Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is once again one of the top 50 national universities in the United States, according to U.S. News and World Report’s newest ranking of the “Best Colleges” in the country. Under the 2011 report, Rensselaer ranked 41st overall in the category of “Best National Universities,” up from 42nd last year. The latest ranking continues Rensselaer’s more than decade-long ranking in the top 50 national universities and extends a steady rise in position from 49th in 2000.

The latest ranking among the best universities in the U.S. underscores progress Rensselaer has made under The Rensselaer Plan, which was initiated by President Shirley Ann Jackson in 1999 and implemented over the last decade. The plan involved a strategic, comprehensive strategy to transform the Institute to achieve greater prominence in the 21st century as a top-tier world-class technological research university with global reach and global impact.

Rensselaer Again Ranks Among Nation’s Top 50 Universities

Groton Student Celebration

A Groton Student Celebration was held November 29 - December 3 at the Rensselaer Southeastern Connecticut site at Mystic Executive Park. Students were treated to dinner, Rensselaer gifts, and a prize drawing, all courtesy of the Office of Student Services. Check out the Rensselaer Groton Site Facebook page for photos and more at: www.facebook.com/pages/Rensselaer-Groton-Site/165386981269?ref=ts.

Executive MBA Program Comes to Hartford Campus

The Lally School of Management and Technology is pleased to offer the Rensselaer Executive MBA (EMBA) program at the Hartford campus, with the next cohort starting February 25. The EMBA is designed for highly motivated professionals seeking to earn a Rensselaer MBA in a fast-track format. This 16-month program features an interactive and engaging curriculum which integrates innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership into coursework aimed at instructing students in the art of managing a successful enterprise.

A week-long international residency in Singapore is an essential part of the EMBA experience because it provides an in-depth immersion into the world of international business. Another critical component is the Impact Project, a year-long endeavor designed to enable students to stretch their intellect and capabilities, and to begin to utilize the skills and tools they have gained in their EMBA experience. The project allows the EMBA class to choose a problem or issue of great importance in today’s society and spend an academic year identifying and researching various aspects of the topic, culminating in the development of solutions that will make an impact.

For more information about EMBA, please visit: www.ewp.rpi.edu/emba.

Attention Rensselaer Students

REMINDER - rpi.edu email: Students must check their rpi.edu email for important communications from Rensselaer. If you cannot access your rpi.edu email account, find help at: www.ewp.rpi.edu/hartford/its/forms/accountinforeq.html, or call the Help Desk at: 860-548-5311.
Alumni News

1980s

Patricia “Paddi” R. LeShane (HGC ‘83 M.S. Health Care Management), Co-founder and CEO, Sullivan & LeShane, Inc., has been named one of “Hartford’s 50 most influential people” in the September issue of Hartford magazine. Along with her husband, Patrick Sullivan, she leads one of the most respected government and public relations firms in Connecticut.

Katherine “Kate” H. Emery (‘85 M.S. Computer Science), founder, owner, and CEO of Walker Systems Support, served as judge for the Hartford Business Journal’s 2010 Nonprofit Heroes awards, celebrating nonprofit volunteerism and civic responsibility.

Walter “Wally” G. Harper (‘85 M.S. Management) has been appointed Vice President of Human Resources at Gaylord Hospital. Previously, he was Assistant Vice President, Human Resources, at Rushford Center Inc.

Dale J. Ribaudo (‘88 M.S. Management), Senior Vice President and CFO, FM Facility Maintenance, was recognized as the winner in the Mega Private Company category as “Outstanding CFO of the Year 2010” by the Hartford Business Journal in its November 8 issue.

Russell R. Radant (‘89 MBA), Vice President of Production Technology, Spirol International Corporation, has been elected as a Director of Spirol International, at a board of directors’ meeting on August 20. Radant has been with the company since 1994, when he was hired as a project engineer.

Margaret “Peggy” M. Sayers (HGC ‘89 M.S. Health Care Management), was re-elected to a seventh term representing the 60th House District (Windsor and Windsor Locks) in the General Assembly, on November 2. State Representative Sayers is Deputy Majority Leader and serves on the Appropriations Committee, the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, and the Transportation Committee.

1990s

John M. Jezowski (‘92 M.S. Management) has been appointed Senior Vice President, Relationship Manager at Webster Financial Advisors. His experience includes roles in investment banking, mergers and acquisitions, corporate and strategic development, marketing, commercial development, corporate intelligence, and scientific research.

Robert J. Friedland (‘94 MBA), Co-founder, President and CEO, Proton Energy Systems, has been named one of “Five to Watch in 2011” in the January 3 issue of the Hartford Business Journal. The company has been growing and expanding its presence around the world, positioning Proton for a landmark year in 2011.

George V. Bauer (‘97 M.S. Mechanical Engineering), a mechanical engineering consultant, was elected Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Education in Regional School District 14 (Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut), to a three-year term.

In Memoriam

Alumni

Peter Vercellone (‘58 M.S. Mechanics, HGC of RPI), of North Haven, died on September 4. He worked for Pratt & Whitney and Belcan, was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and held several patents to his name.

Carolyn Briglia (‘91 M.S. Computer Science), of Wilton, New Hampshire, died on December 20. She was a developer/software engineer for over 20 years and worked most recently for Oracle Corporation in Nashua. Briglia was formerly employed by Teleco Oil Field Services and Digital Equipment Corporation.

Faculty

Joseph L. Krahula, Ph.D. (‘46 B.S. Mechanical Engineering, ’50 M.S. Mechanics), Professor Emeritus, the last remaining member of the original seven Rensselaer Troy campus academic leaders to bring their expertise in engineering and science to the Hartford Graduate Center (now Rensselaer at Hartford) in 1955, died on September 3. Dr. Krahula was chairman of the Mechanics curriculum and chaired numerous committees. His area of expertise was in vibrations, elasticity, and structural mechanics, in which he published many articles in engineering journals. Dr. Krahula also served as a consultant for companies such as Pratt & Whitney, Gerber Scientific, and Tele-Dyne.

Rensselaer Alumni Networking Event

Save the date! On February 23, the Rensselaer Alumni Network will hold the first of a series of networking events in the Hartford area. The Hartford networking event will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 200 at the Rensselaer Hartford Campus. These events are designed to connect alumni who are interested in expanding their professional connections and personal networks. The meeting will be an informal gathering. Everyone will have a chance to introduce themselves to the group, followed by an opportunity to explore new connections, socialize, and exchange ideas. There is no charge for attending the event, and attendees will pay for their own food and beverages, which are available at Russell’s Bistro.

To register for this event, please visit: http://alumni.rpi.edu/s/1225/index.aspx?sid=1225&gid=1&pgid=1135&cid=2795&ecid=2795&cid=0&calpgid=403&calcid=1156.

The Rensselaer Alumni Network is a growing group of alumni helping other alumni build their professional networks and assist each other in career and personal growth. Join in, get involved, and make connections that can help you and give you a chance to educate others. It’s easy, fun, and highly rewarding!

Rensselaer is a Tobacco-Free Environment

Besides cigarettes and other smoking materials, the ban includes:

- Chewing tobacco
- Smokeless tobacco
- Electronic cigarettes

The tobacco-free areas include all buildings and property owned by Rensselaer including parking lots and grounds.
Darren Stiles, of RAA Hartford Chapter, Receives Director’s Award

In tribute to an outstanding commitment to community service, the Rensselaer Alumni Association (RAA) Awards Program recognizes alumni contributions in every area of volunteer work. This year’s winners were formally recognized during a ceremony for their dedication and commitment to Rensselaer, and for their contributions to the RAA. The ceremony took place October 15, during the Institute’s Reunion and Homecoming weekend. President Shirley Ann Jackson was present to thank the award winners for their contributions to Rensselaer.

The Director’s Award is presented to individuals who have made significant contributions to the success of the Rensselaer Alumni Association and to the Office of Alumni Relations during the past year. RAA Hartford Chapter Treasurer, Darren L. Stiles (‘06 B.S. Management) of Wethersfield, received a 2010 Director’s Award for his efforts. Congratulations, Darren! A copy of his award will be added to the “Chapter Alumni Wall” on display at the beginning of the alumni Hall of Fame hallway located on Level 3 at the Hartford campus.

Cole Library Features ScienceDirect from Elsevier

ScienceDirect is a leading full-text scientific database offering articles and information from over 2,500 peer-reviewed journals and more than 11,000 books. It covers all scientific disciplines as well as the social sciences, including business. With its intuitive, easy-to-use interface and wealth of full-text materials, ScienceDirect is a great place to start your research.

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• Quality content from ScienceDirect integrated with targeted web content
• Dedicated image search
• Connection to essential information from Reference Works for easy access to related basic knowledge
• Additional information on article types to quickly check whether an article is of interest
• Document Download Manager to download multiple PDFs and name and save them simultaneously
• My Applications toolbar displays applications to expand and enhance research
• Download free ScienceDirect iPhone app

ScienceDirect is available to the Rensselaer community at www.ewp.rpi.edu/hartford/library/databases/sd.htm.

As always, please contact the Cole Library if you have any questions at 860-548-2490, toll-free at 800-433-4723 x2490, or e-mail: lib-info@ewp.rpi.edu.

New ISP Photo Slide Shows and Videos Premiere, Also on Facebook and YouTube

View the new photo slide shows from the International Scholars Program (ISP) Summer 2010 term, at: www.ewp.rpi.edu/isp/isp_photos0710/index.html. To watch videos featuring students and faculty sharing their thoughts about the impact of the ISP experience, go to www.ewp.rpi.edu/isp/media/index.html. Also, check out Rensselaer’s ISP page on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pages/Rensselaers-International-Scholars-

Program/1978856859127?ref=tbs and RPI at Hartford’s YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/user/RPIHartford. Special thanks to the following Rensselaer at Hartford staff members for their work on these projects: Tom Bittel, Communications Manager; Eric Patenaude, Data Analyst; Paul Sartini, Multimedia Producer; and Karen Silva, Multimedia Producer/Operations Coordinator.
Rensselaer at Hartford Employees Honored with Service Awards

Rensselaer at Hartford staff members were recognized at the annual Employee Service Recognition and Retirement Dinner held at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany, New York. John A. Minasian, Ph.D., Vice President and Dean, Rensselaer at Hartford, recognized each employee and presented anniversary thank-you gifts from Rensselaer. Incremental five-year service awards were given to the following employees:

Five Years of Service
- Elliot B. Field, Director, Marketing and Business Development
- Susan Kramer, Program Specialist, Executive and Professional Development
- John A. Minasian, Ph.D., Vice President and Dean

Ten Years of Service
- Jennifer Carone, Program Coordinator, Enrollment Management and Marketing
- Deneice Jordan, Conference Services Coordinator, Academic Operations and Logistics
- Lynn Vitale, Operations Associate, Office of the Registrar

Fifteen Years of Service
- Richard Silva, Administrative Systems Coordinator, Technical and Information Services

Retirement—Fourteen Years of Service to Rensselaer
- Linda Johnson, Operations Specialist, Administrative Services

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Updated Jeanne Clery Security Report

Federal law requires institutions of higher education that receive federal funds to provide detailed information about crime statistics. The 2010 Campus Security Report with updated information in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act is available online at:


Issued annually, the document has information specific to the Rensselaer Hartford Campus and Groton Site. Any questions should be directed to Paul J. Murphy, Director, Operations and Facilities, at (860) 548-5392 or e-mail: murphy2@rpi.edu.

“Communiversity” at Rensselaer’s Hartford Campus

Rensselaer President Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D., likes to use the term “communiversity” for the activities in local communities near the university’s Troy, New York and Hartford, Connecticut campuses. “Communiversity” is a vision of the way institutions of higher learning and the cities, towns, and counties that serve as their homes can and should work together to ensure the viability and vibrancy of their shared communities.

Rensselaer at Hartford employees have been active in the community most recently by participating in the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Hartford, the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, and by collecting donations for the South Park Inn shelter for the homeless in Hartford.

To learn more about “communiversity,” please visit: http://www.rpi.edu/about/communiversity/index.html

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Faculty and Staff News

Louis W. Gingerella, Jr., (’84 MBA) Clinical Associate Professor, Lally School of Management and Technology, served as a judge for the Hartford Business Journal’s 2010 CFO of the Year awards, recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding CFOs in the Greater Hartford region.

Ernesto Gutierrez-Miravete, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Engineering and Science, participated as an invited speaker in the ANSYS Tri-State (CT, NY, NJ) Users Group Meeting in Tarrytown, New York, held on September 28. His presentation was entitled “Heat Transfer with Change of Phase in Continuous Casting.” To read more about the meeting, visit: http://www.comsol.com/conference2010/usa.

Dr. Gutierrez-Miravete, together with former students, co-authored and presented two papers at the COMSOL 2010 Conference in Boston, held October 7-9. The titles of the papers were “Electro-Thermal Analysis of Contactors” with Gabriela Contreras (’10 M.Eng. Mechanical Engineering) of General Electric, and “Modeling the Buckling of Iso-Grid Plates” with Jeffrey Lavin (’10 M.Eng. Mechanical Engineering) of Pratt & Whitney. To learn more about the conference, please see: http://www.comsol.com/conference2010/usa.

To read the papers, please note that Professor Gutierrez-Miravete posts most of his publications/presentations on his web page at: http://www.euw.rpi.edu/~ernesto/

John A. Minasian, Ph.D., Vice President and Dean, Rensselaer at Hartford, directed the Rensselaer Festival Chorus in a special holiday concert and tribute to Chairman Samuel F. Heffner ’56, held on December 9 in the Concert Hall in the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC). The chorus was accompanied by a professional orchestra and world-renowned soloists.

Randall G. Peteros, J.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Lally School of Management and Technology, was honored at the 2010 Trustees Celebration of Faculty Achievement Awards Ceremony held December 10 in conjunction with Rensselaer’s Board of Trustees Weekend. Professor Peteros was recognized for receiving a “Best Paper Award” at the 24th annual Association for Global Business Conference.