

Alumna Passionate about Human Rights, Launches Key Initiative for the Global Village

As a French major at Douglass College, Kathleen Whitehead '75 dreamed of travelling to France. Today Kathy W. Ludwig has travelled the world, focused on her commitment to women's leadership and global human rights. It was a perfect fit between Kathy's passions and her love for Douglass College that inspired her to pledge a \$1 million gift to help build a new living-learning residence hall designed specifically for students living in the houses of the Global Village at Douglass.

"We have to keep investing and talking about the value of a college education at Douglass," says Kathy, who believes one draws upon the college experience for a lifetime. "The living-learning residence is just another way of expressing the emphasis that we put on quality education here and what it means to us."

In the years since graduation, Kathy has followed her passion for human rights and studied the dynamics of globalization,

right in the center of the Douglass campus. Together, Jameson and the new building will be home to Douglass' renowned living-learning communities.

Unlike a traditional residence hall, this building has been designed with classroom spaces and a large multi-purpose area on the main floor for holding lectures and receptions, keys to a living-learning environment. In addition, Douglass students will live in suite style rooms, and enjoy a kitchen on each floor, as well as a computer lab. These amenities are optimal for students in living-learning communities, who take a "house" course in their area of interest, work on group projects, and host events to showcase their accomplishments. Single rooms will be available for graduate assistants in residence. There are currently ten living-learning communities in the Global Village at Douglass: the French and Spanish Houses, the Africana and East-Asian Houses, the Leadership House, the Middle East

Coexistence House, the Human Rights House, the Women and Business Entrepreneurship House, the Women and Creativity House and the Social Justice House.

Five million dollars needs to be raised in order for construction to begin on the project; these funds will be

matched by Rutgers University. "Kathy has given us a tremendous start toward the realization of an exciting dream: a state-of-the-art living-learning residence hall for Douglass," stated Rachel Ingber '83, Executive Director of the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College. "We are grateful for her commitment and vision."

"I believe in this project on many levels," shares Kathy. "It is an exciting and very



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tangible way to advance the College's strength in living-learning experiences. I am continually amazed at the work the students do and the impact it has on their education and personal development. I invite other alumnae and friends to join me in creating an outstanding new home for the Global Village."

Douglass Dean Jacquelyn Litt is enthusiastic about the project. "For generations to come, students will be grateful to Kathy and other alumnae who make this residence hall a reality. On behalf of the entire Douglass community, I express our excitement and gratitude!"

For more information on the Global Village or to join Kathy in supporting the project, please contact the AADC office at 732-932-2880.



Jameson Residence Hall Expansion Rendering

receiving a master's degree in intercultural communication. "Beyond the classroom," she says, "you still have to go see how people live, see what they are doing, how their governments treat them, what policies they live by, and experience living in another culture."

This new residence hall will form the "fourth side" of the Jameson Residence Hall