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## Rollins Focus

### **Rollins among best in nation for combining academics and athletics**

Rollins ranks 15th in the nation among colleges and universities for quality in academics and athletics, just behind Princeton and Columbia (tied for 13th) and just ahead of Dartmouth and Yale (tied for 16th) according to the National Collegiate Scouting Association (NCSA). The NCSA's Collegiate Power Rankings are based on student-athlete graduation rates, *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, and the strength of athletic departments at NCAA Division I, II, and III colleges and universities. Rollins' results this year outpace its 37th overall position last year. Rollins also moved from #3 to #2 in NCSA's rankings of all Division II schools. [More...](#)

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### **Q&A:**

#### **Asking You**

In each *PLC Quarterly*, we ask you a question of importance to Rollins.



Exemplifying excellence in academics and athletics, Rollins' women's soccer team won the Sunshine State Conference season championship, in October, for the third time in the College's history.

**Q:** Can you suggest potential speakers, especially any contacts you might have, to consider for Commencement this spring?

**A:** We value your thoughts and suggestions!

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## Board Digest

### Highlights of Trustees' actions & reports

- Board endorsed exploration of program opportunities at Lake Nona Medical City.
- Board approved 2013-2014 Operating & Capital Budget parameters:
  - undergraduate comprehensive fee: not to exceed 4% increase
  - compensation increase: 2-2.5% (contingent on meeting enrollment target)
- Board approved new Crummer degree programs:
  - Master of Science in Entrepreneurship (MSE)
  - Master of Science in Management (MSM)
  - Executive Doctor of Business Administration (EDBA)
- Board reviewed and revised its strategic priorities and integrated them with institutional planning priorities (engaged lifetime learning, pathways to success, institutional effectiveness):
  - **academic excellence** with sustained effectiveness, enrollment (expanded to incorporate retention and graduation), and career services
  - **advancement/endowment, alumni relations** (now conjoined as one priority)
  - **Board of Trustees** (focused on further diversifying the board)
  - **integrated marketing** (ongoing)
  - **leverage** opportunities of "retired" priorities: **hotel/conference center** (Alfond Inn) and **luminaries** (Winter Park Institute)

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### VIDEO FEATURE

*Click on the image below:*



*The Campaign for Rollins  
Introductory Video*

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Honorable  
Melanne Verveer  
U.S. Ambassador-at-Large  
for Global Women's Issues**

***The Smart Thing to Do:  
Advancing Women and  
Girls around the World***

**RESCHEDULED:  
January 10, 2013  
7:30 p.m.  
Tiedtke Concert Hall  
Rollins College**

- **partnerships** (ongoing)
- **Holt School** and **international initiatives** considered on track; withdrawn from priorities list
- Board authorized "The Campaign for Rollins":
  - goal: \$150 million, seven years
  - Duane Ackerman '64 '70MBA '00H serving as chair of the Campaign Steering Committee during the "quiet phase" currently in progress.
  - early commitments total nearly \$40 million:
    - over \$8.4 million - scholarships
    - over \$7.3 million - academic excellence
    - \$1 million - student success and co-curricular support
    - over \$20 million - key facilities
    - over \$2.4 million - The Rollins Fund
- Three \$1-million gifts announced:
  - Ted '68 and Barbara Alford '68, Rollins Fund leadership-gifts challenge
  - Frank Barker '52 '06H, endowment for men's basketball coach
  - Rick '12H and Susan Goings '78, scholarships for Florida Boys & Girls Clubs alumni
- Campus construction update provided:
  - Alford Inn: on budget; on schedule for July 2013 soft opening, Aug. 1 public opening
  - [Bush Science Center](#): on schedule for July 2013 opening; current work - roof and infrastructure; drywall installation & A/C operational in Jan. 2013
  - Cornell Campus Center: programming and schematic design complete; construction documents in 1st quarter 2013; construction to begin post commencement, with completion anticipated by Aug. 1
  - Projects for the near future:
    - miscellaneous interior renovations
    - grounds/lakefront enhancements
    - repainting of Knowles Memorial Chapel & Annie Russell Theatre in summer 2013

**Dr. Donald Johanson**  
**Paleoanthropologist, Author**  
**of *Lucy: The Beginnings of***  
***Humankind***

***The Origins of***  
***Humankind: The View***  
***from Africa***

**January 30, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Tiedtke Concert Hall**  
**Rollins College**

## **Next PLC meeting**

**Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2013**

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[Winter Park Institute](#)

[Annie Russell Theatre](#)

[Athletics at Rollins](#)

[Cornell Fine Arts Museum](#)

[Music at Rollins](#)

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# The Face of Rollins

## **Rachel Newcomb**

Rachel Newcomb, associate professor of anthropology, has been appointed to the Diane and Michael Maher Chair of Distinguished Teaching. The endowed professorship was a gift to Rollins

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from alumnus Michael Maher and the Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation to honor and further the College's reputation and efforts in the art of teaching. [More...](#)

In addition, the Florida Campus Compact (FL|CC) also recognized Newcomb with the Service-Learning Faculty Award for contribution to the integration of service-learning into the Rollins curriculum. [More...](#)



Rachel Newcomb joined the Rollins faculty in 2004. She currently chairs the Department of Anthropology and serves as director of Rollins' new minor in Middle Eastern and North African studies.

## Student & alumni accomplishments

- Lauryn Falcone '13 became Rollins' most decorated cross-country runner in the College's history when she competed in the NCAA Division II National Championship. [More...](#)
- In Peru this summer, Sebastian Sanchez '13H H assisted the nonprofit Center for Traditional Textiles of Cusco with research and business strategies to promote the traditional handmade textiles that provide income to local weavers. [More...](#)

Sebastian Sanchez and  
children of indigenous  
weavers in Peru

- With a vision for creating an impact on the Central Florida

art scene, Katy Bakker '07 and Alya Poplawsky '08 combined their interests in art and business, and opened a/k/art, an art consulting and curatorial firm, in October 2010. "We incorporate art into people's surroundings, either through helping private individuals create unique art collections or creating cutting edge pop-up exhibitions that encourage dialogue and community engagement in the arts," Bakker said. [More...](#)

Katy Bakker and Alya Poplawsky

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## College Kudos

### **President Obama visits Rollins**

For the third time in its history, Rollins was honored to be visited by a sitting president. President Obama spoke to enthusiastic supporters during his campaign tour, which brought him to Rollins, on August 2. [More...](#)

### **Rollins leads in TurboVote registration drive**

Right behind Harvard University in schools with under 10,000 students, Rollins was fourth in the nation in registering students to vote through TurboVote, a service provided by Democracy Works, Inc., a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization devoted to improving civic engagement through the use of technology. [More...](#)

### **Winter Park Institute presents Martin Luther King III**

On November 15, Martin Luther King III shared with Rollins students, faculty, staff, and members of the community his inspirational vision of how the country can come together to continue the legacy of his father. [More...](#)

### **Chronicle features President Duncan**

In an article entitled "A President for the Cyborg Generation," *The Chronicle of Higher Education* explored President Duncan's thoughts about the intersections of science, ethics, technology, and what it means to be human. [More...](#)

### **Rollins MBA among best business schools**

According to Robert Franek, *Princeton Review* Senior VP-Publisher, "We consider Rollins College Crummer Graduate School of Business to be one of the best institutions a student could attend to earn an MBA." [More...](#)

### **More accolades**

- Rollins hosted a workshop on India for the Associated Colleges of the South (ACS) on October 26-27. Participants

included faculty from Centenary, Davidson, Hendrix, Rhodes, and Rollins as well as invited guests from the University of Hyderabad, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, Hindu University, SIT Study Abroad, and BCA Study Abroad. Participants discussed opportunities for shared student programming, study abroad, and collaborative research. [More...](#)

- Former Rollins vice president for planning and dean of the college Laurie Joyner was installed as Wittenberg University's 14th president during an inaugural ceremony on September 7. Upon her unanimous election by the Wittenberg University Board of Directors, Dr. Joyner became the first female president of the 167-year-old national liberal arts university in Ohio. [More...](#)
  - Rollins' first alumni event in Shanghai on September 7 was warmly welcomed by the nearly 40 alumni and guests who attended along with Dr. Ilon Alon, Cornell professor of international business and director of the China and India centers.
  - In partnership with Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse, and the Winter Park Village, Rollins provided Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida with 30,858 pounds of food in the fall 2012 Helping Hands Across America campaign.
  - Rollins has received three of five badges toward achieving "Fair Trade status" as designated by Fair Trade Colleges and Universities, an organization that promotes awareness about Fair Trade and leverages support for Fair Trade products. [More...](#)
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## PLC Initiatives Update

### **President's Contemporary Council (PCC)**

A new advisory group called the President's Contemporary Council has formed and will meet in early February on the Rollins campus. Responses to President Duncan's invitation have been swift as new PCC members seem eager for the opportunity to offer insights on strategic initiatives at Rollins. There will an opportunity for members of the PLC to meet and network with the PCC the evening of Feb. 1, when both groups will be on campus.

### **Students pursue social entrepreneurship**

Students are actively learning about social entrepreneurship with assistance from Rollins' Social Entrepreneurship and Sustainability initiative (SESi). At the invitation of the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U), eight student teams from Rollins will submit

proposals for ventures ranging from an educational program for women in impoverished countries to a social-enterprise restaurant that provides culinary training to the homeless. In spring 2013, selected groups will participate in the annual CGI U workshop-based conference where they will be paired with world-renowned experts and additional resources to help them implement their ideas.

### **Spirituality task force submits recommendations**

Students, faculty, and staff serving on the spirituality task force have met this fall and discussed various ways the campus can expand opportunities for spiritual life on campus. To assess current efforts, the task force completed an audit of all activities with a spiritual component. Dean Patrick Powers, dean of the Knowles Memorial Chapel and chaplain to the College, summarized the task force's findings and recommendations in a proposal submitted to President Duncan in late November.



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