Since July 2006, Don Fry has led the $1.4 billion Renaissance at Rensselaer: The Campaign for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, as the vice president for Institute Advancement. He is responsible for the oversight of the Campaign office; Leadership and Major Gifts; Alumni Relations and Annual Giving; Corporate and Foundation Relations; International Advancement; Gift Planning and Advancement Strategy, Services, and Infrastructure. Don brings an impressive record of fundraising and management success to Rensselaer, with more than 15 years experience in development and advancement at Purdue and Colorado State University, and 20 years of active duty with the U.S. Army.

Don is actively forging new partnerships with our valued constituencies, and encouraging philanthropic interest and investment in the future of Rensselaer. Looking forward, he states, “As we move into the homestretch of the Campaign, steadfastly determined to raise the remaining $174 million needed to secure success, we are broadening our regional outreach across the country and the globe and encouraging all levels of gifts to the Annual Fund, vital to sustaining strides already made in enhancing the student experience on campus. At the same time, we are focusing on Rensselaer’s Five Frontiers of Excellence, which are at the core of our efforts to raise significant gifts to help realize the full potential of The Rensselaer Plan. I extend my personal thanks to each of the donors who have brought us this far, and extend an invitation to all our readers to join us on this remarkable journey. Every dollar counts and we need everyone’s participation to reach our goal!”

For more information about the Renaissance at Rensselaer Campaign, please contact campaign-news@rpi.edu.

Notable Achievements to Date

Funds raised to date support the implementation of The Rensselaer Plan and its overarching goal: to achieve greater prominence in the 21st century as a top-tier, world-class technological research university with global reach and global impact.

- **$1.226 billion** raised toward the $1.4 billion goal as of 3/30/07
- **$32.6 million** in gifts to Rensselaer’s Annual Fund
- **$134.6 million** in unrestricted gifts
- **27** faculty chairs, including five Constellations in areas critical to the 21st century
- **66** new endowed scholarships which support several hundred students across all five schools
- **91** Patroon Scholars supported by 61 annual donors

"Donald Fry’s extensive leadership, development, management, and marketing experience have prepared him well to lead the Institute Advancement team, achieve the goals of the Renaissance at Rensselaer Campaign and help fulfill the vision of The Rensselaer Plan,” said President Jackson.

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Our work to transform Rensselaer and the student experience is fueled by your financial support – our alumni, alumnae, and friends – as well as that of corporate, foundation, and government partners, and we thank you. Leadership gifts from our most generous benefactors signal belief in Rensselaer in a special way, and we are grateful for them. But most of all, we thank you for choosing to support Rensselaer financially at any level. Your steady gifts each year to the Rensselaer Annual Fund are very important. We are pleased to recognize our students and younger alumni, who are becoming involved and joining alumni programs in greater numbers.

In this issue, you will see how your generosity is impacting the people, the programs, and the facilities of Rensselaer. Your gifts support programs designed to build tomorrow’s science and technology leaders, and your generosity is providing our deserving students with greater opportunity at Rensselaer through scholarships and fellowships. Your gifts support the people of Rensselaer through the creation of research constellations made up of world-renowned faculty, promising young faculty, and graduate students, which constitute a critical mass of expertise within a specific focal area involving multidisciplinary fields of expertise – designed to put Rensselaer at the forefront in our signature research areas.

Moreover, your support is building facilities that serve our students, especially in athletics in which more than 5,000 students participate each year, which will only increase with the new East Campus Athletic Village. Our new Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies is home to promising research, the Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center, soon to open, and its programs are already generating excitement. New cafés, gathering spaces, and renovations to living spaces across campus, all make Rensselaer a great place to be a student today.

Every area on campus is touched by your support, and there is more to come, so stay tuned – and thank you again for including Rensselaer in your philanthropic plans.

Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.
President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Renaissance Challenge on Track

With nearly $15 million in gifts and pledges already made, the Renaissance Challenge is on track to raise $50 million by December 31, 2007. Through the challenge, new gifts from Trustees, alumni, and friends are supporting the Five Frontiers of Excellence at Rensselaer. They are scholarships and fellowships; constituencies and faculty chairs; athletics and the East Campus Athletic Village; teaching and research in biotechnology and the life sciences; and experimental media and the arts. Renaissance Challengers, who will commit leadership gifts totaling up to $25 million, include the following donors to date:

Johanna and Thomas R. Baruch ’60
Margaret A. Darrin
Susan and Gary T. DiCamillo ’73
Nicholas M. Donofrio ’67
Gail and Sam Heffner, Jr. ’56
Hope and David M. Hirsch ’65

The Renaissance Challenge includes another $25 million from new gifts of $100,000 or more to support any of the Five Frontiers of Excellence or unrestricted gifts to the endowment. Our generous Renaissance Challenge contributors to date include:

Barbara and Steven A. Barre ’60
Carolyn and Neal J. Barton ’58
Patricia and Rudolf C. Bergfield ’49
Lorenzo A. Betino ’82
Irene and Robert Bozzone ’55
Pauline U. and Warren H. Bruggeman ’46
Lynette and John W. Carr ’77
Marilyn and John L. Feininger ’52
Jeanette and Carl Goldbaum ’50
Elsabeth and Arthur F. Golden ’66
Kay and Edward E. Hood, Jr.
Iris and Frank James, Jr. ’66

We invite you to join this esteemed group of donors to the Renaissance Challenge, as they support the Five Frontiers of Excellence at Rensselaer representing the highest priorities of the Institute. Moreover, by increasing Institute endowment, you ensure a future in which Rensselaer is competitive with other leading academic institutions over the long term.

Please contact Vicki Messick at messiv@rpi.edu or (518) 276-2566 for more information.
As we move into the home stretch of the Renaissance at Rensselaer Campaign, we are continually encouraged by the generosity of alumni, friends and partners. Because of you, the goals outlined in The Rensselaer Plan are coming to fruition and benefiting our students.

As such, we are pleased to introduce you to just a few of our donors who have so generously supported the Renaissance at Rensselaer.

**Richard Glassberg ’85**, a management major, was an active student during his days at Rensselaer. Richy is an equally active alum. A former RPI Rugby player, and announcer on WRPI Radio, Richy provided the play by play’s for Rensselaer’s football and hockey games. He also served as RPI’s Grand Marshal his senior year. Today, he is an accomplished Cable TV Network executive, specifically, Senior Vice President/Director of Sales at the TVGuide Network, where he leads the National Sales team selling the digital products. His career originally started at MTV Networks, and continued at TurnerBroadcasting where he was on the launch team of CNN.com, which led to his own VC funded Internet Rep Firm and then to NewsCorp/Fox to run the Speed Channel, prior to joining TVGuide.

Richy will tell you he thoroughly enjoyed his Rensselaer experience, which is why he is still actively involved with his alma mater. He has come back to campus to speak with incoming freshman and sophomores to encourage them to look at all of the opportunities available to them at Rensselaer. He also advises them to take risks as he feels the opportunity to do so at Rensselaer is a distinct advantage. In addition to his generous contribution of time and expertise, Richy and his wife, Katy, have also been dedicated Annual Fund donors over the years, and recently escalated their Annual Fund commitment by establishing a Patroon Scholar Fund.

**Henry Scheuer ’69** received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in management from the Lally School of Management & Technology, and has been a dedicated Annual Fund donor for over fifteen years, including stepping up to the Patroon Level this year. In addition to his philanthropy to Rensselaer, Henry has long been an active member of the New York City (NYC) Alumni Chapter, assisting with coordinating chapter dinners and events and was the phonathon chair for ten years. He consistently was the caller who raised the most money (in excess of $10,000) not only at the NYC phonathon, but also at the Westchester and New Jersey phonathons as well. As the NYC phonathon chair, he received the Alumni Phonathon Award for the Biggest Increase in Volunteer Callers.

Henry’s leadership and commitment does not stop there. He also works with the New Jersey and the Westchester alumni chapters where he is known for his innovative suggestions and exemplary networking abilities. Truly deserving of the Rensselaer Alumni Key Award he received in 2003 which recognizes outstanding service supporting the advancement of Rensselaer, Henry epitomizes a commitment that recognizes no act is too small when it comes to furthering the horizons of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Cynthia & Jack Newton ’53** attended a Renaissance Weekend, which inspired them to increase their support to Rensselaer. After many years of steady and generous contributions to Rensselaer’s Annual Fund, they worked closely with Institute staff and decided that the Cynthia Newton Charitable Gift Annuity, designated to unrestricted endowment, best fit their needs. Since that time, Jack has augmented their generous gift with an additional contribution of time and energy, as he encourages his fraternity brothers and former classmates to get involved in the Renaissance at Rensselaer Campaign.

Jack, who holds a B. Mgt. Eng. from the School of Engineering, and his wife Cynthia have four children. Their son Peter Newton, also a Rensselaer alum, earned a B.S. in management in 1989, and an M.S. in geology in 1993. Jack is now retired from owning and running PMC Beta, a manufacturer of vibration detection equipment that has been used in the Big Dig in Boston. Our appreciation and thanks go out to Cynthia and Jack.

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**Dr. Michael Gallichio ’88** and his wife Kathleen illustrate how much they value education in every aspect of their lives, through their work, their leisure time, and not least of all, through their actions. As an Associate Professor of Surgery at Albany Medical Center, Michael specializes in kidney transplantation, and his wife Kathleen is a Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Cardiac Surgery and Intensive Care Units at St. Peter’s Hospital. While they do not have children themselves, they do have several godchildren who keep them busy, and because they believe that education is what opens the door to opportunity, Michael and Kathleen will be sure that all of their godchildren receive a college education.

Prior to moving back to the Capital Region last year, they lived in Birmingham, Alabama where Michael was an Assistant Professor of Surgery at University of Alabama at Birmingham.
The Formula SAE program is one of the premier nationally recognized student-led projects and the largest engineering competition in the world, with an annual project budget exceeding $75,000. Each team must raise $15,000 to participate in the annual competition in Detroit, Michigan.

Laura Wontrop, the team's captain, explained that this past fall, “We had a $15,000 hole in our budget that needed to be filled in order for us to finish the car and attend the competition. If it were not for Mr. Iovino and Mr. DiCamillo’s generosity, we would have run out of money in December. But while attending the PACE celebration dinner with the Board of Trustees last fall, Kevin Chavin and I met Mr. Gary DiCamillo ’73 and Mr. Tom Iovino ’73. When they heard of the shortfall in our budget, they promised to get us to the competition — their personal checks arrived shortly thereafter.” As a result, Rensselaer’s Formula SAE team is heading out to Michigan next month. Be sure to visit www.formularpi.com/v2 to see the results.

Please contact campaign-news@rpi.edu if you have any questions, or would like receive additional information on how you can join the Renaissance at Rensselaer Campaign.

Jessie T. Lam ’99, who holds a B.S. in electrical engineering, is helping to advance her alma mater as a new donor to the Rensselaer Annual Fund and a Rensselaer corporate agent volunteer with Boeing.

As a Boeing employee, Jessie leveraged her contribution to the Annual Fund by taking advantage of the Boeing Gift Matching Program — doubling the impact of her gift. As a corporate agent volunteer for Rensselaer, Jessie encourages alumni to also take advantage of this benefit, which increases giving to Rensselaer by nearly $1 million in matching gifts every year.

In Jessie’s words, “Contributing to the Rensselaer Annual Fund allows me to stay connected to my alma mater. Giving back to Rensselaer is important to me because I want to support the next generation of Rensselaer alumni. It makes me feel good to know that the Rensselaer Annual Fund will help young talented minds have the opportunity to attend RPI and give them the right tools to make a difference in this ever-changing world.” We could not have said it better, and we thank Jessie once again for her philanthropy and her dedication.

President Jackson to Receive Prestigious Vannevar Bush Award

President Shirley Ann Jackson will receive the Vannevar Bush Award for 2007 from the National Science Board for a lifetime of achievement in scientific research, education, and senior statesman-like contributions to public policy. Chair of the National Science Board Steven C. Beering said, “Shirley Ann Jackson has been a leader on many fronts, and she has incorporated scientific approaches into all of her work, especially on policy issues of international importance and in reforming one of the nation’s important educational institutions. She’s a national treasure deserving of the Vannevar Bush Award for her widely valued public service and contributions to the nation and the international community.”

The National Science Board will honor Jackson May 14 in an awards ceremony at the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C., where she was born and raised.

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Student Philanthropy Program

The Class of 2007, led by class President Hannah Kim, has already begun to demonstrate the sort of philanthropy it takes to keep Rensselaer at the cutting edge by implementing the Student Philanthropy Program. In two weeks, 23 seniors became Student Patroons by giving over $100 each. Class President Hannah Kim gave the first gift, and then took it a step further by working with General Electric to secure a corporate match, setting an example for the rest of the class. The guiding philosophy of the program is this: “No matter what you decide to contribute, your participation matters most.”

The Student Philanthropy Program encourages students to give to their Senior Class Gift in each of their four years on campus, with a goal of increasing the overall Class Gift in support of some of the physical changes at Rensselaer. The program will also educate students on the impact of their individual giving on Rensselaer, as well as the significance of continued alumni support and the importance of the Annual Fund. The goal of the Student Philanthropy Program is to teach students that it is not how much they give financially, but rather the key to success is their participation at any level. There is no doubt the Class of 2007 will leave their mark, not just on the physical landscape, but also as the future philanthropists of Rensselaer.

Engaging Young Alumni

Membership in the council is voluntary and the purpose is both social and philanthropic. The YAC seeks to increase participation in Institute events, regional events, and annual giving. According to YAC President Ray Lutzky ’02, “Our first program will be a series of seminars across the country to address topics of interest to young alumni, such as investing, insurance, and retirement planning. We would love to hear from recent grads that have ideas for seminar topics they would find most helpful.”

To contact YAC, please e-mail Lindsay Shea at sheal@rpi.edu.

Young Alumnus Becomes Patroon Donor

Joe Greco ’01 announced his Annual Fund gift of $1,000 in October 2006 at a “Rensselaer in Your Region” Reception of the New York City/Long Island Alumni Chapter. The gift recognizes Joe as an annual Rensselaer Patroon. He joins many other young alumni supporting the Renaissance at Rensselaer.

Joe has been an active member of the Rensselaer community since his undergraduate years, serving as class president and Grand Marshal. Joe became president of the NYC/Long Island Alumni Chapter in 2006, and has been active in setting up Networking and Young Alumni Financial Services events.

Patroon donors are recognized for fiscal year giving according to years since graduation:

1 - 4 years: $250  
10 - 14 years: $1,000  
5 - 9 years: $500  
15 + years: $2,000

Annual Patroons receive regular communications about the impact of their gifts from the President of Rensselaer, as well as an annual roster of Patroon giving. In addition, they are invited to attend special events throughout the year.

Unofficial Mascot Promotes Alumni Participation

The Puckman and the Red Hawk may come to mind as Rensselaer mascots, but for many Young Alumni, “Alby” the resilient albino squirrel on campus represents an elusive and intriguing symbol of their time at Rensselaer. Hence, “Where’s Alby?” an interactive on-line contest, was launched in December to introduce recent grads to new facilities on campus by asking them to identify where Alby was at various locations. The response was exceptional, with over 1,200 players. To test your knowledge of the Rensselaer campus, visit www.rpi.edu/campaign/Alby and play “Where’s Alby?”
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Regional Volunteer Program

As we enter the homestretch of the Renaissance at Rensselaer Campaign, we are reaching out around the globe to alumni and friends to join us as we head for the finish line, and that is how the Regional Volunteer Program comes into play. Designed to expand national and international outreach of the campaign in its final stages, Rensselaer is soon to add a cadre of regional volunteers to its ranks. Working under the leadership of a Regional Campaign Volunteer Chair, who will communicate directly with the Campaign Steering Committee, volunteers will have the opportunity to join the Renaissance at Rensselaer. Please contact Lisa McGrath ’89 at mcgrath@rpi.edu or 518-276-2737 if you have any questions, or would like receive additional information on the Regional Volunteer Program.

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Many Using Their IRA as Never Before!

Our last issue introduced donors to the new Pension Protection Act of 2006. Dozens of our donors took advantage of the new law to use IRA funds to make their regular Annual Fund gift, or pledge payment, while others used their IRA to create scholarship funds. At least one donor created a rollover IRA account to take advantage of the new law. In total, Rensselaer received over fifty gifts worth more than $691,000 from IRA owners in 2006. The charitable provisions of the Pension Protection Act expire on December 31, 2007, so there is still plenty of time for you to make a gift from your IRA if you are 70½ or older. Please contact Arthur T. Tracy at 518-276-2561 or tracya@rpi.edu to request additional information.

Rensselaer’s 201st Commencement Ceremony

On Saturday, May 19, 2007, Rensselaer will welcome Thomas L. Friedman, best-selling author and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The New York Times, to deliver the 2007 Commencement address. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the Harkness Field. Friedman also will receive an honorary degree at the ceremony, along with pioneering producer Don Hewitt, best known as the creator of the weekly CBS-TV news program 60 Minutes.

Please visit www.rpi.edu/academics/commencement or e-mail campaign-news@rpi.edu for more information.

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