EWP Students Receive Founders Award

Three Education for Working Professionals (EWP) students, Beth Boucher of Deep River, a student at Rensselaer's Southeastern Connecticut Site; Eric C. Peterson of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, a recent graduate of Rensselaer’s Hartford Campus; and Lubens Bonhomme, of Sanford, Florida, a Rensselaer distributed education student, have received the prestigious Founders Award of Excellence, one of the highest student honors at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The award honors Rensselaer students who embody qualities of creativity, discovery, leadership, pride, and responsibility. The Founders Award winners were recognized during Rensselaer’s fourteenth annual Honors Convocation held at the Troy campus on October 20.

Boucher is studying for an M.B.A. degree as a member of Rensselaer’s cohort program. She is employed at Pfizer as Director, Worldwide Technology Engineering with responsibility for Global Program Delivery. Boucher said, “My course study at Rensselaer allows me to take more than 15 years of professional experience and identify alignment with management best practices and theory. In addition, the coursework has introduced me to new knowledge domains and therefore expanded my professional capabilities.”

Peterson earned a Rensselaer M.S. in Management degree as a member of the Executive Master’s Program Class XXVI, and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. focusing on Radical Innovation at the Troy campus. He is VP of Creative Ventures at Hasbro Inc. Peterson was inspired to return to academia in his former role as VP of Electronic

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Rensselaer Alumnus Walks in Space By John Tylko

NASA astronaut Richard “Rick” Mastracchio ’87 became the first Rensselaer alumnus to walk in space during the successful STS-118 space shuttle mission in August. Mastracchio spent a total of over 18 hours on three extravehicular activities (EVAs) outside of space shuttle Endeavour while it was docked with the International Space Station. With fellow astronaut Dave Williams, he successfully bolted a 5,000-pound spacer segment to the space station’s solar power truss and installed a new control moment gyro used to control the space station’s attitude.

A native of Waterbury, Connecticut, Mastracchio received a master’s degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer in 1987. He attended classes at Rensselaer’s Hartford campus while working as an engineer at Hamilton Standard. After graduation, Mastracchio moved to Houston and began working for Rockwell International supporting space shuttle missions. He joined NASA in 1990 as an engineer responsible for development and validation of the space shuttle’s flight software. In 1993, he became a NASA flight controller and supported 17 space shuttle missions as guidance officer during the critical launch and landing phases of the missions.

Mastracchio was chosen as a NASA astronaut in 1996. “Astronauts have one of the best jobs, I think,” Mastracchio said in a pre-flight interview. “But, we’re a small part of what it takes to get the space station and space shuttle built. It’s really the thousands and thousands of folks working on the ground that make it possible. And, without them, we wouldn’t go very far.”

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Engineering and Technology Development for Hasbro. “Although experienced as a technol-
ogy and innovation practitioner in a global company, I felt that balancing my experi-
ence with additional formal preparation would better equip me to perform for Hasbro,” he said.

Bonhomme graduated in December earn-
ing an M.S. in Management from Rensselaer. He is an Information Systems Analyst work-
ing for Lockheed Martin Corporation in Orlando, Florida, where he supports the
Enterprise Operations Financial Systems from a security administration perspective. Bonhomme explained, “The Lally School’s Management program helped me to under-
stand my customers business needs from a financial point of view.”

Also recognized at the Honors Convocation was Joshua M. Peterson, Eric
Peterson’s son, a senior at Pioneer Valley
Christian School in Springfield,
Massachusetts, who was awarded the
Rensselaer Medal. The Rensselaer Medal
winners are selected as the strongest science
and mathematics students in their high
schools. The program, established in 1916, brings together the best and brightest stu-
dents from more than 3,900 schools in North
and South America, Europe, and Asia.
Joshua is interested in biomedical engineer-
ing and will attend Rensselaer in Fall 2008,
as a proud Rensselaer Legacy.

Congratulations to Beth, Eric, Lubens,
and Joshua on their awards!

Updated Jeanne Clery

Federal law requires institutions of higher
education that receive federal funds provide
detailed information about crime statistics.
The 2007 Campus Security Report with
updated information in compliance with the
Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act
report is available online at:

www.ewp.rpi.edu/hartford/publications/camp
_sec_reps/current/. Issued annually, the docu-
ment has information specific to the Hartford campus and Groton site. Any ques-
tions should be directed to Paul J. Murphy,
Manager, Operations and Facilities, at (860)
548-5392 or e-mail: murphp2@rpi.edu.

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Hall of Fame
Inductees

R
ensselaer honored the achievements of
seven extraordinary alumni by inducting
them into the Alumni Hall of Fame on
September 7. With talents spanning a variety
of disciplines including architecture, aircraft
and bridge design, geology, chemical engi-
neering, and communications, the 2007 Hall
of Fame inductees continue the exceptional
heritage of Rensselaer’s distinguished gradu-
ates. To read all about the inductees, please
see: http://news.rpi.edu/update.do?artcenter-
key=2306. The Rensselaer Alumni Hall of
Fame, located on Level 3 at the Hartford
campus, has been updated with panels for
the new members and a new Showcase of
Achievement brochure.

Important
Information About
Changes to Your
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In our ongoing efforts to maintain a consis-
tent, reliable communication system to
contact our students, there will be changes in
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• If your Rensselaer e-mail address ends
in “@rpi.edu” your address will remain
the same.
• If your Rensselaer e-mail address ends
in “@rh.edu” or “@ewp.rpi.edu” you will
receive a new e-mail address beginning
with your Rensselaer Computing System
(RCS) account ID and ending in
“@rpi.edu” effective immediately. After
a short grace period, your old e-mail
address will no longer be valid.

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inform students of news, academic deadlines,
emergency closings, and personal account
information. All students are encouraged to
familiarize themselves with their Rensselaer e-
mail accounts and to check their e-mail regu-
larly, such as mid-afternoon on class days. For
more information, please see:


In addition, on December 26, 2007,
Hartford campus Network Account
Usernames for students changed. All stu-
dent usernames changed in order to be the
same as the Troy RCS ID username.

Hartford passwords are not changing at this
time. To learn more about the changeover,
please visit: www.ewp.rpi.edu/hartford/tis/
acctchange.html.

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tion, the records include sales, number of
employees, executives, ownership informa-
tion, summary descriptions, product codes,
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family and history, and executive history.
Records can be downloaded into Excel or
PDF formats.

Inside Rensselaer, RPI’s Community
Newspaper, and The Rensselaer Polytechnic, RPI’s Student Newspaper, are now part of the
periodicals section in the Cole Library.
Current and past issues may be read and
reviewed in print, as well as online at:


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EMP Class XXVII Graduates

The fourteen members of the Executive Master's Program (EMP) Class XXVII graduated September 28 during an intimate presentation of degrees in Seminar Hall with Rensselaer faculty and staff, and supportive family and friends. One of the members of the EMP Class XXVII, Ellen Y. Sun, was not in attendance at the ceremony as she had given birth to a son, Roger, on September 12. Heartfelt congratulations were extended to Ellen and her family.

Rensselaer President Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D., delivered the address to the graduates. She said, “Each of you recognizes the incredible power of knowledge. Each of you knows that staying ahead of the curve is a priority for success. Each of you understands the benefit of learning from peers. Each of you has embraced challenge. This is what makes you the leaders you are today!” She went on to say, “The Executive Master’s degree you receive this evening represents what you have learned here about thinking strategically, about making sound, ethical decisions, and about leading equitable change within a global environment.”

Following President Jackson’s address, Paul O. Giguere, a member of the graduating class, provided “reflections” on the EMP experience. He talked about each of his fellow graduates with fondness, clearly reflecting the tight bond this cohort had formed. Then he spoke for the class, saying, “For all of us, the experiences of our lifetime have helped to define who we are. And each week that passed here at Rensselaer broadened the sphere and sharpened the focus of what our role is in this world during our short journey. For the ten months we were together, we shared personal triumphs and struggles, joy and sorrow, frustration and fulfillment. We learned as much from each other as we did from our studies, and in the end, we all came out with a much different perspective on life and the world in which we live.”

President Jackson and Rensselaer Provost Robert E. Palazzo, Ph.D., then conferred the Master’s degrees. The graduates, officially part of a global network of more than 90,000 Rensselaer alumni worldwide, applauded all those who had supported them during their studies. Congratulations to EMP Class XXVII!

Alumnus Walks in Space

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Based on his extensive experience as a flight controller, Mastracchio was chosen to serve as flight engineer during the ascent and entry phases of the mission. In this role, he supported Endeavour’s commander and pilot on the shuttle’s flight deck.

Mastracchio’s spacewalks were not uneventful. At one point during the second EVA, a faulty sensor erroneously indicated a buildup of carbon dioxide in Mastracchio’s space suit. Near the end of his third spacewalk, Mastracchio noticed a small hole in one of the outer layers of his left glove, which led Mission Control to order him to return to the space station’s airlock. In addition, a damaged heat shield tile on the shuttle led to planning for a contingency EVA, where Mastracchio would have implemented a tile repair technique that he had practiced during training. Ultimately, engineering analysis of the tile damage indicated that the repair was not necessary.

Including his first space mission on STS-106 aboard Atlantis in 2000, Mastracchio now has logged over 588 hours in space. Including Mastracchio, three Rensselaer alumni have flown in space. The others were Jack Swigert ’65, who was the command module pilot on the Apollo 13 mission to the moon in 1970, and Dennis Tito ’64, who became the world’s first space tourist when he was launched aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft on a flight to the International Space Station in 2001.

NASA Sends Collage Signed by Rensselaer Alumnus Astronaut

Richard A. “Rick” Mastracchio (’87 Electrical Engineering), NASA Astronaut who served as a mission specialist for the space shuttle Endeavour mission STS-118 in August 2007, and the NASA Astronaut Relations Department sent Rensselaer the collage pictured here with the inscription as follows:

“This United States flag and crew patch were flown aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour during an assembly mission to the International Space Station, STS-118, August 8-21, 2007.”

Check out this new addition to the alumni in space exploration display case located on Level 3 at the Hartford Campus.
Alumni News

1970s
Joseph J. Corcoran (‘76 M.S. Computer Science) has been promoted to Associate Professor of Software Engineering at Fairfield University. He is entering his 10th year teaching at Fairfield University’s Graduate School of Engineering, having taught courses in application systems design, database concepts, advanced database and JAVA programming.

1980s
Bruce A. Carbonari (HGC ’83 M.S. Management – EMDP Class III) was elected Chief Executive Officer of Fortune Brands, Inc., a leading consumer brands company. Previously, he served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Fortune Brands and has been with the company for 17 years. Carbonari also serves a Vice Chairman of the policy advisory board for the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University.

Susan A. Skehan (’88 M.B.A.), CPA, of Wethersfield, has been promoted to Manager at Filomeno & Co. Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisers.

1990s
Lisa A. Davis (’93 M.B.A.) of Glastonbury, a Registered Nurse and Chief of the Connecticut Department of Public Health’s Family Health Section, is one of twenty nurses in executive leadership roles nationwide selected as a 2007 Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow. The Executive Nurse Fellowship is an intensive program to develop critical leadership skills in collaboration with nursing and health care leaders throughout the country.

Robert L. Rispoli (’93 M.B.A.) of Windsor, was elected to the Windsor Town Council in the November 6 municipal election. He is an attorney with the firm of Clayman, Tapper & Baram, LLC, specializing in the area of intellectual property law. Rispoli is a member of the American and Connecticut Bar Associations, the Patent Bar, and is admitted to practice before the United States District Court of Connecticut.

John R. Healy (’95 M.S. Management) of Litchfield, was reelected to the Litchfield Board of Selectmen. He is a consulting engineer.

Raymond J. Huey (HGC ’96 M.S. Biomedical Engineering) of Orange, Chief Executive Officer, Z-Medica Corporation, was named to Business New Haven’s “Rising Stars 2007” list in September. Huey is trained as a Six Sigma Master Black Belt, and leads Z-Medica’s commitment to establish and maintain technology development, high-level business practices, operations, and continuous-improvement initiatives.

Daniel S. Kantor (’96 M.B.A.) of Glastonbury, has been named Principal of the S/L/A/M Collaborative, an architectural firm with offices in Connecticut, Boston and Atlanta specializing in education, science and technology, and health care. Kantor joined the firm in 1992 and was appointed Chief Financial Officer in 1999.

Chandler J. Howard (’97 M.S. Management) of Farmington, was named President and CEO of Liberty Bank in Middletown. Previously, Howard was President and CEO of First City Fund Corp. Prior to that, he served as President and Executive Director of Connecticut Innovations, Inc. He is a former Fleet Bank/Bank of America executive, and is very active in the Hartford community.

2000s
Eric M. Chen (’02 M.S. Management, ’03 M.B.A.) joined the faculty of Saint Joseph College as an Assistant Professor of business administration. He is the founder and president of EMC Consulting, a financial management consulting firm, and a partner in Crossbow Ventures, Inc., a health care investment firm.

Christopher J. Galligan (‘02 M.S. Management – EMP Class XXIII) of Ellington, was appointed Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). He most recently served as Acting Dean of CCSU’s School of Business.

Steven I. Adler (‘03 M.S. Management) was elected to the West Hartford Town Council. He works at Travelers in Hartford. Previous public offices held include the town planning and zoning commission and the inland wetlands commission.

Jennifer E. Schimmel (Stanley) (’06 M.S. Management) was appointed Executive Director of Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH). Prior to joining GSHFH, Schimmel served as the Director of Individual and Faith-Based Support at Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity. Schimmel and the GSHFH have set a new objective of building five houses per year, an increase over the two or three it has been able to construct in the past.

In Memoriam
Alumni
Heidi Theresa Gantick (‘94 M.S. Computer Science) of Lebanon, died on December 20. She worked for General Dynamics Electric Boat for over 20 years.

Phoebe Anne (Jones) (Wickrykas) Foster (‘01 M.S. Management) of East Hampton, died on August 7. She had been employed by Hamilton Sundstrand as an Environmental Engineer.

Faculty and Staff News
Edward D. Arnheiter, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Lally School of Management and Technology, had his case study entitled “Eagle Services Asia,” case number 9B07D019, published on October 10 by the Richard Ivey School of Business, The University of Western Ontario. Ivey Publishing is the second-largest case study house in the world. To read more about the Singapore-based management case study, please see: http://cases.ivey.uwo.ca/Cases/Pages/home.aspx?Mode=showproduct&prod=9B07D019.

John Maleyeff, Ph.D., Clinical Professor, Lally School of Management and Technology, was awarded a research stipend by the IBM Center for The Business of Government last year. His report entitled, “Improving Service Delivery in Government with Lean Six Sigma” has now been published by the Center and is available at: http://businessofgovernment.org/main/publications/grant_reports/details/index.asp?gid=297.

Aric Potter, son of Art Potter, Technical Advisor/PC Systems Support, Technical and Information Services, graduated from Rensselaer in May with a B.S. in Biology (with a Minor in Hydrogeology) from the School of Science. Aric was a Rensselaer Medal winner.

James P. Stodder, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Lally School of Management and Technology, had his editorial entitled, “China: Threat and Opportunity” published in the Commentary section of The Hartford Courant on Sunday, September 23.
Clinical Associate Professors James P. Stodder and Louis W. Gingerella, Jr., of the Hartford department of the Lally School of Management and Technology, taught a one-week course on Risk Assessment and Bank Management in Tianjin, China, during July. The class consisted of 20 students who are government employees at the offices of the Tianjin Economic Development Authority (TEDA). Following the course in China, 18 of the 20 students joined Professor Stodder for a two-week visit to the United States.

Chinese government officials were interested in a proposal to learn about financial risk assessment, and Professor Stodder developed the syllabus that was used for the course. Professor Stodder provided insight into the governmental regulatory side with his expertise in macro-economics; while Professor Gingerella shared his knowledge about the loan administration and accounting side, with more than 20 years of experience as a banker. The overall goal of this educational experience is to implement a risk rating system in China with a regulated model of a centralized system of private corporations working with government. The Chinese would like to learn from the American system that is overseen by private companies that evaluate corporate debt.

Tianjin, the third most populated city in China with over 10 million people, is located in a high growth export zone. Professors Stodder and Gingerella met with representa-tives of the People’s Bank of China, banking regulators, and economic development officials. Before the course began, the two professors had the opportunity to spend several days touring Beijing, the capital of China. Professor Stodder is currently studying the Chinese language.


The feedback received from the course was very positive, as the students were quite satisfied with the program and the instructors, and would like to run the course again next year. This is the second professional development program in China that the Lally School in Troy has organized. The first program was conducted in 2006 and focused on the Three Gorges Dam – the largest hydropower project in the world.

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**Professor Luddy Assists Southeast Asian Countries Develop Legal Infrastructure**

At the request of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), William J. Luddy, Jr., J.D., Clinical Professor, Lally School of Management and Technology, participated in a meeting of ASEAN member-states’ legal experts who are developing the ASEAN Single Window for International Trade. This program is a key element of the ASEAN countries’ goal of achieving regional economic integration by 2015.

The 10 member-states of ASEAN represented at these meetings, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, included Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The concept of the “Single Window” is to provide companies engaged in international trade a one-time submission of all necessary documents to government authorities for the export and import of goods that meet those requirements rather than having to make many different document submissions to a variety of agencies. Professor Luddy stated that, “The Single Window facility enables much more efficient and effective processing for cross-border transactions resulting in substantial cost savings for both companies engaged at all levels of global supply chain networks and for governments.”

One element of Single Window development has been the use of Information Technology to achieve even more effective, transparent, and secure international business transactions. Professor Luddy is one of the leading international authorities on the legal aspects of the use of electronic business technologies. “It is exciting to be directly involved in a new field working at the intersection of law, management, and technology,” he said. “It’s an area that will ‘change the world,’” he added.

In addition to his research and work at ASEAN, the government of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, with the support of USAID, has asked Professor Luddy to advise this government on the legal issues related to its development of a domestic Single Window. He will also participate in a UN meeting in Belgrade, Serbia that will focus on issues related to development of a regional Single Window for Southeastern Europe. Many countries and regional groups have been working on the technology-side for Single Window development for several years, he noted. “It is only recently that the importance of creating and harmonizing the legal infrastructure to support these developments has been recognized as a key for achieving the interoperability at the international business level.”
Retired Rensselaer Professor Making a Difference for those with Parkinson’s Disease

Guido H. Slangen, Ed.D., (’75 M.S. Management) retired from Rensselaer in 2003 as Associate Chair and Clinical Professor, Hartford Department of the Lally School of Management and Technology, after twenty-three years of outstanding service to the Institute. Dr. Slangen was prepared for retirement but not expecting to develop Parkinson’s disease (PD). While PD may present challenges for Dr. Slangen, it certainly has not kept him from his love of volunteering, teaching leadership and management, and looking for solutions at the intersection of technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. In fact, PD has galvanized his efforts to pursue these passions.

Dr. Slangen has always enjoyed volunteering. Some of his volunteer pursuits now focus on helping others with PD. He is working with the Glastonbury Senior Services Department to organize physical therapy and exercise programs. Dr. Slangen is a self-proclaimed “poster boy” for the Eastern Rehabilitation Network, appearing in many advertisements and brochures for the rehabilitation, prevention, and wellness provider. He is also teaching management seminars at Manchester Memorial Hospital and following-up on the implementation of new management systems.

According to Dr. Slangen, one of his most exciting endeavors is his work with the U-Step Walker from the In-Step Mobility Products Corporation. The patented U-shaped base provides an ultra-stable foundation combined with an innovative braking system and an optional LaserLight™ feature to help break a “freezing episode” related to PD. Dr. Slangen is particularly interested in improving the technology of this product to make it even more effective and useful to those with PD.

He is encouraging members of the Rensselaer community, especially alumni who are his former students, to contact him at (860) 633-1026 or e-mail: gslangen@sbcglobal.net, to learn more about helping in the fight against PD. In addition, as a MonaVie Independent Distributor, Dr. Slangen is available to discuss the Açai berry – a super fruit found in the Amazon Rainforest, and the benefits of the juice in relieving some of his PD symptoms.

Upcoming Connecticut Quality Council (CQC) Events

- Lean Project Management – January 31
- Five S’s: Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardization, Sustain – February 25
- Integrated Aerospace Business Management Systems – February 27
- Finding Root Cause – March 18
- Mistake Proofing – March 25
- Using Emotional Intelligence in the Workplace: Personal & Team Development – April 17
- I Gotta Be a Facilitator, Too! Basic Facilitator Behaviors and Tools – April 24-25
- Customer Satisfaction Analysis – May 15

All CQC workshops will be held at Rensselaer’s Hartford Campus. Discounted workshop fees are available to CQC members. For more information and/or to register for a program, please call (860) 548-2488, e-mail: cqc-info@ewp.rpi.edu, or visit the Web at: www.ctqualitycouncil.org.

RAA Hartford Chapter to Host 2008 Technology Awareness Symposium

The Rensselaer Alumni Association (RAA) Hartford Chapter cordially invites all members of the Rensselaer community to participate in the 2008 Technology Awareness Symposium colloquium and exposition entitled, “Energy’s Future: Energy Supply and Climate Change.” This conference will challenge energy manufacturers and researchers to develop and evaluate new energy technologies while offering new ideas on how to mitigate current and potential energy systems effects on the environment. The two-day colloquium will be held April 11-12, 2008 at Rensselaer’s Hartford campus.

The Symposium will bring together world-class energy technology and power economic experts to explore and interactively share information concerning latest and planned future developments in energy technologies and energy supply-side issues.

Topics of discussion include energy concepts and new energy ideas impacting and influencing future energy development and production strategies, stationary and motive power systems development, energy and electricity supply and demand, market speculation impact on energy economics, alternative energy systems development (clean fossil fuel and coal – gasification, CO2 sequestering; nuclear – Hi-Temp He cooled pebble bed reactors; hydrogen economy; fuel cells, solar, ethanol, biomass, wind, geothermal, etc.), energy conservation philosophies, the real greenhouse gas phenomena, mitigation of energy-related heat thermal equilibrium upsets and related weather swings, and future energy legislation.

This will be an interactive and interdisciplinary technical program with invited talks, panel discussions, student and industrial poster session, equipment/system displays, and technology networking with engineering, scientific product and systems exhibits.

For more information, to register and participate in the symposium, or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please visit: www.alumni.rpi.edu/Energy2008 or contact David N. Palmer ’78, Symposium Development Chair, at: DavidNPalmer@alum.rpi.edu.

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Making Strides Walk

Four members of the Rensselaer Hartford Campus staff participated in the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, held on October 14 in Hartford’s Bushnell Park. The team raised $870 and would like to thank everyone for their support of this fundraiser, especially those from the Rensselaer community. Pictured here are Rensselaer Hartford staff members (left to right) Adam Hechler, Senior Analyst/PC System Administrator, Technical and Information Services; Natalie Sutera, Manager, Financial Services; Rebecca Danchak (’78 M.S. Management), Director of Admissions; and Jennifer Carone, Telecommunications and Help Desk Specialist, Technical and Information Services; along with family and friends who formed the walk team.

“Mitten Tree” Spreads Holiday Spirit

Members of the Rensselaer Hartford community donated mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves – many of them handmade – to the “Mitten Tree” located in the lobby of Level 3 at the Hartford campus, to be presented to the children of needy families at Barnard-Brown Elementary School in Hartford. The “Mitten Tree” has been a tradition at Rensselaer at Hartford for more than 11 years. Rebecca M. Danchak (’78 M.S. Management), Director of Admissions, and her mother, have contributed over 1,200 handmade hats to the campaign throughout the years.

Donations Collected For South Park Inn

For the past 10 years, the Rensselaer Hartford family has generously donated items to the South Park Inn in Hartford in an effort to help lessen the hardships for the many women, men, and children who seek shelter there on a daily basis. Donations were collected for the South Park Inn “wish list” and given to the shelter on December 20. Thanks to all who donated items, and special thanks to Angela Buonannata, Assistant Registrar, Office of the Registrar, and Linda Johnson, Operations Assistant, Administrative Services, for organizing the collection drive.

Rensselaer Sponsors Holiday House Tour

As part of Rensselaer’s “communiversity” efforts, Rensselaer Hartford served as a Silver Sponsor for the 27th Annual Holiday House Tour by the Friends of The Mark Twain House & Museum. The event was held December 2, with a self-guided tour of seven historic locations clustered in the West End of Hartford. All of the proceeds went to the Mark Twain House & Museum.

Rensselaer Contributes to United Way Campaign

Members of the Rensselaer at Hartford community participated in the 2007 United Way Campaign. Thank you to everyone who donated to the cause and participated in the chili/stew/soup cook-off and raffle, and the “penny war.” Special thanks to Stephanie L. Hood, Program Administrator, and Christa A. Sterling (’95 M.B.A.), Program Manager, of Enrollment Management, for chairing this year’s campaign!
Rensselaer is the only licensed Network Associate of the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL)® in New England. Rensselaer’s Centers for Professional Development (RCPD) is part of an elite international network licensed by the CCL to offer its renowned leadership programs. Rensselaer offers two CCL programs: Foundations of Leadership (FOL) and Leadership Development Program (LDP)®.

FOL is a three-day leadership development workshop designed to assist the development of emerging leaders and managers by increasing their personal awareness, interpersonal effectiveness, and managerial abilities. Specifically, FOL examines the dynamics of leadership as they relate to influence, conflict management and goal setting. To achieve the greatest possible results, a number of different methods are employed. These include assessment questionnaires, well-researched leadership models, experiential activities, “real-life” case studies, and one-to-one consultations.

LDP is an intense, five-day program designed to improve the effectiveness of upper-middle to senior-level managers by helping them recognize their strengths and weaknesses as leaders. At the center of the LDP experience is the creation of a safe learning environment that supports and encourages personal development. Within that environment, LDP blends in-depth assessment, professionally-directed individual feedback and coaching, peer feedback, change management, activity-based learning exercises, and videotaped exercises to stimulate long-term improvements in leadership styles and behaviors.

All programs are held in Hartford unless otherwise noted. The three-day FOL sessions will be offered: March 25-27, June 17-19 (Troy, NY), and September 9-11; while the five-day LDP sessions are scheduled to run: April 7-11, October 27-October 31, and December 8-12. Early registration is recommended as classes can and do fill up quickly. Registration is available online at: www.ewp.rpi.edu/hartford/rcpd/2007/creative.html, by e-mail: rcpd@ewp.rpi.edu, or by downloading and printing a registration form for faxing or mailing. For more information, please call (860) 548-7864 or toll-free (800) 433-4723, ext. 7864.

RCPD Offers Executive Education Leadership Programs

New Hires

Rensselaer welcomes the following new employees:

- **Wilton Barnum**, Director, Academic Operations and Logistics
- **Michael Bozzi**, Program Manager, Marketing Department
- **Linda Kresge**, Administrative Associate, Academic Departments and Programs
- **Gregory Sparzo** ('93 M.S. Management), Senior Program Manager, Marketing Department
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