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Online Report for the President's Leadership Council | June 2015

Rollins Focus

Message from Craig McAllaster



As my term as Acting President concludes, I extend my appreciation to each of you for your continued support of Rollins. The President's Leadership Council offers insights and perspectives from some of the College's most well-informed and loyal alumni and friends. I have enjoyed getting to know you and am grateful for your many contributions to our students and their success.

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Board Digest

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Incoming President Cornwell



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Grant Cornwell prepares to take the helm as the College's next president on July 1 and discusses what drew him to Rollins. Click [here](#) for interview excerpts.

Budget review

Fiscal year 2014-2015 ended on May 31 with a net surplus of nearly \$2 million. Student enrollment in Arts & Sciences and the College of Professional Studies exceeded projections, largely accounting for the surplus.

Fundraising report



Thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff, foundations, and friends, more than \$16 million was raised by May 31, exceeding the \$15-million goal for 2014-2015. This year's philanthropic funding will support: scholarships at \$6.77 million; academic excellence at \$4.26 million; student success & co-curricular experiences at \$1.5 million; facilities at \$1.6 million; and annual support at more than \$2.05 million.

Construction updates

In addition to summer-long maintenance work on the College's two largest residence halls, McKean and Ward, campus improvements underway include:

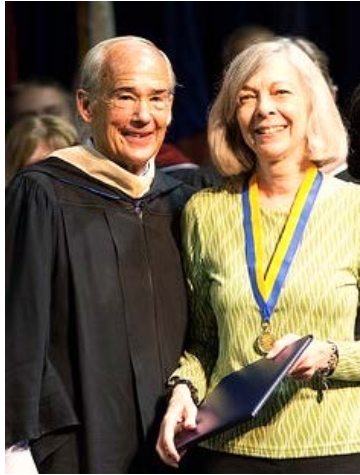
- Expansion of Cahall-Sandspur Field

- Construction of new restaurant and pub in Dave's DownUnder, Cornell Campus Center
 - Design work on the new Child Development & Student Research Center (construction projected to begin Oct. 1)
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The Face of Rollins

Lorrie Kyle '70

Chairman of the Board of Trustees David Lord '69 '71MBA presented the Rollins Decoration of Honor to Executive Assistant to the President Lorrie Kyle '70 at Commencement on May 10.



"With true devotion to students and the College, this individual has earned the respect of the entire Rollins community," Chairman Lord said. "An alumna who has served her alma mater for 25 years and provided loyal support to three presidents, she takes her professional responsibilities to heart and carries them out with utmost integrity and a work ethic second to none. As demonstrated in her recent service on the Presidential Search Committee, she excels in her work to support the Office of the President as well as the Board of Trustees."

Lorrie is the only person to have been awarded the Decoration of Honor twice, the first time while serving President Rita Bornstein. [More](#)

College Kudos

A "best-value" private college



Kiplinger's Personal Finance included Rollins in its list of 100 best values in private colleges for 2015. The ranking cites four-year schools that combine outstanding academics with affordable cost. [More](#)

Top producer of Fulbrights

Three Rollins students were selected to be Fulbright Scholars, three were selected to receive Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships, and an additional five were named alternates. For the fourth time in six years, Rollins College is one of the top producers of U.S. Fulbright Students among master's institutions. [More](#)

'Set like a gem amid the waters blue'

Rollins' Alma Mater aptly compares our beloved College to a gem. Others agree. College Raptor, Inc. named Rollins the 2015 best "hidden gem" institution in Florida. Each state's top hidden gem was determined from application and enrollment criteria as well as an overall institutional ranking based on selectivity, graduation rate, average debt on graduation, and similar factors. [More](#)

Excellence in leadership development

Rollins' Center for Leadership Development was named among the top three programs nationally in HR.com's Leadership 500 Excellence Awards, up from No. 19. [More](#)

Community engagement recognition

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching renewed Rollins' Community Engagement Classification, highlighting the College's "excellent alignment among campus mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement." Rollins was originally awarded the designation in 2008 and is one of only 361 institutions so designated worldwide. It is one of only 157 to receive renewal. [More](#)

Green college rating



Rollins was featured in The Princeton Review's *Guide to Green Colleges*, earning a "Green Rating" score of 90 out of 99 in a listing of 353 most environmentally responsible colleges. "We strongly recommend Rollins and the other fine colleges in this guide to the many environmentally-minded students who seek to study and live at green colleges," said The Princeton Review's Senior VP-Publisher Robert Franek. [More](#)

Winners in athletics

Rollins won the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Women's Mayors' Cup All-Sports Trophy signifying the Tars as the best women's sports program in the SSC. [More](#)

Coach Julie Garner was named Women's Golf Division II National Coach of the Year as well as the Women's Golf Association's Coach of the Year. [More](#). Women's Golf finished runner-up at the NCAA Division II National Championship. [More](#)

Rollins student-athletes achieved a 3.313 combined GPA in the Spring '15 term, outpacing the previous record GPA of 3.306 in Fall '14. For just the second time in school history, every one of Rollins' 22 sports posted GPAs above 3.0. Rollins boasted 328 student-athletes on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll, with 28 earning perfect 4.0 GPAs in the semester. [More](#)

PLC Initiatives Update

New academic programs

In discussions about Rollins' offerings over the years, the PLC has provided valuable input about new programs Rollins might offer. Such discussions have been helpful to faculty and administrators. After careful deliberation and advice from many sectors, the Hamilton Holt School has announced a new major and three new master's degree programs designed to meet a growing

demand in healthcare management and related fields.
[More](#)

A commencement address to remember



PLC member Janis Hirsch '72 '15H brought down the house with her insightful and humorous Commencement address at Rollins on May 10. As a "representative of the fulfillment of Rollins' mission," Janis also received an honorary doctorate.

Alluding to various popular musical lyrics that struck a chord with the Class of 2015, Janis encouraged the students to remember the special feeling of their graduation day and to answer life's opportunities with a resounding "Yes!"

For the video and full transcript of Janis's address, click [here](#). For videos and photos from all three Rollins commencement ceremonies, click [here](#). For awards and recognitions presented, click [here](#).



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