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## President's Message

As Spring arrives and flourishes, so do the signature events of the Rutgers Alumni Association! Please consider attending our annual Loyal Sons and Daughters Dinner on April 22, 2023 with a magnificent return to campus. Our annual meeting is a bit further away, but May 18, 2023 will be here sooner than you expect. I hope to see you at both events or at everything else that we have planned. It's an amazing time to be an alumni. Take advantage of that!

Sincerely,

Brian Tobin, RC'96, GSN'17  
President



## Purchase Your Tickets By April 12 for the 2023 Loyal Sons & Daughters Dinner

[Purchase tickets/tables](#) for our Saturday, April 22, 2023 Loyal Sons & Daughters dinner at Nielson Dining Hall. **The deadline to register has been extended to April 12.** We will be honoring the following Loyal Sons & Daughters of Rutgers:

- Greg Bedard RC'97, RBSG'03
- Patrick Gardner
- Tina Gordon DC'72

- Anu Khare DC'00
- Mary Papamarkou DC'90
- Nicole Setzer ENG'08

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## Celebrate Paul Robeson's 125th Birthday

Paul Robeson, an athlete, actor, singer and civil rights activist who is one of Rutgers' most notable alumni, would have celebrated his 125th birthday on April 9.

To mark the occasion, various university organizations and alumni groups are holding several events in or around Rutgers University–New Brunswick throughout April to honor the 20th century Renaissance man's legacy.

[More information.](#)

[View a flyer with more details.](#)

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### Rutgers All Alumni Theater Afternoon

Come join us for an exciting afternoon of great musical theater and alumni fun at Livingston Theatre Company's production of *Pippin*, Sunday April 23.

Beginning at 12 noon enjoy a VIP reception in The Gathering Lounge at The Livingston Student Center with fellow alumni and your guests.

This event includes a before show reception with refreshments, exclusive live student performances from favorite musicals, and interviews with members of the production team about their process

producing this exciting musical. There will be a raffle and the grand prize is a pair of season tickets for next year's Livingston Theatre Company's season. Then right before the curtain goes up we'll be escorted to the reserved VIP seating in the best section of the theater. The show starts at 1:30 p.m., we look forward to seeing you there.

[Get more information.](#)

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### **Visit to W. M. Keck Center for Collaborative Neuroscience**

[Register now](#) and join us for a program on May 4 at the W. M. Keck Center for Collaborative Neuroscience on the Rutgers campus. The program includes a presentation of the Center's work followed by a tour of the Center and lab area. Note: The Center is completely handicapped accessible. The Center was established to develop effective treatments for spinal cord injury and is in the process of organizing clinical trials. Research in this field is applicable to brain injuries, stroke, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's, ALS, and other problems of the central nervous system. Since its beginnings the Center's research has expanded to include Down Syndrome, HIE, hearing loss, recovery of sensation, mesenchymal stem cell therapy, stem cells to study neurogenesis and neural diseases, human umbilical cord blood, neuropsychiatric conditions and health, and community engagement.

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### **RAA Annual Meeting and Punch Bowl Reception May 18**

[Register now](#) for our Annual Meeting and Punch Bowl Reception, to take place on May 18 at 6 pm at the Rutgers Club.

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### **Glee Club Celebrates Dr. Patrick Gardner**

Join the Rutgers University Glee Club in a celebration of Dr. Patrick Gardner on his retirement. Dr. Gardner arrived "On the Banks" 30 years ago to not only lead the Glee Club and Kirkpatrick Choir, he was also Director of Choral Activities and a Distinguished Professor at MGSA. Celebrate the Glee Club's 151st anniversary at its Annual Spring Concert at Nicholas Music Center on Saturday April 29 at 7:30 p.m.

[More information and tickets.](#)

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## By popular demand, the River Lady Historical Sightseeing Cruise is back!

Come join fellow Rutgers Alumni Association constituents, family and friends on September 8 for a 2½-hour historical sightseeing cruise along Toms River and Barnegat Bay. The River Lady is a 150 passenger, 85' authentic reproduction of a paddle wheel riverboat. The River Lady splendidly captures the ambiance of a 19th century Mississippi Paddleboat. We are sure to have a wonderful time!

[More information.](#)

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## (Corrected) A Look Back: Rutgers in the College World Series

In June 1950 the Rutgers University baseball team made their first visit to the College World Series a memorable one. A look back from Steven Weiner RC '66, who worked part-time in Rutgers' sports information department, and was a broadcaster for WRSU's coverage of baseball and basketball.

[Get more information.](#)

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## Wear It Forward

The Rutgers Alumni Association and the School of Arts & Sciences Educational Opportunity Fund (SAS EOF) are partnering to help students who may not have the available funds for graduation robes to be able to walk proudly with their class. Robes are being collected from alumni donations, cleaned and loaned to students for their graduation ceremony and other related experiences.

If alumni no longer have their robe and would like to help, the SAS EOF program is accepting donations to purchase regalia for SAS EOF scholars.

[Get more information.](#)

Read about the *Wear It Forward* program in [TAPintoBordentown.](#)

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## More Events

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

7:30 p.m. at Nicholas Music Center for the Rutgers Symphony Band with the Rutgers University Alumni Wind Symphony Concert. For more information about the show, it is available on the [Alumni Wind Symphony website](#). The concert will be live streamed.

**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

7:30 p.m. at Nicholas Music Center for the Rutgers University Alumni Wind Symphony Spring Concert. For more information about the show, it is available on the [Alumni Wind Symphony website](#). The concert will be live streamed.

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