



Campaign Accomplishments

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the campaign co-chairs, and the entire Rensselaer leadership team, I would like to express my deepest, heartfelt gratitude to all of our donors and to the members of the Rensselaer community who have worked to achieve this unprecedented milestone in the history of Rensselaer.”

– *President Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.*

Renaissance at Rensselaer: The Campaign for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute concluded June 2009, and raised over \$1.416 billion, including:

- Lead Gift – \$360 million
- Faculty and Scholarship Support – \$142 million
- Research, Academic, and Campus Program Support – \$720 million
- Infrastructure and Facilities Support – \$16 million
- Unrestricted Gifts – \$177 million

In March 2001, President Shirley Ann Jackson secured a gift of \$360 million from an anonymous donor to construct two major new facilities: a biotechnology research building and an experimental media and performing arts center. At the time, it was the largest gift ever made to a public or private university in the United States.

This transformational lead gift served to realize the initial steps of *The Rensselaer Plan*—a strategic blueprint for Rensselaer in the 21st century—and to jump start the *Renaissance at Rensselaer Campaign*.

The \$1 billion campaign, the largest in Rensselaer history, was launched formally in September 2004, with a gala event where Rensselaer trustee Curtis Priem '82 joined President Jackson to announce a major gift and to introduce campaign co-chairs Thomas Baruch '60, Gary DiCamillo '73, and Paul Severino '69.

The original goal of \$1 billion was increased to \$1.4 billion in 2006, when an in-kind contribution valued at more than \$514 million from the Partners for the Advancement of Collaborative Engineering Education (PACE), exceeded the earlier campaign goal.

PEOPLE, PROGRAMS, PLATFORMS

The Renaissance at Rensselaer Campaign aligned with the goal of *The Rensselaer Plan* to achieve greater prominence in the 21st century as a top-tier world-class technological research university with global reach and global impact. The *Plan* focuses on resident undergraduate education; research and graduate education; education for working professionals; scientific and technological

entrepreneurship; Rensselaer communities; and enabling change throughout the Institute.

PEOPLE

Campaign gifts have made a significant impact on our ability to attract and retain world-class faculty and support the best and brightest students.

Student Support

Since the beginning of the campaign, more than 100 new endowed scholarships and annual Patroon Scholarships have supported hundreds of undergraduate students, and dozens of graduate students received new endowed fellowships.

Faculty Support

Since 2000, the Institute has expanded and renewed the faculty, with 225 new faculty members, more than 74 in entirely new positions. Donors supported 28 faculty chairs, including five constellations in technology areas critical to the 21st century: biotechnology, nanotechnology, computational information technology, energy and the environment, and media and the arts. >





"Your gifts have enhanced the student experience, extended our research enterprise, attracted world-renowned faculty, increased applications to an all-time high, expanded the number of scholarships and fellowships available to students, and further strengthened entrepreneurship across the curriculum. While the official campaign goal has been met, we will need your support for our ongoing efforts to create one of the finest living and learning communities in the world."

President Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D.

PROGRAMS

The campaign raised funds to support research and academic programs, curriculum development, and campus life.

Research Programs

The research enterprise has expanded dramatically in the past 10 years. Gifts fueled programs in engineering and the life sciences, and humanities, arts, and social sciences; in areas which cross boundaries in traditional fields, within a hallmark culture of "low walls" that facilitates interaction among faculty and students.

Academic and Campus Life Programs

In 2006, Rensselaer created the position of Vice Provost for Entrepreneurship at Rensselaer, to create a culture of entrepreneurship across campus and throughout the Rensselaer community.

Launched in 2008, the Rensselaer Engineering Education Across Cultural Horizons (REACH) program offers students the opportunity to participate in structured study abroad programs.

In 2009, President Jackson led a delegation from the Institute to Africa to expand collaborations in the region and discuss capacity-building opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The award winning Office of the First-Year Experience continues to introduce students to Rensselaer with a variety of activities promoting teamwork, leadership, cultural exploration, community service, and citizenship. First-year student retention reached a record 95% in 2009.

PLATFORMS

Campus Infrastructure and Facilities

Under *The Rensselaer Plan*, the Institute has undertaken the most new construction on its campuses in a century. An unprecedented triad of facilities has transformed the Rensselaer landscape, and they offer faculty and students cross-disciplinary opportunities to foster scientific and technological discovery and creative invention.

The Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies was supported with grants and campaign gifts to grow a robust research program in biotechnology.

The Computational Center for Nanotechnology Innovations (CCNI) houses one of the world's fastest supercomputers in a \$100 million partnership with IBM and the state of New York.

The Curtis R. Priem Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC) advances the convergence of art and science with world-class performance spaces and a platform for research.

To enliven the undergraduate residential experience, Rensselaer launched the East Campus Athletic Village (ECAV), the most extensive athletic construction project in our history, scheduled to open in October, 2009.

The new Howard N. Blitman, P.E. '50 Residence Commons in downtown Troy is a complete living and learning community, with an on-site faculty adviser, professional staff, and student assistants.

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS

Unrestricted gifts, including annual giving and bequests, allow Rensselaer the flexibility to respond to challenges and opportunities as they arise. Campaign gifts to the Rensselaer Annual Fund total over \$39 million to support areas such as financial aid, athletics, faculty, student programs, scholarships, classrooms, mobile computing, and library resources.