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Dear Loyal Son or Daughter:

We are preparing for our annual Loyal Sons & Daughters Awards Dinner to be held on **Saturday, April 10, 2010**. This will mark the 52nd year that this award will be presented by the Rutgers Alumni Association (RAA). At this time we are accepting nominations for this unique and prestigious award.

This award stands as the highest honor for volunteers, because recipients can only be nominated by (and are chosen by) other Loyal Sons & Daughters. The Loyal Son & Daughter Award recognizes outstanding volunteers who are graduates of RAA constituent schools and groups, which include: Rutgers College, the School of Engineering, Mason Gross School of the Arts, Graduate School-New Brunswick, School of Management and Labor Relations, the School of Arts & Sciences, the former College of Agriculture, undergraduate School of Education, Cap and Skull, Caribbean Alumni Association, Alumni Band, Alumni Glee Club, Alumni Inter-fraternity Council, and the Queens Guard. However, others who are not members of these constituent schools or groups, but have a record of outstanding service to the RAA or Rutgers University, may still be nominated for this award using the alternate nomination form.

Enclosed are the nomination materials:

- Loyal Sons & Daughters Nomination Form
- Loyal Sons & Daughters "Alternate" Nomination Form (for non-RAA constituents)
- List of prior recipients of the award
- Clarifying information (on reverse side of this letter)

Both nomination forms are also available online and can be downloaded at www.rutgersalumni.org.

Please be sure to complete each section of the form in as much detail as possible, and **return with supporting materials to the RAA office before December 7, 2009**. The Committee will convene thereafter to consider all nominations and select the 2010 Class of Loyal Sons & Daughters.

You are permitted to nominate more than one individual. However, we honor only a small, very select group each year. Nominees from prior years are not automatically carried forward and must be resubmitted for consideration this year.

We hope that you will be a part of this year's celebration— by nominating worthy volunteers and attending our traditional "scarlet-tie" event on Saturday, April 10, 2010. Look for your personal invitation to arrive in the mail in February 2010.

In Rutgers Spirit,

Robert Eichert RC '78
Committee Co-Chair

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Committee Co-Chair

Encl.: Nomination Form, Alternate Nomination Form, List of Prior Recipients

Loyal Sons & Daughters of Rutgers Award Nominations

Clarifying Information

In June 1993, the Loyal Son & Daughter Awards Committee, chaired by Barnett Hoffman RC '62 and John Hendricks '62, met to consider the success of the 1993 Awards Dinner, the nature of the award itself, and how the RAA's intended purpose in establishing the award in 1958 had been sustained for 35 years. It was concluded that the Association needed to reiterate the philosophical basis for the awards, as well as the criteria for eligibility.

Subsequent committees have continued the practice of presenting the following information. The Loyal Son & Daughter Award intended as a recognition for the graduates of RAA constituent colleges. These are: Rutgers College, the School of Engineering, Mason Gross School of the Arts, the Graduate School-New Brunswick, School of Management and Labor Relations, the School of Arts and Sciences, the former College of Agriculture and undergraduate School of Education.

The Award is given for exemplary service, essentially volunteer time, of behalf of the RAA, one's reunion class, or other alumni component affiliated with the Rutgers Alumni Association (e.g. the Alumni Band) or with the University. Most alumni associations at Rutgers have similar recognition programs, albeit with different names.

- Graduates of other colleges of Rutgers, especially those served by another association, should be nominated for the LS/LD Award only in the case of exemplary service which might transcend their association work, but which affects the RAA in some positive way.
- Non-graduates of Rutgers have received the Award, but the nomination process included a broader scrutiny of even more objective and subjective information about the candidacy. In Barnett Hoffman's terms, does the candidate have a Rutgers "soul"?
- Individuals employed by Rutgers have rarely been given the recognition (status as RAA constituents notwithstanding) because past committees believed it necessary to maintain a broad distinction between voluntary service and work which might be considered adjunctive to professional responsibility. The Committee continues to believe that this distinction is valid and fundamental.
- Selection committees in the past have downplayed celebrity status, including alumni who have been generous donors to the University. Committees have since reaffirmed that volunteer service, as defined here, is and must be the essential focus of the Award process.

RAA constituents are eligible for, and receive, certain University awards or recognition. These may, in the judgement of the committee, form the basis for consideration for the Loyal Son/Daughter Award as well. However, nominations of the individuals must be made and approved in the usual way.