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#### **WEST COAST SCHOLARSHIP GALA**

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#### ► RECOGNITION OF RENSSELAER SILICON VALLEY NETWORK

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#### ► KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Honorable Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D. *President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute* 

#### ► RECOGNITION OF RECENT TRANSFORMATIVE COMMITMENTS

Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.

#### ► PRESENTATION OF RENSSELAER RESEARCH CONSTELLATION AWARD

to Cindi Priem and Curtis R. Priem '82, Trustee

Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.

Kathleen M. Severino and Paul J. Severino '69, *Trustee Campaign Co-Chairs* 

#### **▶** WEST COAST LAUNCH

**Transformative: Campaign for Global Change** 

Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.

The Board of Trustees



DEAR FRIENDS,

With great pride, and sincere pleasure, I welcome you to the inaugural West Coast Scholarship Gala. It is fitting that we gather here, as the association between California and Rensselaer has become increasingly noteworthy. The devotion of our Rensselaer West Coast community will support a transcontinental model for enhancing accepted and incoming student programs, engaging parents, alumni, and alumnae—many of whom are key leaders in their respective industries—to network on behalf of the Institute and its talented students, and further strengthening corporate alliances across the region.

This evening also presents an opportunity for us to celebrate with you the launch of **Transformative: Campaign for Global Change**. As we approach our bicentennial, in 2024, we seek to undergird three pillars: to enhance the student experience and *Bridge the Gap* that exists between students' needs and available financial aid resources; to realize the *Faculty 500*, a tenured and tenure-track community of outstanding professors whose research and teaching will change the world; and to *Build Out the Campus* by continuing to modernize the academic, research, and student life facilities that enable us to transform our students into the next generation of resilient and inspired leaders.

These goals are interconnected; our state-of-the art campus is the underpinning of a Rensselaer experience, while our brilliant faculty is its embodiment. Our professors enlighten and enrich our students' intellectual journeys. That is why tonight, we celebrate stakeholders whose recent investments have enhanced the excellence of our faculty, and the student experience we offer.

On behalf of Rensselaer, and our exceptional students, I extend to you an assurance that we will achieve the ambitious goals of our campaign, securing the future of Rensselaer, and empowering our students to pursue their passions, realize their dreams, and change the world for generations to come. I invite you to join this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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As we approach our third century, and embark on this new campaign, we ask you to join us—to secure the future of Rensselaer, and guarantee a world-class education for generations to come. Together, we can be Transformative."

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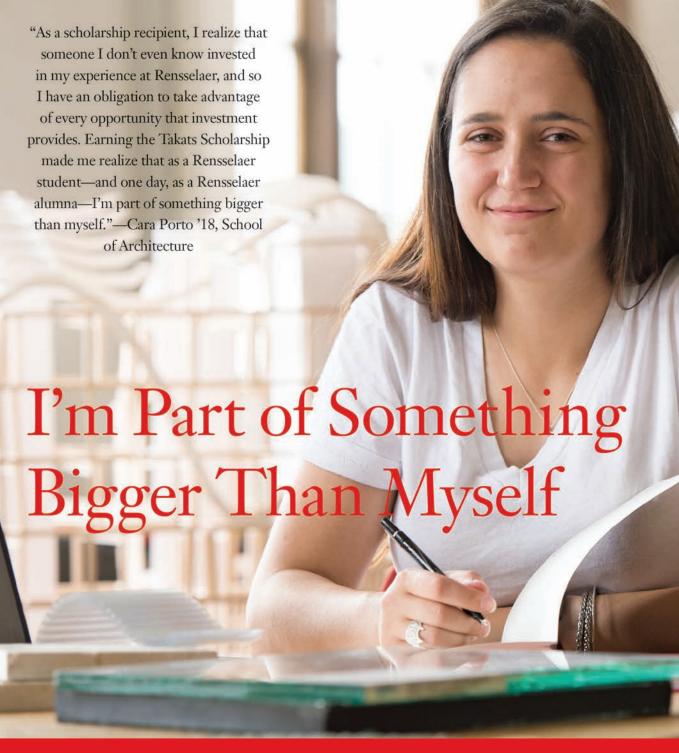
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Scholarship support enables students like Cara to dream big, work hard, and tackle the world's most pressing challenges. Gifts to Gap" between student need and available scholarship do more than change the world for one student—they provide the confidence, tools, and community for incoming students, budding researchers, and future alumni to imagine how they, too, can make a difference experience to our students, preparing them and change the world.

One of the three pillars of the Transformative: Campaign for Global Change is "Bridging the financial aid resources. Consider a gift in support of scholarship by making a donation at giving.rpi.edu. Your support helps Rensselaer to provide a world-class educational to meet the demands and challenges of the 21st century.



In addition, Rensselaer is grateful for legacy gift commitments, which remain anonymous, and are in excess of \$50 million from our alumni/alumnae and friends.

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To attract and retain the smartest and most promising scholars, Rensselaer must have the financial resources to compete with other top-tier universities, including those able to meet the full financial needs of students. Improving access and enhancing the student experience requires us to bridge the gap in available financial aid.

We educate our students to be intellectually agile, multi-culturally sophisticated, and globally focused, and prepare them to confidently address the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. Scholarships alleviate the constraints of excessive debt, empowering our graduates to take risks and pursue dreams that have the potential to reward us all.

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#### **CODY MADIGAN '19**

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We recognize that bright young men and women come from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds the world over. Attracting these talented applicants, regardless of financial need, is integral to creating a richer and more rewarding educational experience for all Rensselaer students. Scholarships create life-changing opportunities for deserving students to focus on their education with all the energy and attention such a transformative endeavor deserves.

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHOSE NEED EXCEEDS FINANCIAL AID







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At this time, Rensselaer is unable to meet the full financial aid need for nearly half of our undergraduate population.

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We will expand upon visionary programs such as **The Arch**, in which students spend a junior year semester away on an internship, research, or other experience, and Clustered Learning, Advocacy, and Support for Students (**CLASS**), which combines residential and time-based clustering, and novel integration of classroom technology.

The **B.S. in Music**, launched in fall 2017, promises to keep Rensselaer at the forefront of cross-disciplinary inquiry in the arts and sciences. The degree is offered as a single disciplinary major, but is designed to also pair as a dual major option with the STEM disciplines as a means of preparing a modern musician that is fluent in the arts as well as the sciences. This coupling will attract a wider demographic of students within the landscape of not only other technological universities in the United States, but also music conservatories, and schools of music.

We are especially proud of this degree as it exemplifies the innovative paradigm we refer to as **Art\_X@Rensselaer**. The vision of **Art\_X** establishes relationships between the arts (=art) and another field (=x), realizing the art in and of science and the science in and of art.

Rensselaer recently introduced a requirement for all undergraduate students—the first of its kind in the nation—to propel all Rensselaer students beyond the current collegiate standard of "data literacy" to "data dexterity"—proficiency in using diverse datasets to define and solve complex real-world problems. Students will complete two "data-intensive" courses; one to establish the foundations of data modeling and analysis, and a second within their academic discipline.





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## Congratulations to the 2018 Scholarship Recipients & Honorees



► BUILDING THE THIRD-CENTURY CAMPUS: MODERNIZING AND EQUIPPING THE TROY CAMPUS

To be a magnet for the best and brightest students and faculty, our living and recreation spaces, academic facilities, and research centers must be state-of-the-art and contribute to a vibrant and engaged campus community.

The success of *Transformative: Campaign for Global Change* will allow Rensselaer to undertake major infrastructure projects that will dramatically enhance our capabilities and the student experience.

A **Center for Science** will facilitate the fluid exchange of ideas by bringing Rensselaer scientists together into advanced laboratories, research, and teaching spaces.

The expansion of the **East Campus Athletic Village** will promote a healthy living and learning environment, and enable Rensselaer to host regional, national, and international athletes for exhibitions and tournaments.

A reimagined **Music Center**, with practice rooms and teaching studios, will be configured in West Hall, while an infusion of the latest technology into the Media Studios in the Darrin Communications Center will ensure the highest levels of production quality.





Enabling the Next Generation of Innovators

► EMPOWERING WORLD-CLASS TEACHING, WORLD-CHANGING RESEARCH

Accomplishing our academic and research goals requires us to attract and retain outstanding faculty at all levels, in every school, and in each department—from the bright junior faculty member just making a mark in exciting new research, to the teacher-scholar whose dedication to innovation in the classroom makes a subject new year after year—from the senior professor working at the frontiers of research to the internationally-renowned scholar questing after new knowledge.

To prepare for our third century, and achieve the vision of The New Polytechnic, we must optimize our ability to recruit and retain exceptional faculty. A world-class faculty helps to attract extraordinary students, additional faculty, and expanded research opportunities, allowing Rensselaer to continue to answer the question, "why not change the world?"

We are pleased to share plans to recognize those who have recently invested in faculty and research at Rensselaer during *Transformative: Campaign for Global Change*, leading us to further excellence in education and research in our third century, on October 24, 2018 at the second Rensselaer Scholarship Gala in New York City.



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who established our most recent Research Constellation in support of *Transformative: Campaign for Global Change*. **Research Constellation**—a unique, transformative model for research endeavors launched only at Rensselaer—a multidisciplinary collaboration among stellar senior faculty, promising junior faculty, gifted graduate students, and ambitious undergraduates. Through this synergy, scholars address the interconnected global challenges we face, including energy, water, and food supplies, climate change, sustainable infrastructure, national and global security, and disease prevention and mitigation.

Each Research Constellation is a bold endeavor to push past the boundaries—in microelectronics and microsystems, in advanced materials, in nanotechnology, advanced scientific computation, modeling, and simulation. As global challenges and opportunities evolve, so does the need to establish new Research Constellations.

#### Rensselaer Research Constellations have been generously funded by these dedicated individuals:

Gail and Jeffrey L. Kodosky '70 Constellation in Physics, Information Technology, and Entrepreneurship (2000)

Noble Enterprise Constellation (2001) Morris "Marty" Silverman\*

Wellfleet Constellation in Future Chips Research (2004) Kathleen M. and Paul J. Severino '69

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#### ► CURTIS R. PRIEM '82 COGNITIVE AND IMMERSIVE SYSTEMS CONSTELLATION

The Curtis R. Priem '82 Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC), constructed in 2008, is an icon of The New Polytechnic, a state-of-the-art performance and research space where the arts, sciences, and technology come together to push the boundaries of inquiry. Named in recognition of Mr. Priem's historic, unrestricted gift, this one-of-a-kind facility truly represents the exceptionality of its namesake—Curtis R. Priem '82—dedicated alumnus, trustworthy adviser, and extraordinary philanthropist.

In addition to this transformative gift, Mr. Priem has continually demonstrated his commitment to Rensselaer through his longstanding service on the Board of Trustees, and his further contributions to support Rensselear students and faculty.

Tonight, we are pleased to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Priem's decision to enhance faculty and research excellence at Rensselaer with the establishment of the endowed Curtis R. Priem '82 Cognitive and Immersive Systems Constellation. The Constellation will support a cohort of multidisciplinary faculty and students forging new frontiers in research, further advancing the world's understanding of cognitive computing.

Mr. Priem is an inventor who has authored almost 200 U.S. and international patents, all of which relate to graphics and I/O. He designed the first graphics processor for the PC, the IBM Professional Graphics Adapter. Priem co-founded NVIDIA Corporation, a manufacturer of graphics and multimedia integrated circuits in 1993, and served as the chief technical officer from 1993 to 2003. Mr. Priem is also President of the Priem Family Foundation, which he established in 1999.

Mr. Priem holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer. Rensselaer honored Mr. Priem with the Rensselaer Alumni Association's Albert Fox Demers Award in 2005, the William F. Glaser '53 Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2000, and the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016.

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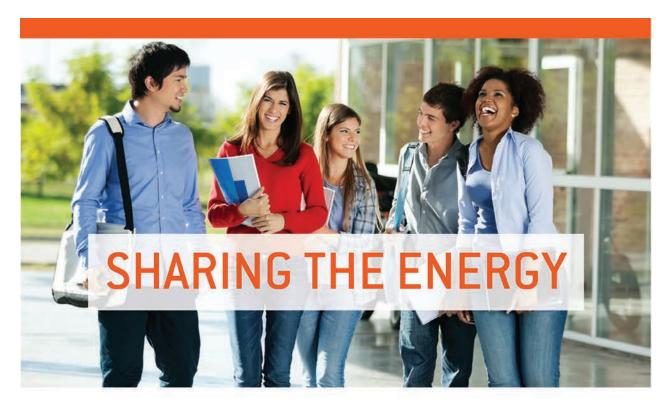
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We are grateful to **Wanda Denson-Low '78 and Ronald Low**, parents of a 2012 Rensselaer graduate, and **Nancy Mueller**, whose shared vision, devotion, and generosity have fostered a sense of community on the West Coast. The events they host for accepted and incoming students have become treasured Rensselaer traditions, vital to our enrollment objectives.

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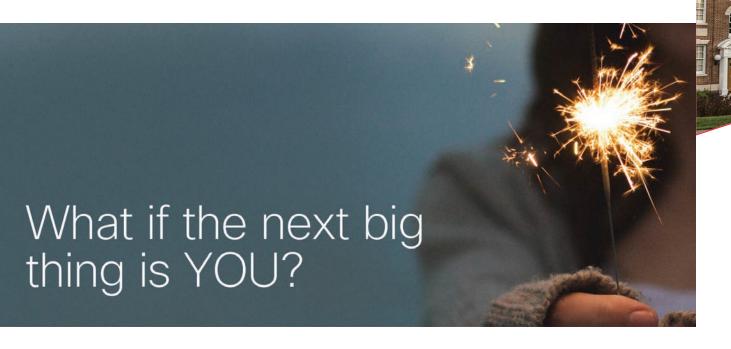


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In response to this unique population, Rensselaer recently created the Rensselaer Silicon Valley Network (RSVN) to provide robust connectivity programs for business development, recruitment of students and alumni/ae, and greater engagement opportunities among alumni/ae, corporations, foundations, parents, and potential students.



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#### PRABHAT HAJELA, Ph.D.

Dr. Hajela, Provost at Rensselaer, is responsible for all academic portfolios at the Institute, and, in collaboration with the Vice President for Research, works to strengthen the research missions of the Institute. An aerospace engineer by training, he has conducted research at NASA's Langley and Glenn Research Centers, and the Eglin Air Force Armament Laboratory. He also worked at The Boeing Company as the Boeing-A.D. Welliver Fellow in 1995. He received a B. Tech in Aeronautical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, M.S. degrees in Aerospace Engineering from Iowa State University, and in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in Aeronautics and Astronautics from Stanford University.

For more information about the RSVN, contact Joseph Stroedel at (518) 276-6095 or strodj@rpi.edu.



The Rensselaer Alumni Association is made up of nearly 100,000 alumni, living and working all over the world. The global reach and global impact of the alumni network is evidenced by the growing number of regional alumni chapters across the country and internationally. Connections to our alumni, wherever they are located, is essential as we work to expand Rensselaer's reach in a globally interconnected world, and the support of the members of these Chapters, and others like them around the world, is of vital importance as we approach our third century of leadership in education, discovery, and innovation.

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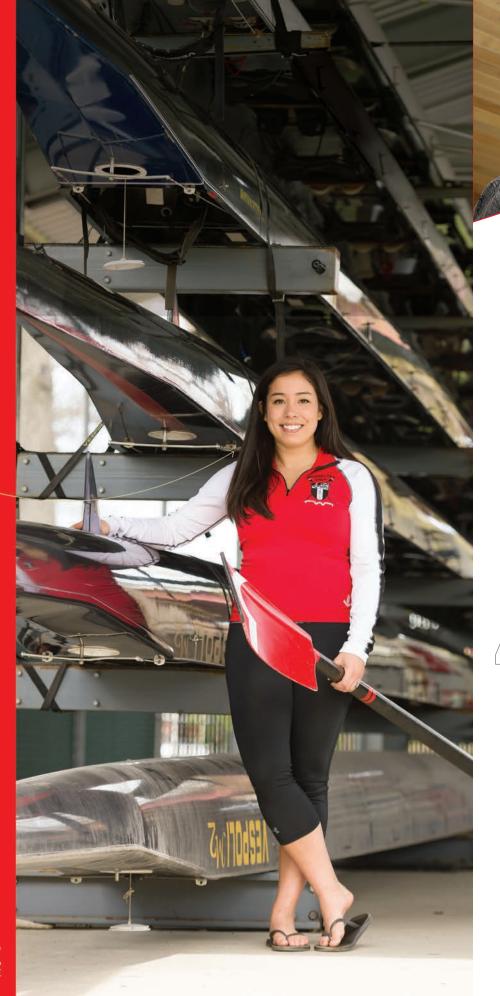
As a longtime Rensselaer professor, Frank Valente understood the value of a Rensselaer education. And, he wanted to help future generations benefit from our strong legacy of innovative pedagogy and research.

By making a generous gift through his will in 1985, Frank established a scholar-ship in memory of his parents, the Angelo and Rosina DeStefano Valente Scholarship.

The Valente family legacy has benefitted many students at Rensselaer, such as Elizabeth Castro, Class of 2016. Elizabeth studied computer and systems engineering, and was a member of the Rensselaer crew team and the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Today, she is a software engineer at TripAdvisor.

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Parents of current students provide priceless gifts to Rensselaer, by the measure of confidence they express in sending their sons and daughters to study with us. In addition, more than 1,200 families lend financial support to the Rensselaer Annual

Fund, which directly impacts each and every student. Rensselaer has established The Society of Families to recognize the generosity of families who support the mission of Rensselaer at a leadership level, contributing \$2,500 or more to the Rensselear Annual Fund.

A select few take this a step further, as volunteers tasked with the goal of increasing parent and family engagement with the university. We offer them our sincere thanks for not only giving generously to Rensselaer, but also encouraging other families to do the same.

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I really enjoy the challenge Rensselaer presents to its students. It keeps me engaged and offers a higher level of education through challenges I must overcome."

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To pay it forward, I plan on sharing my positive experiences with Rensselaer to family and friends who may be interested in a future like mine. Until I can give financial support to future students myself, I think my calling will just be to help encourage and inspire students to pursue their passions.

#### **MARY VOTTO '17, '18G**

Peabody, MA

Civil Engineering (B.S. and M.E.)
Paula and Jeffrey R. Gural '64 Scholarship

I hope to start sharing the things that I learned at Rensselaer with the people I will start to meet within my career. I also would like to work within my local school district at home to help advance the engineering and architecture programs.

These programs meant so much to me while I was in school there, and the education I received at Rensselaer could help other students love architecture as much as I do.

#### **CARA PORTO '18**

North Tonawanda, NY Architecture Joseph R. Takats '41 Scholarship I made the most of my final year at Rensselaer by being grateful for everything that I have at this school. By being grateful that my dream of becoming an aerospace engineer has become a reality. By being grateful for every track meet that I went on the road for, and spending time with my best friends. Lastly, by proudly remembering that I am a member of a minority: the engineers and technical experts that surround me and constantly push me to higher standards.

#### **TERRENCE LAWRENCE '18**

Highland, New York Aerospace Engineering Severino Scholars Fund

This year at RPI, I learned such an incredible amount about manufacturing and HVAC systems. I truly found my passion in engineering and all the hard work really feels worth it.

#### **JULIA LUPPINO '18**

Staten Island, NY Mechanical Engineering Cynthia G. O'Hara '85 Memorial Scholarship I hope to inspire younger students to go into engineering and pursue STEM.

#### MICHAEL BIELECKI '18

Southington, CT Mechanical Engineering H. Joseph Gerber '47 Endowed Scholarship

I want to be a software engineer who programs self-driving cars or unmanned aerial vehicles. My internship this summer will involve me programming unmanned aerial vehicles, so I am already making big steps toward that goal. When I graduate in December, I hope to continue my work in the field.

#### **JORDAN CHAREST '18**

Mount Airy, MD Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering Reunion Class of 1964 Scholarship



#### #1

Among information technology and web science undergraduate programs at national colleges and universities —College Choice (2017)

#### #2

Among undergraduate business schools in New York state
—College Choice (2017)

#### #3

In the nation for our Masters of Business Analytics
—TFE Times

#### #6

Among 50 best video game design schools

—TheBestSchools.org (2017)

#### #6

Undergraduate physics program
—College Factual

#### CS



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#### #9

Among 30 U.S. private colleges where students go on to earn the most money

#### —CNBC (2017)

#### #9

In the U.S. in the Best Masters and MBAs ranking for the M.S. in Business Analytics
— Eduniversal (2017)

#### #12

In the nation for graduate nuclear engineering programs
—U.S. News & World Report (2017)

#### #13

Best undergraduate programs in architecture

—DesignIntelligence (2017)

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As a fourth-generation Californian, I am proud to share the golden beauty of the West Coast with my Rensselaer family. Please consider acting as an ambassador for the Institute within your communities, to encourage more talented young men and women to pursue a world-class education on the East Coast, at Rensselaer.

Sincerely,

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