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## **Celebrating 25 Years of Rowan Engineering**

The College opened its doors to students in 1996 and has been providing a hands on, minds on, engineering education ever since. Continuing the legacy of our dear friend and benefactor Mr. Henry Rowan, the College has graduated hundreds of engineers who continue to excel in in industry, academic institutions, and beyond. Inspiring "great engineers" was Mr. Rowan's goal, and we proudly strive to do this every day.

**25th Anniversary Website** 

### **Farewell From Dean Farrell**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As my time as Interim Dean of the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering comes to a close, and I return to leading the College's Experiential Engineering Education Department, I wanted to share my immense gratitude for being entrusted with the opportunity to lead our exceptional College in these extraordinary times.

I am tremendously proud of what our College's faculty, staff, and students have achieved during these past two years. We rose to meet the needs of the nation during the pandemic by producing critically needed personal protective equipment, making groundbreaking medical discoveries related to COVID 19's effects, and helped colleagues across the globe migrate engineering education to remote and virtual formats. Through an unwavering commitment to innovation, our faculty, staff and students delivered.

I am also proud of having never lost focus of the student-centered, hands-on, minds-on engineering education which is a hallmark of this College. Despite the unprecedented challenges of these past years, we were able to graduate a record numbers of students, and were able to connect with thousands of future engineers through our outreach programs.

With that I offer a sincere welcome to our incoming dean, a longtime colleague, Dr. Giuseppe Palmese. I look forward to his leadership, and cannot wait to see what is in store for the phase of the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering!

Kind Regards, Stephanie



### Announcing new dean for Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering

Giuseppe R. Palmese, Ph.D., will join Rowan University as the next dean of the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering, effective Sept. 1, 2021. Formerly interim dean of Drexel University's College of Engineering and longtime head of its Chemical and Biological Engineering Department, Palmese is a distinguished university professor of chemical engineering and the first George B. Francis Professor of Engineering at Drexel in Philadelphia, where he has served on the faculty since 2000. He is also professor of materials science and engineering by courtesy.

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## Rowan University hosts National Science Foundation research program for undergrads

When Brady Moore, a biomedical engineering senior, first began his journey into the scientific world as a high school student, he could not have predicted the path he would take over the next four years. His biology teacher recommended a summer research internship at Rowan University that he eagerly pursued. He chose to attend Rowan as a freshman the following year.

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## N.J. high school students get a crash course in transportation engineering

High school students from across the state of New Jersey gained a firsthand look and relevant experience in transportation engineering careers during the National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) held at the Center for Research and Education in Advanced Transportation Engineering Systems (CREATES) at Rowan University's Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering.

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## **Rowan Engineering Hosts Summer Camps**

The Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering held in-person summer camps once again after a one-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The College hosted three camps for students spanning primary and secondary school age groups.

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# Frank Derby named director of the survey engineering technology program

The Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering is pleased to welcome Frank Derby, Ph.D., as the founding director of the survey engineering technology program. Derby earned his doctorate in civil engineering with an emphasis in surveying from the University of Florida and has extensive field experience in land surveying and related disciplines.

In keeping with the college's hands-on, minds-on approach to undergraduate education, Derby will collaborate with our colleagues at the Rowan College of South Jersey and other academic institutions, the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors, other industry professionals and government agencies to develop surveying engineering technology as a premier program of excellence to meet the workforce needs of the state of New Jersey and the nation.

Derby has worked professionally in the United States, Tanzania, Peru, the United Kingdom and Dominica. In addition, he has consulted for international agencies including the World Bank and the United Nations. Beyond his industry experience, Derby most recently served as chair and professor in The Pennsylvania State University's surveying engineering and engineering technology programs, leading both through multiple ABET accreditations.



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