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## Dean's Message

Dear Graduate Students,

In this issue, you'll find several exciting opportunities to get involved, grow, and connect with the graduate community.

I'm pleased to share that **Graduate Student Open House**, is occurring on Thursday, October 2nd, and I hope many of you will join in.

Please also take a look at the message from **Emmalee Holaday** about current **job opportunities with BSE**. In addition, mark your calendars for a few upcoming events: a **Coffee, Tea, and Talk on October 17th** designed to support graduate students who teach. Homecoming Harvest Festival will occur on Oct 17th from 4:pm to 8:pm on the Hollybush. Green. Get your FREE tickets (a \$10 value). Tickets will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis (by signing up [here](#)) before Friday, Oct 10th at 5:pm EST.

We invite you to take part in a survey designed to learn more about how graduate students and returning learners use Rowan's Career Services. Your feedback will help us strengthen the resources and support available as you prepare for the next steps in your professional journey. The survey link is [here](#) (and described below). You may win a \$25 visa gift card by raffle. This is the work of a team of fellow graduate students in the MBA program led by Ace Mitchell.—Thank you for sharing your input!

I encourage you to explore opportunities at the **Rowan Roots Market on November 4th**, a wonderful platform for graduate students to showcase their businesses, build brand awareness, and connect with the Rowan community.

Finally, please join me in welcoming our new undergraduate administrative assistant, Mr. Nathaniel Wypych, to the School of Graduate Studies. Nate will be supporting our team in many ways, including helping to draft this newsletter. From time to time, he may also

reach out directly to graduate students to gather information or share important updates. We are excited to have him on board and look forward to the great work he will contribute to SGS.

Details on all these opportunities are included below in this newsletter. As always, my very warmest regards to you as you continue through the semester.

Sincerely,

Tabbatha A. Dobbins, Ph.D.  
Dean, School of Graduate Studies  
Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomy  
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## Opportunities

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### **First Gen Drawing for Regal Movie Passes**

Are you a first-generation graduate or professional student? Complete this quick form [here](#) to participate in the First-Generation Graduate and Professional Student Raffle! By entering, you'll have a chance to win Regal Movie Passes (a \$20 value). Drawing will be

held on Oct 31st and winner announced by email and here in the Newsletter.

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### **Graduate Student Career Advancement Survey**

My name is Ace Mitchell, an MBA Fellow at the Rohrer College of Business. I invite you to participate in an anonymous survey aimed at improving the resources available to graduate students at our institution regarding mental health, wellness, and overall well-being. Your input is essential in shaping the support services Rowan University offers to graduate students.

This survey will take less than 15 minutes to complete, and by participating, you will have the chance to learn about existing resources and provide valuable feedback to help improve services for current and future students in our community. Participants will also have the opportunity to win a \$25 gift card. Please complete this survey by **October 13th** for a chance to win!

**Take the survey by accessing this link: [here](#).**

Thank you for your time and dedication to enhancing mental health resources for graduate students at Rowan University.

Sincerely,  
Ace Mitchell  
Rowan MBA Fellow | Rohrer College of Business

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### **Hiring Opportunity with BSE**

The Rowan University Center for Belonging and Student Engagement (BSE) is currently hiring! We are looking for a Graduate Coordinator for Gender & Sexuality to be filled ASAP! Because of the current time of year we are looking for a current Rowan University Masters Student and I wanted to pass it along in case you know of any students that might be interested that are currently in the Master's Program. Can you share this with your classes and the Graduate School students to let them know of the opportunity?

Anyone interested can send a resume and cover letter to [bse@rowan.edu](mailto:bse@rowan.edu) to apply. Attached is the flyer we have posted about the position and the position description can be found at [go.rowan.edu/BSEhiring](http://go.rowan.edu/BSEhiring). Thank you all for your support in helping us find our next Graduate Coordinator! If anyone has any questions please let me know.

I'd also be happy to stop in and speak to your Higher Ed classes for a minute about the role next week if that's a possibility or you think that would entice anyone. I hope all is well!

Have a great Day!

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Emmalee Holaday | Pronouns: [She/Her](#)

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[Schedule a meeting with me HERE](#)

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## Rowan Roots Market

Got a side hustle, passion project, creative venture or small business? Whether you make jewelry, resell clothing, sell art, bake goods, or offer services like haircuts, you belong at the Rowan Roots Market.



This one-day, storefront-style event gives Rowan students and alumni the chance to showcase their work, sell directly to the Rowan community, and gain real-world retail experience in an exclusive, curated marketplace.

### Why Apply?

- Build brand awareness and traction
- Interact with real customers and get live feedback
- Drive real-time sales
- Learn what it's like to manage your own storefront

 Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 30 at 11:59 PM

 Event Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

 Business Hall 104

### Who Should Apply?

The Rowan Roots Market is open to all Rowan students or alumni with ventures, startups, businesses, or side-hustles that offer physical goods or in-person services that can be sold, sampled, or performed on-site during the event. All majors and all levels of experience are welcome. You'll set up a professional booth, engage with a mix of students, faculty, staff, and guests, and gain first-hand experience running your brand in a live retail setting. Whether you're testing a new product or growing your side hustle, the Rowan Roots Market is a great space to build confidence, develop your business, and connect with the Rowan community.

### Participation Fees (due upon acceptance to the Market)

Selected vendors will be required to pay a non-refundable participation fee to confirm their spot:

- Students: \$25
- Alumni: \$75

This fee helps ensure commitment and supports event logistics and marketing. Vendors must be able to accept their own forms of payment (e.g., Venmo, Cash App, Square, PayPal, or cash). RCIE will not process transactions on behalf of vendors and is not responsible for payment-related issues or inquiries.

Additional Support & Resources

Student vendors get access to mentorship opportunities through RCIE and are encouraged to join workshops that can help strengthen your business, pitch, and presentation skills.

Apply Now!

Space is limited and applications will be reviewed based on fit and readiness to participate. If selected, an RCIE team member will connect with you about next steps.

 Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 30 at 11:59 PM  
 Learn more and apply [here](#) on StartupTree

Questions? Email us at [rcie@rowan.edu](mailto:rcie@rowan.edu).

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## Fall 2025 Graduate Student Write-In Survey

Writing your thesis or dissertation can be lonely work. Often, graduate students can find it very difficult to feel motivated to write, even if it is the only thing keeping them from graduating.

But being in a space with other students who are also working on their thesis or dissertation can be an excellent way to find that motivation!

By request, the School of Graduate Studies is planning to host "write-ins" for Fall 2025. A write-in is a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly event where students are offered dedicated space and time to write, or to work on other aspects of their research. If you feel like you need motivation, momentum, community, and accountability in order to make progress on your academic writing, then write-ins are exactly the place to find all of that and more.

In order to organize these write-ins, the School of Graduate Studies needs an idea of how many people might want to attend, when they would be able to attend, and how they would like to attend.

If you are interested, please fill out this survey! Find it here: <https://forms.gle/g8bq2MM3eMJRWSENA>

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## Graduate Student Travel Award Competition!

The School of Graduate Studies (SGS) recognizes the importance of having graduate students present research or a creative/artistic product to a professional body or organization. Often, funding for these endeavors is available through the graduate program, department, college, or externally funded grants. However, there are instances in which a funding source cannot be obtained and the student must pay for these travel expenses out-of-pocket. The Graduate Student Travel Fund is competitively allocated to help students with this financial burden. Awardees will be given up to \$600 to assist with their travel costs. Due to availability of funds, not all applicants will receive an award.

Students may only apply to the deadline that aligns with their travel plans. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EST on the day of the published deadline. Applications received late or **outside of the appropriate deadline as listed below** will not be reviewed.

October 5 (accepting applications for travel that occurs *October through December*)

January 5 (accepting applications for travel that occurs *January through March*)

April 5 (accepting applications for travel that occurs *April through June*)

July 5 (accepting applications for travel that occurs *July through September*)

For Eligibility, Guidelines, and more, visit our Rowan SGS website [here](#).

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**Show Your Scholarship at the new SCCA Scholar's Showcase!**

We are excited to announce the launch of the Scholars' Showcase, a new initiative from the Student Center & Campus Activities (SCCA) designed to celebrate and promote research and scholarship across our campus community.

The Scholars' Showcase offers a welcoming and informal space where students, faculty, and staff can engage in meaningful conversations about academic inquiry, share their work, and connect with others from across disciplines. These programs will be held in the recently completed Student Center expansion, specifically in the demonstration area—a vibrant, high-traffic space ideal for discovery and interaction.

Facilitators will be able to reserve a large countertop and a wall-mounted large-screen display to showcase their work. Whether it's highlighting a research project, a scholarly initiative, or a creative endeavor, this setup provides a perfect platform to engage with passersby in a relaxed, conversational format.

**Please note** that this is not intended to be a formal presentation or workshop. Instead, the Scholars' Showcase is designed as a walk-up experience—an opportunity for the campus community to stop by, explore a topic, ask questions, and spark new connections.

This summer, we were excited to schedule a graduate student experience exploring use of the Arduino Programmable Controllers in your research. The date is TBD in July/Aug (and refreshments will be provided for graduate students who attend). We look forward to seeing how this showcase further brings the space to life and connects our campus community through innovation and scholarship.

**To express interest** in presenting your display/scholarship, please complete this short [interest form](#).

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the spirit of discovery that defines our institution.

Dr. Joe Lizza

*Director, Chamberlain Student Center & Campus Activities*

**Rowan University - Division of Student Life**

**Chamberlain Student Center & Campus Activities**



### **Laura Bassi Scholarships and Postdoctoral Research Grants**

The Laura Bassi Scholarship was established in 2018 with the aim of providing editorial assistance to postgraduates and junior academics whose research focuses on neglected topics of study, broadly construed,

within their disciplines.

The value of the scholarship is remitted solely through editorial assistance as follows:

Master's candidates: \$750

Doctoral candidates: \$2,500

Junior academics: \$500

#### **Deadlines:**

##### **Summer 2025**

**Deadline: 31 July 2025**

**Results: 10 August 2025**

##### Winter 2025

Deadline: 30 November 2025

Results: 11 December 2025

Apply here: <https://editing.press/bassi>

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## Explore Virtual Reality at Rowan!

Are you ready for an exciting 30-minute VR adventure? We are inviting Rowan graduate students to experience cutting-edge Virtual Reality technology and share their feedback.

Details:

- Duration: 30 minutes
- Location: Engineering Hall, Room 308
- Rewards: Enjoy some good candies and a Red Bull as a thank-you!

No prior VR experience is required—everyone is welcome! Your input will help shape the future of immersive technology.

[Sign up here](#) to reserve your spot. Be sure to select the correct week in the Excel file tab. Don't miss out—dive into the world of VR with us!

Best,  
Dr. Bouaynaya

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## Resources

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### Graduate Student Wellness and Well-Being

My name is Shelynél Alvarez Nieves, and I am excited to continue serving you in a dual role—as a Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA) officer focused on Mental Health, Wellness, and Well-Being, and as a Graduate Assistant in the School of Graduate Studies.

For the past three semesters, I've had the privilege of working with graduate students around these important topics, and I look forward to building on that work this academic year. My goal is to ensure that every graduate student feels supported, heard, and connected to the resources that can help you thrive both academically and personally.

I'm excited to serve you, and I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year!

Warm Regards,  
Shelynél Alvarez Nieves  
Graduate Assistant in Mental Health, Wellness, & Wellbeing  
Rowan University | School of Graduate Studies



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### Warning about making your research public on Rowan Digital Works (RDW) from the Rowan University Campbell Library

**Rowan Digital Works (RDW)** is an online platform managed by Rowan University Libraries that makes the university's research available to the world and allows work to be discovered and cited by Google Scholar. However, not all research is ready to be shared



publicly. It is essential for you to be aware of your faculty advisor's plans for publishing, patenting, or commercializing the research you do together.

This warning applies to both your thesis or dissertation and to any posters you present at a Research Day. For a thesis or dissertation, you can delay making your work publicly available by up to 2 years by requesting an embargo. You must ask your advisor whether an embargo is needed before you submit your final thesis or

dissertation to the School of Graduate Studies. For a poster, you may choose to not include the poster in Rowan Digital Works at all. If you have any questions about these issues, please contact [rdw@rowan.edu](mailto:rdw@rowan.edu).

### Rowan Library Citation Management Workshops

Rowan University's Campbell Library offers workshops to help students, faculty, and staff learn to use various reference managers to support their research. These websites and programs allow researchers to keep their sources organized and easily accessible, and make creating a reference list or bibliography as simple as a click of a button.

To register for a workshop and learn about citation managers like Refworks and EndNote, please click here: <https://rowan.libcal.com/calendar/libraryworkshops?cid=5463&t=d&d=0000-00-00&cal=5463&ct=65990&inc=0> (Check back for more offerings throughout the semester!)

### Library Renovation

The Campbell Library building has begun a [major renovation project](#) which affects some building services, but all digital resources (journals, e-books, & databases) will continue to be available as usual through the [library website](#).



## Updates from the Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA)

### Welcome Back from GSGA

Welcome back, Graduate Students! 🎓 ✨

The GSGA would like to thank everyone who showed interest and submitted applications for the 2025–26 Executive Board. We're excited to see such strong enthusiasm for leadership and community engagement among our graduate students.

We have an exciting year of events, programs, and opportunities planned just for you, and we can't wait to share them. Stay connected and up to date by following us on Instagram—your hub for announcements, event highlights, and ways to get involved!

Here's to a fantastic year ahead with the Rowan graduate student community!



## Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sept 30, 2025  
Time: 11-3:pm



### Business Career and Internship Fair

Day: Thursday, Sept 30

Time: 11am-3:pm

Location: Chamberlain Student Center, Eynon Ballroom

We are pleased to invite you to participate in Rowan University's Business Career and Internship Fair. This is a career fair exclusively for employers of our business students and is a great opportunity for an organization to find an intern, part-time or full-time employee. With more than 1000 business students, Rowan's programs represent a wealth of talent.

- Date: Tuesday September 30
- Time: 11-3
- Location: Rowan University Chamberlain Student Center, Eynon Ballroom

Students from the following majors will be invited

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- Management
- Marketing
- MBA/MSF
- MIS/Information Systems and Analytics
- Supply Chain & Logistics

Register at: [2025 Business Career and Internship Fair \(Fall\)](#)

### Upcoming Career Fairs:

Oct 7th (10-2:pm) - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Career Fair @ the REC Center

Oct 28 (10-2:pm) - Communication, Humanities, & Social Sciences Career Expo @ the Chamberlain Student Center, Eynon Ballroom

Thursday, Oct 2, 2025:  
Date/Time: 2-4:pm

### Graduate Student Fall Open House



Day: Thursday, Oct 2nd

Time: 2 - 4 pm

Location: Student Center, Room 221

Topic: Join us for the Graduate Student Fall Open House! This event is a chance to enjoy food, fun, and giveaways while connecting with fellow graduate students and learning about key campus resources. Don't miss out on the door prizes and the opportunity to build community with your peers—we hope to see you there! Post-doctoral Fellows are welcome to attend!

\* For parking instructions, please email us at [graduateschool@rowan.edu](mailto:graduateschool@rowan.edu)

Friday, Oct 17, 2025

Time: 2 to 3:pm



### Coffee, Tea, and Talk with Graduate Students

Day: Friday, Oct 17th

Time: 2 - 3 pm

Location: Bole Hall Conference Room

Topic: Listening Session with the Dean's Fellow for Graduate Education

*NOTE: The Oct 3rd Coffee, Tea, and Talk event is cancelled in lieu of the Oct 2nd Open House event!*

On Friday, October 17th, the Topic will be Listening Session with the Dean's Fellow for Graduate Education, Dr. Ben Wu. Dr. Wu would like to hear from you about your experience in serving as Teaching Assistants at Rowan. During his residency with SGS, he will design a resource toolkit for graduate students who teach. Your input is valuable! Please join us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Post-doctoral Fellows are welcome to attend!

**SAVE-THE-DATE:** On Friday, October 31st, the SGS GA for Mental Health, Wellness, and Well-Being, Shelynél Nieves, will host **Boo-st Your Well-Being This Halloween** (with wellness resources). Costumes are encouraged.

*Upcoming November dates are 11/14 and 12/12. These events are held every two weeks. All upcoming dates will be announced this Newsletter.*

Friday, Oct 17, 2025

Time: 4 to 8:pm



### Harvest Festival

Day: Friday, Oct 17th

Time: 4 - 8 pm

Location: Hollybush Mansion Lawn (outdoors)

Festival season is gearing up and what better way to kick it off than at Rowan? Homecoming Harvest Festival! On October 17, 2025 from 4-8pm, there will be carnival rides, food trucks, lawn games, hammocks, and much more on the scenic lawns of Hollybush Mansion. Variety acts, musicians, and emerging artists will take the stage and stay tuned on social media for updates on the major recording headliner!

Anyone with a Rowan ID is welcome to join the fun, however, the School of Graduate Studies purchased a limited supply of food vouchers for graduate students! If you would be attending Harvest Fest and would like a \$10 food voucher, please fill out [this form](#) before Friday, Oct 10th. Food vouchers are first-come, first-serve! We will email you and let you know where/when you can pick up your voucher.

Food vouchers will NOT be provided at the event - graduate students must have a physical Rowan ID card and food ticket in hand.

No outside guests or bags will be permitted at the event.

Again, the Cutoff date for ticket requests is Friday, October 10, 2025 at 5 :pm using the form [here](#).

Friday, Nov 7, 2025  
Time: 2:30 to 4:30pm



### Celebrating First-Gen Graduate Students!

Day: Friday, Nov 7th

Time: 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Location: Science Hall Atrium

Join us on Friday, November 7th from 2:15–4:30pm in the Science Hall Atrium for a special celebration of our First-Generation Graduate Students. Enjoy food, fun, and games, and don't miss the highlight of the afternoon—a planetarium show from 3:45–4:15pm. Come celebrate with us, connect with fellow students, and honor the incredible achievements of our First-Gen community!

This event is being hosted in partnership with Flying First, the Division of Student Life, and the International Center.

For parking information, please email [graduateschool@rowan.edu](mailto:graduateschool@rowan.edu).

## Your Community



### Searching for who is your Advisor and/or your Graduate Program Coordinator?

If you're in search of your advisor or program coordinator, your search ends here! You can find comprehensive lists of :

- **OASIS Advisors** on the website:  
<https://sites.rowan.edu/student-success/global-learning-and-partnerships/departmentlisting.html>
  - In "Search by Major" select "Graduate Programs".
- **Program Coordinators on the website:**  
<https://sites.rowan.edu/sgs/about-us/grad-program-coordinators.html>.



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## Doctoral Degree Defense Dates

SGS is pleased to announce that we are now archiving defense dates for Doctoral Degree candidates on our website. You can find the archive [here](#). This archival process is optional, and students may choose to complete the form to archive their defense data either before or after the defense has occurred. The archive serves multiple purposes; it can assist current students who may wish to attend a defense to understand what a successful defense entails, and it also provides an opportunity for the Rowan community to attend and learn about the engaging topics being presented by our doctoral candidates. Students may register their defense dates on the SGS website by utilizing the Google Form available [here](#).



## Shuttle Service

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our graduate student community, we strongly encourage you to utilize the University Shuttle Service for all your campus and regional travel needs, especially in areas where sidewalks are scarce or non-existent. Whether you're heading to a late-night study session, returning from a community event, or simply navigating your daily commute, the University Shuttle is a reliable, secure, and convenient mode of transportation designed with your safety in mind.

Read more about shuttle service [here](#)-- including schedule, live tracking app, and stop locations.



### **RowanSafe App**

We encourage all graduate students to download the RowanSafe App—a valuable resource to help you stay safe and connected on campus. The app offers an abundance of tools, including Virtual Walkhome (so campus police can keep an eye out while you travel), quick access to support resources, campus maps, parking information, and much more. Take a moment to download it today and keep these important resources right at your fingertips.

### **Pedestrian Safety Vests**

The School of Graduate Studies (SGS), in partnership with the Divisions of Public Safety and Student Life, are committed to the safety and well-being of our students, particularly those who commute on foot or by bicycle after dusk. To enhance your visibility and safety, we are giving away "Pedestrian Safety Vests" on a first come first serve basis to graduate students. These bright, reflective vests are designed to make the wearer more visible in low-light conditions, significantly reducing the risk of accidents. They are lightweight, foldable, and can easily be stored in a backpack, making them convenient for students to carry and use whenever needed. Stop by the Dean's office— in room 104 Bole Hall to pick up yours today. (Other on campus safety vest distribution locations will be announced in the future).

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