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Governor Phil Murphy answers community questions

By Lauren Minore and Stephen Neukam

NEW Jersey Governor Phil Murphy expressed his support of the cancellation of the sale of Westminster Choir College (WCC) to Chinese company, Kaiwen Education, following an event hosted by the Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics on Sept. 24.

In light of the announcement of Rider's consolidation plan to incorporate the students, faculty and staff of WCC onto the Lawrenceville campus next fall, the governor touched on preserving the history and integrity of the choir college during a phone interview with The Rider News.

"I do value the choir college and I was bemoaning the fact that it was going to be sold to the Chinese entity, so I'm happy that didn't happen," he said.

On the question of consolidating the two campuses, Murphy expressed that he was not well-versed on the plan, but hoped to see the legacy of WCC live on.

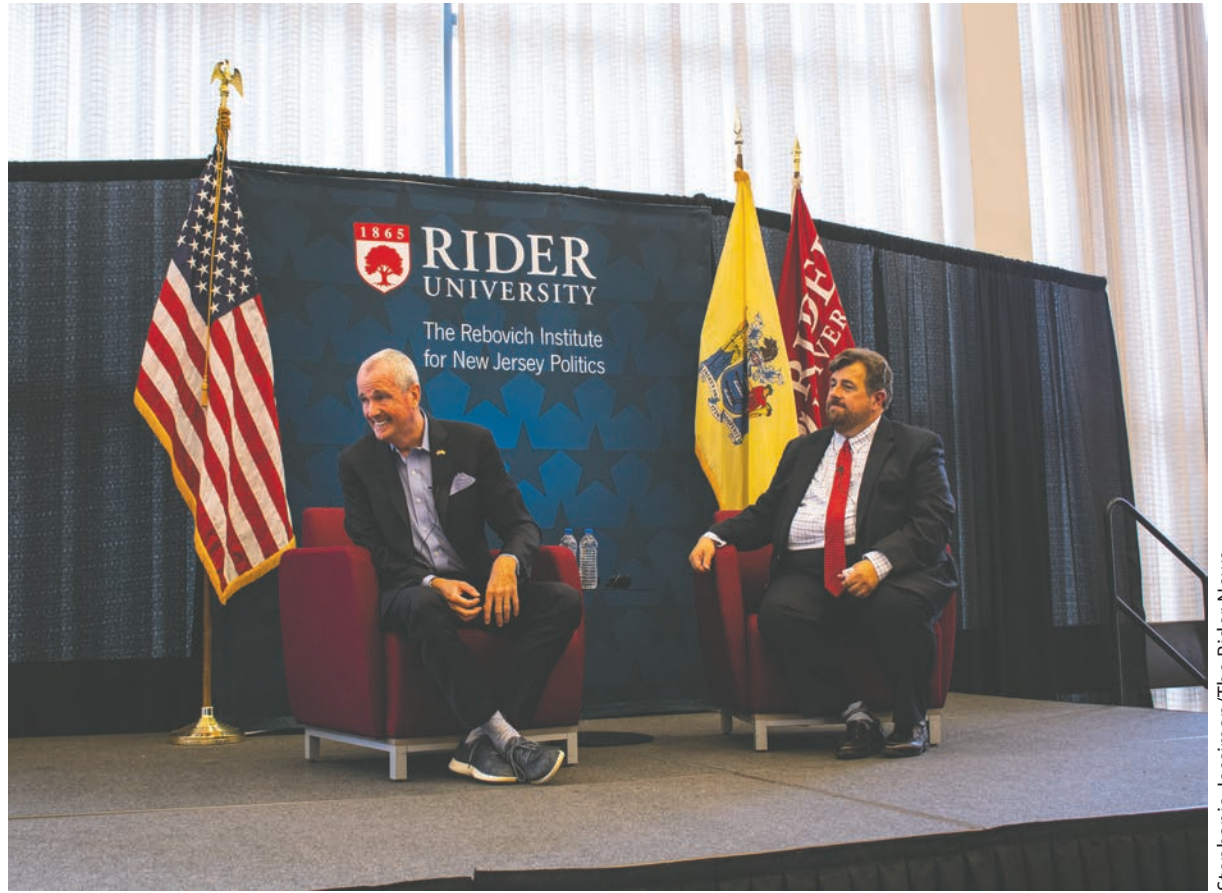
"Beyond that, I'm not smart enough to know the inside sense of the consolidation question, I've read about it but I don't have any sense of it," he said. "But I do think the choir college is a cherished New Jersey asset and the extent to which its legacy can live onward in a fiscally and, otherwise, acceptable way, I think that's great for the legacy, heritage and future of the choir college."

Questions related to WCC or the consolidation plan were not asked during the Rebovich event.

On student loan debt, the governor pointed fingers at the Department of Education and public officials at the federal level. New Jersey ranked as



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Governor Phil Murphy (left) sat on stage in the Cavalla room of the Bart Luedeke Center to address questions from the Rider community with Director of the Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics Micah Rasmussen (right).

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Westminster protestors plead their case to New Jersey governor

By Stephen Neukam and Lauren Minore

STUDENTS and organizers demonstrated before and after New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's appearance at Rider University on Sept. 24 to challenge his environmental policies and object to the school's decision to consolidate Westminster Choir College (WCC) to the Lawrenceville campus.

WCC students attended the event featuring Murphy, hosted by the Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics, in hopes of giving hand-written letters to the governor to raise concerns over the choir college's future.

However, Murphy left the event before the students were able to give him the letters. After a brief protest in the second-floor lobby of the Bart Luedeke Center (BLC), students and organizers marched across campus to the Fine Arts Center (FAC.) Many students, wearing WCC apparel and holding signs that read "Keep WCC In Princeton" and "The Lord Bless Us and Keep Us in Princeton," requested tours of the FAC to see where "this potential new place for our [students] is going to be," according to sophomore voice performance major Alicia Barry.

"I am not sure [what to expect,]" said Barry, who had never been in the FAC before. "But, as far as I can see, it is not the most organized welcome."

The group of students, totaling about 75 people, crowded the patio outside of the building around 1 p.m. and was granted tours in groups of about 20 to 25 to explore the building, according to Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Planning and Secretary to the Board Debbie Stasolla.

"[The students] were very respectful," said Stasolla. "We were able to accommodate [the tours,] which was unexpected... I wound up spending a bunch of time with the students who stayed to listen to answers about their concerns."

Senior acting major and tour guide Anna Meyer



Protestors advocate for WCC remaining in Princeton.

said she went to the FAC to give tours when she heard the WCC students wanted to go into the building.

Sophomore music education major Mary Fetterman felt that the voices of WCC students had not been heard in the decisions about the school's future.

"A lot of us skipped classes to come [to Lawrenceville] to reach the governor who came to campus today and we were totally avoided," said Fetterman. "I feel like [demonstrating] is what we have to do to get our voices heard."

Fetterman said that the FAC was "not by any means capable of handling our choirs that we have."

Scott Thompson, who said he was the grandson of John Finley Williamson, the founder of WCC in 1926, said he came from Tennessee to support the students and organizers.

"[We are] trying to get WCC to stay where it's at," said Thompson. "[Rider] does not have the facilities to take care of the quality of music that they teach at WCC. Personally, I am here to try to get the administration to work with the [Westminster Foundation] because they have good intent."

While the university has shared commitments to "extensive renovations and additions to our existing

facilities," in an email from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Donnajean Fredeen on Sept. 16, little specifics have been offered.

In a statement released to The Rider News, Associate Vice President for University Marketing & Communications Kristine Brown revealed plans for renovations to Omega House, Gill Chapel, Moore Library and the FAC. The planned changes to the FAC include a three-story addition.

"The plans for the Fine Arts project are being developed with input from 36 members of the Fine Arts Facility Working Group, which include faculty and staff from both campuses and professional architects, engineers, sound consultants and theater consultants," said Brown.

Before Murphy attended the event, environmental activists congregated in front of the BLC to protest the governor's environmental policies. Murphy's proposed energy master plan, which outlines clean energy goals for the state by 2050, has received criticism from some who say it is too reliant on fossil fuels.

"We are calling on the governor to implement a moratorium on all fossil fuel infrastructure projects," said Junior Romero, an organizer with Food and Water Watch, a non-governmental organization group which focuses on corporate and government accountability relating to food, water and corporate overreach. "If the governor wants to follow his climate rhetoric on the campaign trail... then he needs to follow through and stop climate polluters like these gas projects."

In the 1970s and 1990s, former New Jersey Governors Brendan Byrne and Jim Florio issued similar orders to stop the development of projects in environmentally sensitive areas of the state.

"Governor Murphy can take action," said Romero. "His generation did get us into this mess and he can reverse that."

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SECURITY BRIEFS

BY STEPHEN NEUKAM

Frat Wars

Close quarters. On Sept. 20 at 9:40 a.m., Public Safety responded to a report of criminal mischief in a first-floor bathroom in University House. When officers arrived, it was discovered that expletive comments toward a fraternity were written on a wall in pen. University House contains at least five different fraternities. On Sept. 21 and 22, officers responded to two more calls about vandalism and found the same remarks written in the men's bathroom and gender-inclusive bathroom on the first floor. There are no known suspects.

Fake Identity

That is not you. On Sept. 20 at 9:20 p.m., officers responded to a call about a guest in possession of a Rider student identification card that did not belong to them. The female, who is not a student at the university, was attempting to enter the fall concert with someone else's ID. It was determined that she had consumed alcohol before the event and was not of age to drink. The on-site EMT got involved and she was transported to Capital Health Medical Center for further evaluation. One Rider student was referred for providing the guest with alcohol and another was referred for giving her an ID card.

That's My Dummy

Stolen equipment. On Sept. 19 at 6:12 p.m., Public Safety received a report that soccer equipment was stolen from Ben Cohen Field. The stolen item was a practice dummy that was valued at \$50. There are no known suspects.

— Information provided by Public Safety Capt. Jim Flatley

Murphy explains education and environmental goals

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the fifth-worst state for average student loan debt in 2019, with an average debt of \$33,593, according to LendEDU.

"This is a big challenge we inherited and care deeply about getting it right," he said.

The governor detailed a number of ways the state is attempting to combat rising student debt, including the community college opportunity grant program, which is in its second year and, according to Murphy, is a "huge game-changer, particularly for those most in need."

He also said that for the past two years, increased funding has been given toward the educational opportunity fund and the tuition assistance grant. The state has also launched a pilot loan-forgiveness program for STEM majors, according to the governor.

Murphy also highlighted the need to make New Jersey more attractive to young people, which includes, he said, lowering the cost of housing, education and health care in the state.

Murphy did not take a clear position in the debate surrounding health care policy, which has dominated conversation in the Democratic Party ahead of the upcoming 2020 presidential election.

"We get too tied up in the labels of what's the principle as opposed to something that's a tactic," said Murphy. "The principle has to be healthcare is a right, not a privilege — that's the core principle."

Murphy expressed concern about the cost of a

proposed Medicare for All plan and said "the easiest place to start from" is with the Affordable Care Act and to "continually improve that and make it better."

"That, to me, is the most cost-effective way to get where we want to get to," he said.

Prior to his appearance at Rider, climate protestors demonstrated in front of the Bart Luedeke Center to object to Murphy's proposed master energy plan, because of its perceived reliance on fossil fuels. Particularly, the governor's decision to not implement a moratorium on fossil fuel projects in the state has garnered criticism.

"I would ask the folks who are out front [protesting], who I have great respect for, to find another governor in the United States of America with a stronger environmental and clean energy agency than we have, and good luck, because there isn't one," he said.

Murphy anticipated an energy plan that will be "the roadmap to 100% clean energy in New Jersey by mid-century."

"That master plan is in draft form, a work in progress, taking in commentary from all sides," he said.

The governor also discussed key issues the state is currently facing during the Rebovich event, which had an attendance of 280 people.

Prompted by political science adjunct professor and Director of Rebovich Micah Rasmussen, the governor answered a series of questions from members of the audience, which included Rider students, faculty and

other guests.

Murphy reflected on a recent trip to India which, he said, made him think about the legacies of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr.

"We are stronger as a society if we celebrate diversity, if we celebrate inclusiveness, if we celebrate pluralism and we are weaker if we do not," he said. "If we want to punch at our highest weight, we need to have more women in the room, more people of color, we need to embrace immigrants [and] the LGBTQ community."

After his opening remarks, junior journalism major Qur'an Hansford questioned Murphy about the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, and compared it to similar issues in Newark, New Jersey.

"Lead is a challenge in Newark, it's a challenge in other communities, strikingly, both urban, rural and suburban," he said. "It's a national problem, it's not just a Newark or New Jersey problem. There's over 100-year lead infrastructure all over the United States."

Replacing Newark's lead piping is the "best way" and is the "long-term solution," which is currently underway, according to the governor.

Murphy also answered questions relating to gun control, education and climate change, among other topics at the event.

Editor's Note: Qur'an Hansford is an opinion editor at The Rider News. She was not involved in the editing of this article.

AAUP's 990 reveals faculty compensation for leadership

By Lauren Minore

THE Rider News acquired a copy of Rider's chapter of the American Association of University Professor's (AAUP) 2017 IRS 990, which revealed that only three of its officers receive financial compensation.

Jeff Halpern, chief contract administrator and grievance officer, received a reportable compensation of \$22,696 in 2017, making him the highest-paid officer of Rider's AAUP.

The second highest-paid officer was President Elizabeth Scheiber, who received a reportable compensation of \$8,988 in 2017.

Michael Brogan, vice president, came in third with a reportable compensation of \$5,510 in 2017.

"These three positions require a very major commitment of time justifying compensation over the full year, including the summer. This compensation has been in place for many years and is linked to overload pay," Brogan said.

According to Brogan, there has been no discussion of increasing the compensation.

Rider's chapter of the AAUP took a firm stance against the sale of Westminster Choir College to former Chinese steel-making company Kaiwen Education. The AAUP has also voiced concerns about the plan to consolidate its two campuses and incorporate Westminster students into the Lawrenceville campus in September 2020.

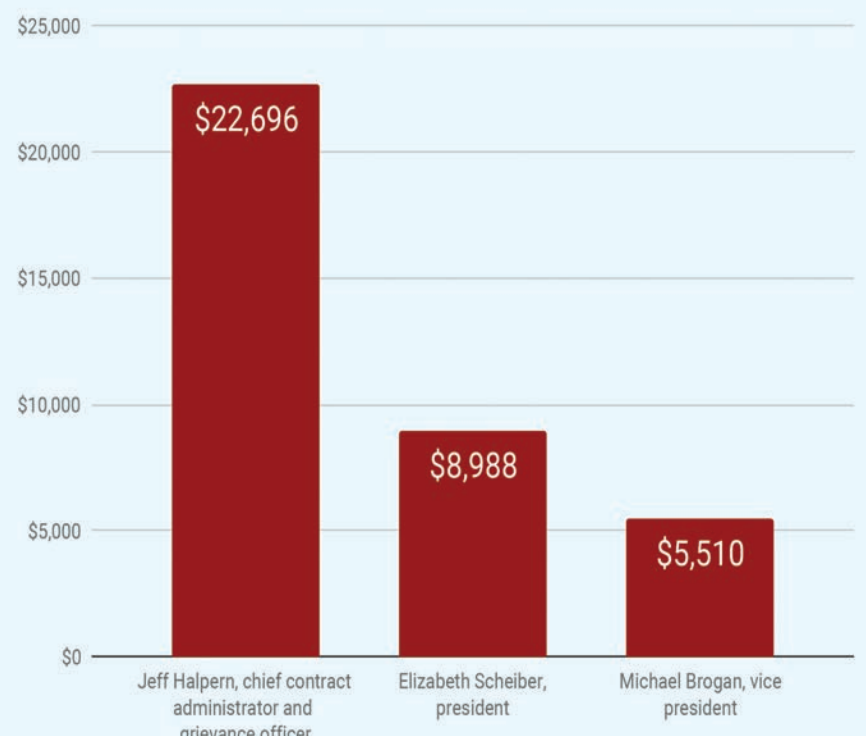
"The work connected with Westminster is just one part of the work of the three officers," Brogan said.

Associate Vice President for University Marketing and Communications Kristine Brown declined to comment.

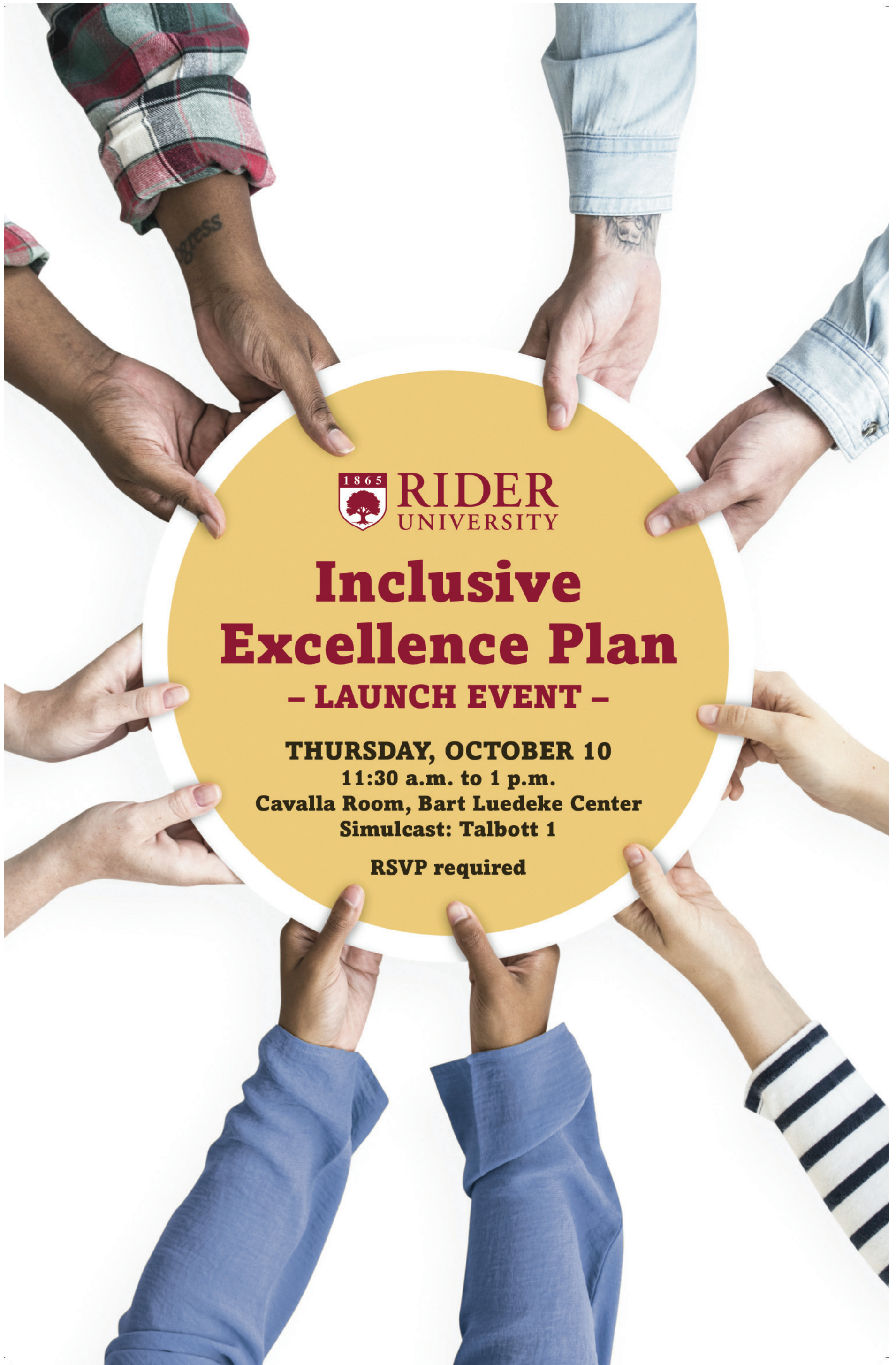


Courtesy of Rider University AAUP

Reportable Compensation for AAUP Officers



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Inclusive Excellence Plan

- LAUNCH EVENT -

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cavalla Room, Bart Luedeke Center

Simulcast: Talbott 1

RSVP required

New department heads chosen in summer elections

By Hailey Hensley

SUMMER 2019 brought vast changes to Rider's Lawrenceville campus. Various buildings across campus have a new look, and throughout all the external changes, there were also some shifts within academic departments across campus.

According to Chairman of the Department of Communication and Journalism Shawn Kildea, chair elections happen in most departments every three years.

Over the summer, seven academic departments changed chairs, according to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs DonnaJean Fredeen.

According to Fredeen, the seven departments that changed chairs were computer science, conducting, organ and sacred music, marketing, fine arts, management and human resources, language, literatures and cultures and the Moore Library.

A chairperson is an administrator appointed by the dean of an academic area, based on the recommendation of the faculty underneath that specific dean, according to Fredeen.

However, finding a chairperson is not always a simple process and can occasionally involve searches across various branches of the university, according to Fredeen.

"If no one in the department wants to serve as a chairperson, the dean will discuss the possibility of appointing a faculty member from outside the department. This faculty member may come from within the college or from another college," said Fredeen. "After identifying an individual who is willing to serve, the department must approve that appointment with a 2/3 majority vote. Such individuals are appointed for one year in the role of 'Acting Chairperson.'"

Occasionally, if no acceptable chairperson is found within the university faculty, it may be found appropriate to expand the search and take additional steps, according to Fredeen.

"While rare, we have the ability to conduct an external search for a chairperson," said Fredeen.

There is a lengthy list of responsibilities attached to the title of department chair, so it's no wonder the process for selecting one is somewhat intense.

According to Fredeen, some of the responsibilities of a chairperson include leading the department in discussion of issues that are pertinent to the department, college and university, serving as the budget authority for the use of the departmental budgets, advocating on behalf of the department for resources, serving as a member of the dean's leadership council and evaluating faculty for the purposes of contract renewal, promotion and tenure.

Department chairs play an important role in the Rider community and can serve as a valuable resource for students, faculty and the university as a whole, according to junior musical theater major Tessa Douglas.



Moore Library was one of the seven departments to change chairs over the summer.

"I think it is very important to have a department chair, especially chairs who are already professors at Rider, because they are the eyes and ears for the administration. They are constantly interacting with students as well as administrators to find the perfect balance to make their department as successful as possible," Douglas said. "I also feel they provide extra support for adjunct and full-time faculty members. They are a friendly face that is vital to Rider's success."

One of the chairperson responsibilities that Fredeen felt was most important to highlight is one that could easily go unnoticed if not properly emphasized.

"A very important responsibility for the chairperson is that they are an important resource for students," Fredeen said.

<i>Department</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>
Computer Science	Dr. John Bochanski
Conducting, Organ and Sacred Music	Prof. Margaret Cusack, Acting Chairperson
Marketing	Dr. Anubha Mishra
Fine Arts	Dr. Vaneeta Neelakant, Acting Chairperson
Management & Human Resources	Dr. Mark Promislo
Languages, Literatures & Cultures	Dr. Maria Villalobos-Buehner
Moore Library	Dr. Sharon Yang

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"Hard to define..." said Hayden Williams on hate speech

By Tatyanna Carman

RIDER'S chapter of Turning Point USA (TPUSA) hosted its first event of the semester, "Hate Speech is a Myth," featuring guest speaker Hayden Williams on Sept. 23 in the Mercer Room.

Williams was punched at University of California at Berkeley (UC Berkeley) in February while protesting with conservative students about "the hate crime hoax perpetrated by Jussie Smollett," according to Williams. After the incident, he gained national recognition and was featured on FOX News and met President Donald Trump.

"The purpose of this event is to have a discussion with Hayden Williams about college culture, his assault [at] UC Berkeley and the topic of hate speech and how it is protected by the first amendment. While we do not encourage hate from either side of the political aisle, we do believe that free speech is a bedrock principle our country was founded on and must not be tampered with. After the event, we hope the Rider community can continue to support everyone's free speech rights," said President of TPUSA Joshua Aminov.

Aminov declined to answer eight questions asked regarding the event.

However, some students had critiques of the event and the university's reaction, or lack thereof, to it. Graduate student Steven Gravlin shared his thoughts on the event.

"My roommate was the one to bring the event to my attention, earlier before I wound up seeing it on the big screen in front of the Bart Luedke Center. We were just confused because we were like, 'how?' The last event went so poorly and then the first two weeks of school in September, we have another one, which is almost the same thing," Gravlin said. "We're just confused as to how they're allowed to kind of walk all over Rider. The way that they're promoting these events, again, isn't healthy for a two-way discussion, it's more of 'hey, this is what we think. We're going to spit it out there.' And then Rider is promoting their event and it looks like Rider is also endorsing those ideas. And that's a big problem I have with it."

Gravlin sent an email to members of the Rider administration, including President Gregory Dell'Omo and Provost DonnaJean Fredeen, voicing his concerns about the event.

The event started with a video of Trump speaking at the American Conservative Union conference where he talked about the assault of Williams. Trump brought Williams up to say a few words and shared his executive order about free speech.

After he shared a few details about himself, the video of a man punching Williams at UC Berkeley was shown. Williams said that the man was arrested and was not a student there at the time. He then shared his thoughts on the executive order enacted by Trump after his assault.

"Colleges and universities are places where young minds of tomorrow are molded and, sadly, they've become centers of indoctrination and conformity and if you don't conform to the leftist dogma that is preached there then you're ostracized, you're castigated, you're punished," Williams said. "I've often heard people say 'well freedom of speech has consequences.' What you saw that happened to me was the



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Joshua Aminov (left) interviewed conservative public figure Hayden Williams (right) on Sept. 23. consequences of free speech and I don't think we should accept that as normal or acceptable at universities."

He also shared how he believed that conservative students are put at a disadvantage in the classroom and how he has lost friends, some that he's known since middle school, for his beliefs, but described the experience as "entirely worth it."

The last thing Williams discussed was why he thought hate speech is a myth. Williams defined a myth as "a story." He compared it to myths in ancient Greek civilization.

"That's what is going on, this narrative, this story being told that hate speech is rising, it's a huge problem and speech should be regulated because of it because hate speech harms people and on college campuses, students need to be protected," said Williams. "This is the story being told. Because of this we need to censor some students, what they say, what they do, what they're allowed to bring on campus and as I said before, many of these examples aren't befitting of what is hate speech. This is the story and the narrative that's been told and I think it's gone too far."

After the interview, the audience asked Williams questions. He gave advice to conservative students, talked about discrimination against conservatives and his own definition of hate speech, which he described as a "gray area."

"[Tupac] was accused of hate speech when he was coming out with his albums in the 90s. Some people use the justification that he used the b-word or the n-word and because of that, he's promoting hate speech. He's spreading hate. True, but it's his right and I'm glad we have Tupac Shakur."

Sophomore criminal justice major Austin Scher thought that the event was beneficial to students.

"I thought it was beneficial. It was good to see a whole broad spectrum of people and their different opinions. It's good because we're not only just looking at it one way, we want to see how everybody feels," Scher said. "And it's a hot-button topic. So, I'm glad to be a part of it."

He's no joke: Comedian Kellen Erskine takes the stage

By Jason Mount

RIDER students enjoyed interactive comedy with comedian Kellen Erskine on Sept. 18. in the Yvonne Theater. Students were eager to forget the stress of school and spend a night laughing with friends.

Erskine caught Student Entertainment Council comedy chair James Green's attention with his work on other shows, which convinced him that Erskine would do well at Rider.

"What stood out to me was that he has performed on many well-known platforms such as Conan, Jimmy Kimmel Live, Dry Bar Comedy and Amazon's Inside Jokes," Green said.

Junior theater performance major Rebecca Ponticello often enjoys the comedians Rider brings to campus and Erskine was no exception.

"I usually love when comedians make fun of our school," mused Ponticello. "It's pretty funny. But this guy was really interactive."

An interactive element was what Green was looking for and this quality of Erskine's led Green to choose him.

"He suited my expectations very well," Green said. "Previously viewing his work, I saw that he interacted with the crowd,



which is exactly what I was looking for."

Ponticello admitted to not knowing who Erskine was prior to his performance on campus, but said she enjoyed his act nevertheless.

"I liked the amount of audience participation that he had. It was very interactive," She said.

However, the audience participation was also one of the aspects of Erskine's act she thought took away from the overall performance.

"The audience participation segments went on for too long and started to not be funny," said Ponticello. "After making a joke about how most school mascots are horses, tigers, lions and sometimes bears, he asked the audience if we had any dumb mascots. It was one of the many times he looked to the audience to answer him."

Despite the length of audience participation segments, she still enjoyed the night overall.

"I thought he was really funny and was a great escape from homework," Ponticello said. "He was a very enjoyable comedian for our demographic. He made a joke about New Jersey and our pride for not pumping our own gas. It was great and kept us all laughing because it was so relatable."

Green also believed that Erskine was a good choice to perform at Rider and believed that audience members left satisfied with the performance.

"I believe they enjoyed his presence, and could relate to many of the things that were said,"

Green said with a smile.



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Comedian Kellen Erskine entertained the audience with relatable jokes about New Jersey and the choice of animals for school mascots on Sept. 18.



THE CHALLENGE OF FREE SPEECH ON OUR CAMPUSES

An Evening with Fred Lawrence, J.D.

Thursday, October 3 | 7 p.m.

Cavalla Room in the Bart Luedeke Center

Frederick M. Lawrence, 10th secretary/CEO of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, is a distinguished lecturer at the Georgetown Law Center, and has previously served as president of Brandeis University, dean of the George Washington University Law School, and visiting professor and senior research scholar at Yale Law School. He was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 2018 and the American Law Institute in 1999. An accomplished scholar, teacher and attorney, Lawrence is one of the nation's leading experts on civil rights, free expression and bias crimes. He has testified before Congress concerning free expression on campus and on federal hate crime legislation. His legal career was distinguished by service as an assistant U.S. attorney for the southern district of New York in the 1980s, where he became chief of the Civil Rights Unit.

Fall concert 2019: Let's take a "Look Back at It"

By Lauren Minore

ABOUT 1,565 Rider students piled into the Student Recreation Center Gym (SRC) on Sept. 20 after many arrived half an hour early to wait in line around 7:00 p.m. At that time, the line was backed up near Daly Dining Hall.

When the doors opened at 7:30 p.m., students made their way inside, inching close to the barricade in front of the stage set up on the courts. Soon, former Fifth Harmony member Ally Brooke and rapper A Boogie wit da Hoodie would be performing.

The Student Entertainment Council (SEC) presented Rider's annual fall concert after a year of great success for headliner A Boogie, whose gold-certified second album, "Hoodie SZN," was streamed more than 83 million times in the first week of its 2018 release.

The show began with a surprise performance from rapper Trap Manny, who collaborated with A Boogie on a song called "Alone." He warmed up the crowd for about 15 minutes, until Brooke took the stage performing her song "Higher."

Brooke, who is currently competing on Dancing with the Stars, showed off her dance moves while performing her singles "Low Key" and "Lips Don't Lie," among others.

When it came time for the headlining act, A Boogie didn't disappoint his fans in the crowd, opening his performance with his track "Look Back at It." "Drowning" and "Swervin," two of A Boogie's most well-known songs, were also a part of his setlist. He performed a wide range of his music, older hits like "Jungle" and "Still Think About You" to his latest single, "Mood Swings."

A Boogie was interactive with the crowd, prompting students to create a big circle in the middle of the audience. At one point, he even brought out his young daughter, Melody Valentine, and serenaded her during his performance.

Associate Dean of Campus Life Nick Barbaty said it was one of the largest concert attendances since it has taken place in the SRC, along with the Big Sean and Kelly Rowland shows.

"The event was much larger in scale with incredible LED screens that totally transformed the room into a true concert venue," he said. "The audience this year was just amazing and they were so electric when A Boogie entered the stage."

Jennifer Bartkovich, senior communication studies major and vice president of special events for the SEC, was responsible for planning the event with her co-chair and senior public relations major Danielle Chambliss.

"I wasn't paying much attention to the size of the crowd, I was more concerned with getting the artist on stage," Bartkovich said.

Balancing her responsibility and her ability to "call the shots" were the hardest, yet most exciting parts for Bartkovich, who felt the stressful experience paid off.

"I was definitely happy because there were no major mishaps, there wasn't much commotion with students or fights like the ones that have broken out in the past, so that was definitely a relief," she said.

Interacting with his tour manager and getting hands-on experience with A Boogie's team on the day of the concert was also a rewarding experience for Bartkovich. Most importantly, she said, finding quick solutions to problems that occurred which weren't anticipated was the biggest take away.

"With those kinds of high-pressure situations, you have to be accountable, reliable and on your game," she said.

For Barbaty, however, the night could not have been more successful.

"A Boogie, Ally Brooke and Trap Manny, collectively, put on such a great show that I know our students will be talking about for years to come," he said.



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A Boogie wit da Hoodie played hit songs such as "Drowning" and "Look Back at It" to an eager crowd of Rider students.

It's "Hoodie SZN" on Rider's SRC stage



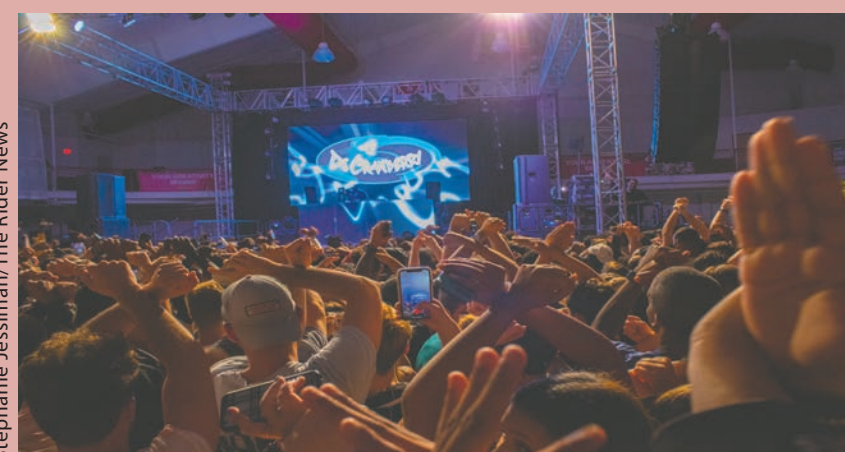
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A Boogie wit da Hoodie's performance and energy kept the crowd jumping and singing along until the very end of his set.



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Ally Brooke warmed the crowd up for A Boogie, performing her solo material alongside two talented back up dancers.



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DJ Cranberry performed a set to keep the momentum going before A Boogie wit da Hoodie was ready to take the stage.



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A crowd of about 1,565 Rider students attended this year's fall concert. They were able to obtain their tickets free of charge with a Rider ID.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPT. 27	R Factor Finals, 8 p.m. in Bart Luedeke Center
SEPT. 28	Undergraduate Open House, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Student Recreation Center
SEPT. 30	Resume Blitz, 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in SWG 335; FA 217; BFH 101
OCT. 1	Career Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Student Recreation Center

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Please don't stop the music

In 2015, during President Gregory Dell'Omo's fall convocation, he announced that his administration was exploring the possibility of moving the Westminster Choir College (WCC) campus to the Lawrenceville campus. He offered only vague proclamations of the "high cost of running two campuses" and later boasted that by "selling the Westminster campus" he could "generate cash" of 40 to 60 million dollars, likely his real reason for trying to move the campus.

In 2016, the Rider Board of Trustees determined that moving the campus to Lawrenceville would be impractical and instead made the decision to try to sell WCC in its entirety, an unprecedented action for a not-for-profit higher education institution. The Board of Trustees then reached out to the current board chair Robert Schimek's former company, PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting (PwC), to broker the deal.

The justification for moving or selling WCC has been an unproven assertion that it is too expensive for Rider to run WCC on a separate campus. Despite repeated requests for the accounting basis for this assertion, Dell'Omo's administration has never produced any objective evidence that WCC 'costs too much to run.'

The basis for this dubious statement appears to be a financial analysis conducted by PwC Consulting. A slide presented at administration's "financial forum" in 2016 summarized this evidence and showed WCC 'costing' the university \$2 million in 2013, but generating a \$2.9 million surplus in 2016. This analysis asserted that tuition discounting was the primary source of the 2013 'deficit,' and only scholarships specifically designated to be used for WCC students could be used to offset the cost of tuition discounting. In recent years, Rider has never had scholarship funds which cover 100% of tuition discounting. Had this analytical standard been applied to other colleges on campus, most — if not all — of our colleges would have shown such a "deficit." Additionally, the \$2.9 million surplus for Westminster shown on a presentation slide for 2016 should theoretically have been applied to the projections for years 2017, 2018 and 2019. This logical application of funds designated for Westminster students would easily have erased the deficits shown, but on the presentation slide prepared by PwC, the \$2.9 million surplus curiously disappears and deficits are projected for the operation of WCC for 2017, 2018 and 2019.

It appears this deeply flawed analysis has been the basis for the oft-repeated falsehood that the university cannot afford to run WCC. Contrary to the claims of excessive operating costs, until Dell'Omo launched his failed attempt to sell the college, there is ample evidence that WCC contributed positive cash flow to the institution and would have continued to do so in the future.

Additionally, the failed attempt to sell the school has generated

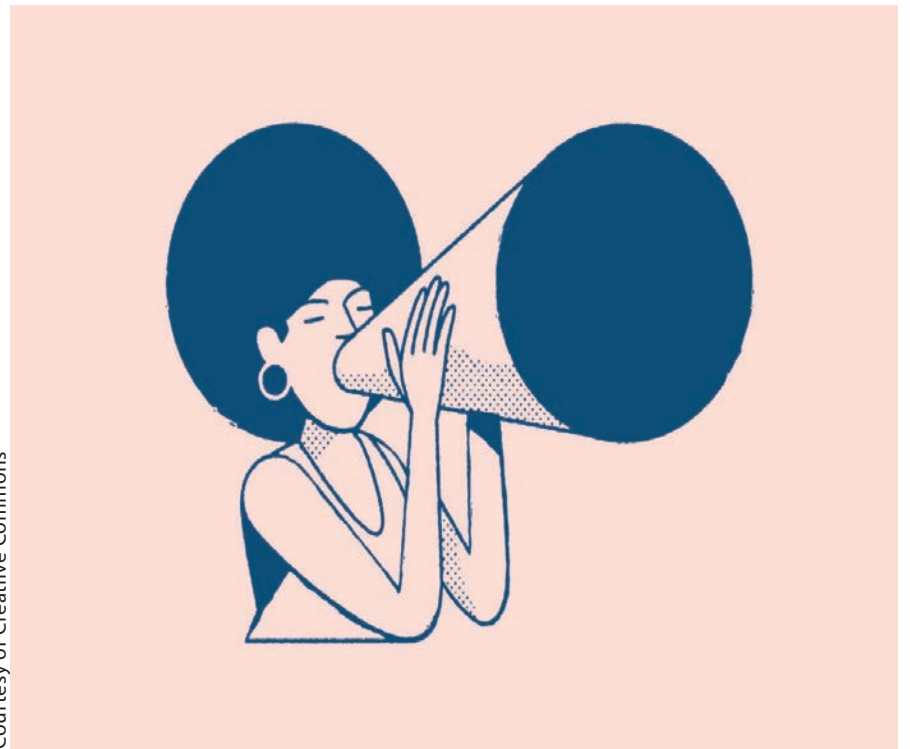
expensive lawsuits, destroyed enrollment and gift giving at WCC, infuriated alumni and led to expenditures on expensive consulting and legal fees totaling an estimated \$11 million dollars in direct costs and indirect losses for the university.

Unfortunately, oblivious to their previous failures, Dell'Omo and the Board of Trustees continue down the same ill-conceived path. Not only is the attempt to cram WCC programs onto the Lawrenceville campus in one year unnecessary, impractical and doomed to failure; it is, as the lawsuits against Rider contend, illegal. Rider University does not have title to the land Westminster resides on, the Princeton Theological Seminary does. It is simply not true, as Dell'Omo has said, that the Westminster programs can be moved to Lawrenceville and then parts of the Westminster property can be sold for profit.

While one would hope that at some point Dell'Omo and the Board of Trustees would chart a more rational path forward, that does not appear likely. So it is up to all those who recognize the importance of saving WCC to advocate for retaining the college and programs on the Princeton campus where it belongs.

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A quick Q&A with Q



- Q: Chips Ahoy! or Oreos?**
A: Oreos.
- Q: Earth, fire, air or water?**
A: Earth kingdom.
- Q: Biggest inspiration?**
A: Making my parents proud.
- Q: Side part or middle part?**
A: Depends on who I want to be that day.
- Q: Favorite movie of all time?**
A: A tie between Coraline and The Princess and the Frog.



DEAR Qur'an,
What's the best way to go about telling your roommate they have bad hygiene?

From,
The B.O. Bandit

DEAR B.O. Bandit,
Henry Rollins was right when he said, "sometimes the truth hurts," and this is going to hurt your roommate and possibly scar them for life. In all honesty, this is an awkward conversation to have with anyone, but a much needed conversation nonetheless.
There are two ways to go about this stinky (pun intended) situation. First, if you are lucky enough to be comfortable with your roommate, tell him/her directly about their "not so fresh feeling," but please be sympathetic because this subject is not an easy one.
This step leads to the second way to go about telling your roommate they have bad odor; be sympathetic. I do not think anyone stinks on purpose and should have the right to know about their poor hygiene, especially when you are the one sharing a space with them.

Sympathy is the best way to go about this situation, because there can be numerous reasons for body odor. Financial burdens sometimes plays a role in an individual's personal hygiene. Luckily for Rider students, the Rider Pantry gives free toiletries like shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and deodorant.
Although keeping up with yourself should always be a top priority, sometimes outside factors can make keeping up with yourself a battle in itself. Look for signs such as how they maintain their side of the room. Life can take a serious toll on a person, especially a student. Maybe having a conversation with your roommate can give you a better understanding of their lifestyle choices and give you insight on what you can do to help them.
Do not feel like a stranger in your own space. Speak up about what is bothering you, because you have to live there too. Be honest and be polite, because the conversation is not easy for either party. If all else fails, Febreze comes out with lovely scents this time of year like fresh harvest and pumpkin spice.

Smell-ya-later,
Qur'an

GREEN CORNER

What a year for weather; how climate change is effecting us

While the 2019 school year has just begun, you may find yourself reflecting on your summer and experiences here at Rider last year as you start building your expectations for the upcoming school year. Classes you took, friends you made, events you attended and fun you had traveling, but did you notice the odd changes in the weather? Perhaps you took note that the weather had been a little warmer in the fall, maybe there was a little more rain, maybe a little less snow, nothing truly significant. But did you notice the TVs across campus showing reports of extreme weather across the globe from flooding to blizzards and wildfires? Although it may not have been directly affecting New Jersey, the weather through 2018 was all but normal, and fall 2019 has already had its first extreme storm with Hurricane Dorian.
Hurricane Florence, making landfall on Sept. 14, 2018, caused devastating floods throughout North and South Carolina. As the storm stalled over land, it dropped enormous amounts of rain, reaching up to 35.93 inches of rainfall in Elizabethtown, North Carolina, according to the Washington Post. The sudden flooding created mass destruction and left 53 deaths in its wake.
Then came Hurricane Michael, which made landfall on Oct. 10 and proved to be one of the strongest hurricanes to ever hit the United States. According to reports from the Capital Weather Gang at the Washington Post, the storm boasted consistent winds of over 155 mph and a central pressure of 919 millibars. It created storm surges of over 10 feet and left upwards of two million people out of power.
Junior musical theatre major Dylan Erdelyi, a native Floridian, has seen some of those effects first hand.
"We get lots of hurricanes down in Florida, and it becomes a real burden on the population. People have to spend thousands of dollars shuttering up their houses, and they don't know whether or not the hurricane will actually affect them," said Erdelyi.
Such storms do not only affect the population for the duration of the weather events, but leave lasting devastation in terms of property damage.
While one side of the country was being destroyed by violent winds and torrential downpours, 2018 brought raging droughts and uncontrollable wildfires to the west coast. Record-high temperatures and low rainfalls sent California

into battling the deadliest wildfire in the state's history. The fire tore through northern California and destroyed more than 14,000 homes, and killing at least 85 people. During the 2018 wildfire season alone, Cal Fire reported that the fires caused damage to just under 1.9 million acres of land throughout the state. Besides the obvious burn damage of land and property, wildfires also cause major damage that can lead to dangerous mudslides.
"After the fires burned in communities, there was no plant life to keep the soil intact when the heavy rains came shortly after and this caused even more damage with the mudslides," said junior technical theatre major Nicole Nilsson, a California resident. Much like the hurricanes, these natural disasters leave long-term damage that residents must manage for months and years to come.
These storms are just a few examples of extreme weather in the last year alone and they are not a coincidence. As humans continue "life as usual," more and more greenhouse gases are released, trapping heat in the atmosphere and causing global temperatures to rise at an unprecedented rate. As the temperature of the earth begins to rise, ocean temperatures also face increases. Storms like hurricanes in the southeast thrive off of the warm ocean. The rising temperatures create the perfect setting for dangerous storms to become more prevalent.
Because of such changes in global weather patterns, while one area of the country may be facing higher than usual rainfall, the other parts are scorched by drought and rising local temperatures which sets the scene for the wildfires to take their toll on the west.
If the current rate of climate change continues, storms such as these can be expected to become much more frequent. It is easy to ignore the changes the planet is undergoing when they are happening so far away, but if changes are not made, they will soon land right on Rider's doorstep.

Emma Harris
Eco-Rep

FIELD HOCKEY

Brosious leads Rider to OT win

By Dylan Manfre

CONSHOHOCKEN Proving Grounds, the home of Villanova field hockey, holds significant value to Rider sophomore midfielder Carly Brosious.

Brosious played her high school senior championship game for Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast Catholic High School at the field and scored an overtime goal to secure the title.

It was only fitting that Brosious capped Rider's 4-3 overtime win against Villanova on Sept. 23 in a similar scenario.

"There's something about that field for me," Brosious said. "I played all summer there, did open hockey there. Everytime I play on that field, I guess I'm just really comfortable with it."

Villanova trailed 2-1 a majority of the game thanks to opening goals from sophomore midfielder Julia Divorra and senior forward Tess Coorens.

However, Abby Siena and Lydia Sydnor scored equalizing and go-ahead goals, respectively, for the Wildcats within the final 10 minutes of regulation.

As the clock hit quadruple zeros, senior forward Jade Freeberg tied the game at three, leading to Brosious' heroic finish.

"It was crazy," Brosious said. "I think we were starting to lose a little bit of our energy when they scored on us. I pulled everyone in and was like, 'We can tie this. It can happen.' From that little huddle we had after they scored, we all came right back and our energy was so high."

By the end of the 68-minute contest, Rider was outshot 38-7.

That large disparity would cause concern to some coaches, as their team may not have been aggressive enough; that is not the case for Head Coach Lori Hussong, who said "that's really how the game goes."

"They had a ton of shots on us but we cashed in on our opportunities," Hussong said. "You can outshoot a team 22-3 and still end up losing. They put heavy pressure on us and our defense really stood tall. Lena [Vandam] was fantastic in goal, we had a great performance from [midfielder] Kaitlyn Flemming."

In the two and a half seasons that Vandam has been in the cage for Rider, the junior goalkeeper has 12 all-time saves against the Wildcats. She had a season-high 11 in the Sept. 23 game, which was the first time this season she finished with double-digits.

Vandam has repeatedly said that she is her biggest critic. While posting a goals-allowed average of 1.26, Hussong said she still demands excellence from the entire defense.

"She puts the team on her shoulders," Hussong said of her goalkeeper. "She is extremely vocal and she is demanding of her teammates and that's what makes our team defense come through in crunch time."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Broncs begin conference play with draw

By Mike Ricchione

TO close out its four-game homestand, Rider opened Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play with a 1-1 draw against Siena.

Sophomore forward Nikki Arrington returned to the starting lineup after missing the prior game due to an ankle injury. Arrington was on the pitch for 11 minutes before she hobbled to the Broncs' bench in pain against Temple on Sept. 15 and was replaced by freshman forward Hailey Russell.

Arrington returned in the second half against Temple despite the earlier injury and tied graduate forward Emily Curteis for the team lead in shots for the match with three.

Most of the action in the first half came in the last 10 minutes as Siena held an edge over Rider in the shot category.

Tied at three shots apiece as time winded down, Siena put three shots on goal, but junior goalkeeper Carmen Carbonell stopped them all and gave the Broncs a chance to get on the board.

In the 44th minute, senior midfielder Sofia Soares was fouled by Siena's Madi Belvito which set up a free kick. On that play, senior midfielder Valeria Pascuet took the kick and scored to take a 1-0 lead at halftime.

"It was really important for me," Pascuet said. "It was a team effort because Sofia [Soares] got that foul out of her pocket and it was my chance to just put it in the back of the net."

Despite the Broncs' goal advantage, Siena outshot Rider 6-4 in the first half and did the same in the second half, 10-7.

Rider had a handful of scoring opportunities in the second half to either double or take the lead but ultimately failed to convert.

In the 63rd minute, another chance for the Broncs seemed to emerge but was quickly closed after the play was called offsides.



Senior midfielder **Valeria Pascuet** scored in the 44th minute of Rider's 1-1 draw against Siena on Sept. 21.

Twenty minutes later Siena came up with the equalizer off the foot of Jayanna Monds and knotted the game at one.

In extra time, the game-winning goal was nowhere to be found for either side.

Sophomore midfielder Ailis Martin came close to sinking the finishing goal, only having to beat Siena's goalkeeper, Taylor Dorado. Dorado made the save on what was the Broncs' biggest chance in extra time.



Peter G. Borg/Rider University

Sophomore midfielder **Carly Brosious** scored the game-winning goal in overtime at Villanova on Sept. 23.

Kicking off a six-game road trip with a victory is something Rider desperately needed after playing four of its first five at Ben Cohen Field. Hussong said that communication is one of the things that needs to improve in order to have a successful road trip.

"We often talk to the team about 'the more we talk, the easier it is to play,' and if we can get all 11 kids talking at the same time, that's when we're going to be at our best," Hussong said. "Right now we have a couple kids who aren't communicating too much, maybe because they're young or not really sure [of what to do.] It's one thing to talk and do what you're being told, as opposed to talking and not knowing what you're told to do."

Next up for Rider is a trip to face Towson on Sept. 27, which it has shutout in its last three meetings.

In its last six meetings, the Tigers have only been able to score in two of the last six matchups against the Broncs, all of which have gone in Rider's favor.

"I think we looked a little bit nervous at the start," Head Coach Drayson Hounsoume said. "We were giving the ball away when at times we shouldn't [have], but when we did settle down and we got the ball into the positions we wanted, I thought we looked good at times."

Coming up for the Broncs is a match against Quinnipiac on Sept. 28. The game will take place in the two environments where Rider has not done well; on the road and in the afternoon. The Broncs haven't found the back of the net away from Ben Cohen Field and are 0-1-3 when they play during the day this season.

"Unfortunately, we don't have a great record when we play a game in the middle of the afternoon. We've won three games this season and they've all been at seven o'clock at night," Hounsoume said. "So it's a different energy, the atmosphere's different. There's a lacking of energy and a lacking of atmosphere so the team has to bring it."

The last time Rider was in Hamden, Connecticut, they tied Quinnipiac, 1-1, on Oct. 4, 2017. In the last seven matchups, Rider holds a 4-2-1 advantage.

This will be the first time the Broncs will travel out-of-state, and their first hotel stay of the season.

"It's always fun to stay over," Pascuet said of staying at a hotel. "The room vibe, just being with each other. It's always fun to just be with everyone in a different environment and I feel like it's going to be a good experience especially for the freshmen that've never been in an away MAAC game."

MEN'S SOCCER

Catanzaro nets game-winner at Stony Brook

By Austin Ferguson

THE Broncos ended out-of-conference play with a loss to St. Francis, 4-0 and a double overtime victory at Stony Brook, 2-1.

Rider's season started as a back-and-forth campaign after beginning the campaign 2-2. The Broncos looked to put together back-to-back wins after a victory in their home opener against La Salle on Sept. 14.

The Broncos' first 30 minutes of action against St. Francis (Pennsylvania) were quiet from both sides. St. Francis managed only three shots in the timespan, with one on-goal shot being saved by junior goalkeeper Pablo Gatinois.

Rider struggled to find the goal itself in the first half hour of action. Junior midfielder Taner Bay's shot in the 14th minute and redshirt junior forward Pablo DeCastro's 24th minute attempt both sailed high.

St. Francis' Lucas Rosa broke the scoreless drought from both squads in the 31st minute and gave the Red Flash a 1-0 advantage.

Rosa found the back of the net again before the first half closed and scored his second goal of the match in the 42nd minute.

Head Coach Charlie Inverso felt energy had a lot to do with Rider's woes in the first half.

"We really didn't come out energized in the first half," Inverso said. "We put ourselves in a hole."

The second half played out similarly to the first as both teams went scoreless for the first 35 minutes of the period.

The Broncos attempted 10 shots up to the 80th minute but were unable to find the goal. Five of those attempts came between the 54th and 59th minute. The final of those attempts, made by senior forward Clement Bourret, was on course to break the shutout before it was saved by St. Francis goalkeeper Jonas Dieseler.

Jonathan Neil was the beginning and end of second-half scoring for St. Francis. He scored in the 81st minute and gave the Red Flash a convincing 3-0 lead. Neil was able to get on the board again just three minutes later and cemented the 4-0 victory for St. Francis.

Inverso said that the time of day in part contributed to Rider's loss.

"Traditionally, we're not a really good afternoon team," Inverso said. "It's just one of those things."

Despite the loss, DeCastro hoped the Broncos would go out against Stony Brook the same way they played in the second half against St. Francis.

"We have to start the game the way we did in the second half. If we do that, we're going to have a lot more chances to score," said DeCastro.

Rider traveled to Long Island, New York, to take on Stony Brook in their final



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Redshirt junior forward **Pablo DeCastro** scored off of a penalty kick in the 45th minute of Rider's loss against Stony Brook on Sept. 24.

non-conference matchup of the regular season.

After Stony Brook started the action with a 14th minute goal from Jared Dass, DeCastro answered back in the 45th minute by way of penalty kick to level the score at one a piece to close out the first half.

Neither team were able to gain a lead in the second half, which brought the contest into overtime.

After a scoreless first overtime, redshirt junior midfielder Mathis Catanzaro sunk a 106th minute shot, and gave Rider the 2-1 win in the second overtime period.

The Broncos begin Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference play on Oct. 2 against Fairfield. Rider will then travel home to Ben Cohen Field for its conference home opener on Oct. 5 to take on Fairfield.

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WED, SEPT. 25	FRI, SEPT. 27	SAT, SEPT. 28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Men's Soccer & Women's Tennis vs. Lafayette 3 p.m.</i> • <i>Women's Volleyball @ American 7 p.m.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Field Hockey @ Towson 3 p.m.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Men & Women Swimming & Diving 27th Annual Alumni Meet</i> • <i>Women's Soccer @ Quinnipiac 12 p.m.</i> • <i>Men's Tennis vs. Holy Cross 1 p.m.</i> • <i>Volleyball vs. Siena 4 p.m. ESPN+</i>
SUN, SEPT. 29	MON, SEPT. 30	TUE, OCT. 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Men's Golf @ UConn Invitational</i> • <i>Field Hockey @ Saint Francis 12 p.m.</i> • <i>Volleyball vs. Marist 1 p.m. ESPN3</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Men's Golf @ UConn Invitational</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Men's Golf @ UConn Invitational</i> • <i>Men's Tennis vs. St. Francis Brooklyn 2 p.m.</i>

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Volleyball wins first two MAAC matches



Peter G. Borg/Rider University

Freshman opposite hitter **Morgan Romano** won her MAAC record fourth -straight Rookie of the Week award, along with her first Player of the Week honors on Sept. 24.

By Lauren Amour

AFTER a 3-8 start to the season, the volleyball team swept Iona 3-0 on their Sept. 21 home opener in Alumni Gym and defeated Manhattan on Sept. 22, 3-1.

The two-win week win for the Broncs was capped off with a sweep of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) weekly awards on Sept. 24.

Senior libero Rachele Runyon won her third consecutive MAAC Libero of the Week honors. She was the first to be named Libero of the Week for three straight weeks since Niagara's Rylee Hunt won five straight in 2017.

Freshman opposite hitter Morgan Romano took home her fourth-straight MAAC Rookie of the Week award. Romano was the first in MAAC Volleyball history to be named Rookie of the Week for four consecutive weeks.

Romano was also named MAAC Player of the Week for the first time in her collegiate career. She was the first to win both Rookie of the Week and Player of the Week honors in the same week since Saint Peter's Alanis Alvarado accomplished the feat at the beginning of the 2018 season.

A back and forth first set against Iona found the MAAC opponents tied at 23 until junior outside hitter Ali Ward aided in breaking the tie with back-to-back points and a set-saving block to lead the Broncs to victory, 25-23 and took a 1-0 lead in the match.

Rider dominated the second set, quickly taking an 18-10 lead over the Gaels. The Broncs won set two, 25-19, and completed the sweep in set three, 25-18.

Romano continued to impress and recorded her team-leading fifth double-double of the season in the home opener, with 12 kills and 13 digs. In 11 out of 13 matches this season, Romano has recorded 11 or more kills in each. Her 214 digs this season lead the MAAC.

The victory against Iona was Romano's first home win as a Bronc and it had her in great spirits.

"It feels really good, especially being a freshman, it was really new to me," Romano said of the milestone.

"Honestly, we just worked together as a team and we did it together. The energy was good, we played together and we did it for the seniors. It was their last first home game, so it was nice."

In contrast, senior libero Rachele Runyon, along with senior outside hitter Alexa Shello and senior middle hitter Evelyn Shanefield, soaked in the last moments of their last first home game of their collegiate volleyball careers.

"It was really special," Runyon said. "It was really great that we could come together. It felt good on the court and it's like everything we worked for the past couple months paid off."

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Along with Romano, Shello and Ward helped lead the offensive attack with nine and eight kills respectively. Shanefield, and freshman middle hitter Morgan Koch each contributed five kills.

Sophomore setter Anilee Sher registered 33 assists, nine digs, and four kills in the match.

Defensively, Runyon recorded a match-high 23 digs, marking the second match in a row and the sixth match this season in which she posted 20 or more digs.

Prior to the match, Head Coach Jeff Rotondo wanted to be sure the Broncs were ready for the competition ahead of them.

"I think they felt they were prepared. We went over film, we scouted them pretty heavily, and I think they just felt they were prepared for whatever Iona was going to try and throw at them. So, I think that definitely helped their confidence get to a good level," said Rotondo.

Rotondo believes that consistency and finishing matches were key to the team's first home win.

He said, "We've been in matches this year earlier where we had leads, we were in matches, we were playing teams really tough and we couldn't find a way to finish; we let them back in. I think that we just stayed true to what we were trying to do with our game plan, and we executed it really well, and the girls really finished the match well."

The Broncs headed to Riverdale, New York to take on Manhattan in another MAAC matchup on September 22. In their last meeting in November 2018, Rider swept the Jaspers 3-0 and 7-3 in their last 10 matchups.

Manhattan took the first set, 25-20, but the Broncs battled back and took the next three sets consecutively to win 3-1 by scores of 25-21, 25-20, and 25-23. The win was Rider's third in a row as they improve to 5-8 overall and 2-0 in conference play.

Romano set a new career-high with 30 kills in the match against Manhattan. She remained consistent in the middle with 45 assists, two service aces, two block assists and eight digs. In addition, Shanefield, Shello and Koch contributed five kills each.

Runyon addressed the differences between facing back-to-back MAAC teams as opposed to non-conference teams the past three weeks.

"It's different in the way where it's a little more familiar," Runyon said. "You scout more, you know people, you remember things, so in that way, the other team's usually a little more prepared to play you and we're usually a little more prepared to play them, whereas in a tournament, we're playing teams we've never seen before and won't ever see again. So, it's important that we spend hours on scouting, we stick to it, and we remember everything we practiced."

Rider faces-off against American, whom they have not met since they were swept in September 2016, on Sept. 25 in non-conference play. The Broncs return to Alumni Gym on Sept. 28 to take on MAAC rival Siena.