement will be replaced with plantings to match the entrance with the plaza area. Work will also begin on adding plantings to the remainder of the campus plaza, between Dana Library and Conklin Hall.

In addition, a major classroom improvement program is now underway which will introduce more smart classroom technology to other classrooms and lecture halls on campus. Students, faculty and staff are enjoying the newly renovated Ackerson Lecture Hall with wired tables. Work will soon begin on a Financial Analysis Resource Center in Ackerson Hall, which makes the latest trading floor technology available to students and faculty.

Other less visible, but critical improvements include new roofs for several buildings, updating or replacing various components of the campus’ main HVAC system, and updating building features such as floors, elevators, and restrooms, in various locations around campus.

For more information about improvements on campus, visit [http://rutgers-newark.rutgers.edu/ppnewark/CIF](http://rutgers-newark.rutgers.edu/ppnewark/CIF)

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What’s Happening ON AND AROUND CAMPUS

All events are open to the public, and free, unless otherwise noted. Dates, times and programs subject to change.

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Letter to the Editor

It is not often that Physical Plant is recognized for its efforts and for this reason, I want to thank you for your article in the last issue of Connections. It is also for this reason that I am writing this letter. In the article, you only mentioned “ten individuals” who make up the snow removal team and that is correct.

However, when circumstances arise of such magnitude as the storm we had during winter recess, it takes a crew of twenty or more to open a campus of this size. That crew is made up of individuals from not only the grounds crew but also from the maintenance, operations, and custodial departments. All deserve recognition for their role in keeping the campus safe for students, faculty, and staff.

Sal Palatucci, Supervisor of Grounds - Physical Plant.
Snapshots

Ellis Island offers a glimpse into the experience of millions of Americans who migrated to the United States; however, it only tells part of the story. The Save Ellis Island, Inc. group is working to develop a new center on Ellis Island that would acknowledge “forced immigration of Africans, as well as the immigrant experience, from the days of Ellis Island to current day. The organization includes Clement A. Price (center), Rutgers-Newark history professor and director of the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, and other distinguished scholars.

This year’s Northern Regional Tournament of Academic Challenge brought approximately 300 of Northern New Jersey’s brightest high schoolers to the Rutgers-Newark campus for a day of challenging competition and fun. Here, one of the students performs an interpretation of artwork on display at Dana Library. Of the nine winning teams in the tournament, Fair Lawn, Ramsey, and Livingston high schools emerged as winners of the Regional Semi-Finals. NJN will air the northern regional championship May 29 at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The statewide championship will air June 3 at 6:30 p.m. and will be rebroadcast June 4 at 1 p.m.

Newark and Rutgers-Newark recently played host to the 62nd annual conference of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). Marc Holzer, chair of the Graduate Department of Public Administration, and president of ASPA, worked for several years to promote Newark as an ideal place for this gathering. This year’s four-day conference was one of the most well-attended in the past decade, with 1,552 participants from around the world. The main activities took place at Robeson Campus Center.

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COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE
May 17, 2:30 pm, College of Nursing, Speaker: Dr. Ruth Watson Lubic, professor and project director, National Association of Childbearing Centers Foundation, Golden Dome Athletic Center.

May 17, 5:30 p., College of Arts and Sciences, University College, Graduate School-Newark, School of Criminal Justice, Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient: Ambassador Richard Butler, Campus Plaza.

May 18, 10 am, School of Management and Graduate School of Management, Speaker: James Courter, president and vice-chairman, IDT Corp., Campus Plaza.

May 25, 10 am, School of Law, Speaker: U.S. Senator Jon Corzine, NJPAC.

EXHIBITIONS
May 9-28, “Senior 2001,” works by students in Rutgers-Newark’s Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Opening reception: May 9, 5–8 pm, Robeson Center Art Gallery, 350 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd.


TALKS/LECTURES
May 3, 7 pm, Jazz Research Roundtable: “The Lost Generation: Jazz of the 1950s.” Speaker: Allen Lowe, Dana Room, 4th Floor, Dana Library, 185 University Ave.

June 14, 7 pm, Jazz Research Roundtable: “Just Scratchin’ the Surface: The Archival
Joint Theater Arts Program Brings Students Together

By Joy Dennis

Since 1996 the Rutgers-Newark Theater Arts Program has partnered with NJIT’s Drama Theater to make a wider variety of course options available to students while also producing four shows per year plus student-generated productions.

Such possibilities are exciting for students who are enthusiastic about the performing arts. The curriculum combines academics with a hands-on approach, allowing students to be actors, directors, stagehands, playwrights, or producers. And participating in productions fosters “valuable lessons in communication, responsibility, self confidence, and self esteem,” said Michèle Rittenhouse, managing director of the joint program. She also oversees the theater arts minor at NJIT and teaches playwriting, acting, and TV writing. Dan Drew of the Rutgers-Newark Visual and Performing Arts Department serves as technical director, and coordinates set and lighting design. He also teaches production, scene design, and acting.

“The program allows Rutgers-Newark and NJIT students to express their creativity and gain experience through auditions, playwriting, acting, and working one-on-one with each other and with faculty members,” Rittenhouse explained. “For me, the most rewarding part of the program is teaching students about teamwork, how to focus on their performance, and the importance of a good work ethic. And I enjoy watching them use what they’ve learned to express their creative ideas.”

The Theater Arts Program is supported by Rutgers, NJIT, gift funds, scholarships and donations. Students who are not majoring in visual and performing arts are welcome to participate in productions.

May 11, 9 am–4:30 pm, “Capital Structure,” a one-day conference. Sponsored by The New Jersey Center for Research in Financial Services. Management Education Center, 111 Washington St. Info: Mike Long, at Mikessam@aol.com or 941-514-0643.

May 15, 7:30 pm, spring concert by the Rutgers University Chorus, St. Rose of Lima Church, Short Hills Ave. at Millburn Ave., Short Hills. Tickets: $5–$25. Info: 973-353-5119, ext. 28.


Ellington.” Speaker: Annie Kuebler, Dana Room, 4th Floor, Dana Library, 185 University Ave.

July 19, 7 pm, Jazz Research Roundtable: “Jazz Repertoire: Saving the Music—Exploring Further.” Speaker: Jeff Sultanof, Dana Room, 4th Floor, Dana Library, 185 University Ave.

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 6, 3 pm, spring concert by the Rutgers University Chorus, St. Mary’s Church, 528 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd. Tickets: $5–$25. Info: 973-353-5119, ext. 28.
Alum Makes Million Dollar Gift. Robert Campbell (GSM ’62), vice chairman (retired), Johnson & Johnson, and a member of the school’s board of advisers, has made a $1 million gift to Rutgers business school this semester. The gift will be used for undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

The Rutgers College of Nursing has been awarded $2,019,657 from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation towards construction of a 13,000-square-foot building to serve approximately 200 undergraduate nursing students. The new building will be on Richardson Street, on the New Brunswick campus. The grant, believed to be the largest ever received by the College of Nursing, will be awarded in two phases.

Thanks to the diligent coordination of Daisy Gonzalez of the Office of Campus Communications, this year’s Employees Charitable Campaign resulted in the faculty and staff of Rutgers-Newark contributing nearly $28,000 to a host of worthy charities. Special thanks go to the unit coordinators, including Rita Galen of FOM; Rosie Correia, Law; James Doele, Dana Library; Georgette Reilly, FASN; Janice Friedland, Provost’s Office; and Stella Litonjua, Physical Plant.

In Print

Selected recent publications by Rutgers-Newark faculty.

Mark Castelino, Faculty of Management, has had “Hedge Effectiveness: Basic Risk and Minimum Variance Hedging” published in Journal of Futures Markets.

Sherry Colb, School of Law, authors a twice monthly column in the writ section of Findlaw.com.

Leonard Cole, political science, has had “The Plutonium Files: America’s Secret Medical Experiments in the Cold War” published in Reason Magazine.


Peter Golden, history, is the author/translator of The King’s Dictionary: The Rasulid Hexaglot (Brill, 2000).

Gary Roth, associate dean, Graduate School of Criminal Justice, has co-authored Gateway to Memory: An Introduction to Neural Network Modelling of the Hippocampus and Learning (MIT Press, 2000).

Hurdia Griffith, dean, College of Nursing, has had “Nursing Practice Reimbursement Issues in the 21st Century,” a chapter which she co-authored with K. Robinson and E. Sullivan-Marx, published in The Nursing Profession: Tomorrow and Beyond.

Janet Grossman, College of Nursing, has had “Innovative Approaches to Youth Suicide Prevention: An Update of Issues and Research Findings” published in Review of Suicidology.


Marc Holzer, public administration, is the editor of Public Service: Callings, Commitments, and Constraints (Westview, 2000).

Rey Koslowski, political science, is the author of Migrants and Citizens: Demographic Change in the European State System (Cornell University Press, 2000).

Asefa Laguna-Diaz, classical and modern languages and literature, is the editor of Global Impact of the Portuguese Language (Transaction Publishers, 2000).


John Leubsdorf, School of Law, has had “The Myth of Civil Procedure Reform” published in Civil.

Daniel Levin, Faculty of Management, has had “Organizational Learning and the Transfer of Knowledge: An Investigation of Quality Improvement” published in Organization Science.


Grace Marmor Spruch, physics, has had “Nobel Tics” published in The American Scholar.

Gloria McNeal, College of Nursing, had had an article on African American Nurse Faculty Productivity published in Reflections.

Gloria Merker, classical and modern languages and literature, is the author of The Sanctuary of Demeter and Kore: Terracotta Figurines in the Classical, Hellenistic and Roman Periods (American School of Classical Studies, 2000).

Gabriel Miller, professor and Chair of English, is the author of The Films of Martin Ritt: Panfare for the Common Man (University Press of Mississippi, 2000).

Dan Morgenstern, director of the Jazz Institute, contributed a chapter in Jazz: A History of America’s Music by Ken Burns and Geoffrey C. Ward, the companion book to Burns’ PBS series, Jazz. He also had an article about Charlie Parker published in Performing Arts.

Alex Motyl, political science, has authored Volume 1 of The Encyclopedia of Nationalism.

Sam Park, Faculty of Management, is the author of “Guazzoni and Organizational Dynamics: Organizational Networking in Chinese Firms,” published in Strategic Management Journal.

Lewis Porter, visual and performing arts, is the author of John Coltrane: His Life and Music (U of Michigan Press, 2000).


Gary Roth, associate dean, Graduate School, has co-authored with A. Lopes, Men’s Feminism: August Bebel and the German Socialist Movement (Humanity Books, 2000).


Roberta Stern, Faculty of Management, has had “The Use of Space-Travel and Rocket-Ship Imagery to Market Commercial Music,” co-authored with Morris B. Holbrook, published in Extrapolation. She also has had “Do Consumers’ Genes Influence Their Behavior,” co-authored with Elizabeth C. Hirschman, published in Advances in Consumer Research.


George Thomas, School of Law, has had “The End of the Road for Miranda v. Arizona?: On the History and Future of Rules for Police Interrogation” published in American Criminal Law Review.

Beverly Whipple, College of Nursing, has had “Reproductive Decision Making in Mothers with HIV-1,” which she co-authored, published in Health care for Women International.

W. Ray Williams, Faculty of Management, has had “The Role of Caesar in the Next Millennium: Taxation of Ecommerce” published in William Mitchell Law Review.

Hao Zhao, Faculty of Management, has had “Raising Awareness and Signaling Quality to Uninformed Consumers: A Price-Advertising Model” published in Marketing Science.
A crusader for arms control and world stability will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree on May 17 at the campus’s main commencement. Ambassador Richard Butler, former UN chief arms inspector in Iraq, will be the main speaker for the joint ceremony for the College of Arts and Sciences, University College, the Graduate School-Newark and the School of Criminal Justice. As executive chairman of the UN Special Commission charged with identifying and destroying Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction, Butler called world attention to the Iraqi government’s attempt to mislead the inspection teams and its refusal to cooperate.

The speaker at the College of Nursing’s May 17 ceremony is Ruth Watson Lubic, who has won significant recognition for mid-wifery education and maternity care. Lubic is project director at the National Association of Childbearing Centers Foundation in Washington, D.C., and teaches at NYU and Georgetown.

James Courter, who will address the business school commencement on May 18, is IDT’s president and vice chairman. Before joining the telecommunications firm in 1996, he had a distinguished career in public service, starting as a Peace Corps volunteer. He was a six-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and was a member of the Bush and Clinton cabinets.

On May 25, U.S. Senator Jon Corzine will address the 2001 graduating class of the Rutgers School of Law-Newark at NJPAC. The former co-chairman and co-chief executive officer of Goldman Sachs, Corzine ran for public office on a platform that advocated strong federal commitments to equal rights, equal opportunities, health care and education.

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Improving Community Health
By Irene O’Brien

For the second time this academic year, student volunteers from the College of Nursing provided free health screenings to more than 400 individuals at Newark’s Penn Station.

According to Mary Kamienski, a professor at the College of Nursing, the program benefits the community as well as the nursing students. “We want to make people aware of the fact that they need to be checked by a health care professional on a regular basis,” she said.

The health screenings this spring and last fall are part of the College of Nursing’s ambitious service mission. The college runs three nurse-managed community health care centers in Newark and Elizabeth, annually serving thousands of patients who have scarce access to quality health care.