

International Dean honored by Grateful Alumna

IT IS HARD TO LEAVE HOME for the first time. It is even harder if you are going to a foreign country. And, it was even more difficult yet in the years prior the dawn of the digital age, without fast and inexpensive computer communications. However, Douglass international students found needed assistance from the College's Associate Dean, Edna Newby. In gratitude, one such alumna has recently established a scholarship in her name.

A Douglass alumna herself, Edna Newby '31 spent most of her career in College Hall. She



Edna Newby '31, during her time as Director of Admissions, interviews a student. This personal interview was required of each entering freshman.

Ngoc-Huong Nguyen '65 as pictured in the *Quair*.



started as a secretary and was steadily promoted to registrar, director of admissions, assistant dean and associate dean. She retired in 1972 and passed away peacefully in 2003 after a short illness. She was especially proud of her work as the foreign student advisor at Douglass. Over the course of ten years, she developed a strong program for international women and remained in close contact with many of them throughout her lifetime. When Dean Newby was notified of her selection as a member of

the Douglass Society, she was humble in her acceptance stating, "I have always received more than I have given to these fine young women." But her devotion to their well being was clear and her relationship with foreign students, "her girls," extended far beyond their college careers. She kept in touch with them, and kept them up to date on another, through her regular newsletters and her travels.

Such was the case for Ngoc-Huong Nguyen '65. Ms. Nguyen came to Douglass from Vietnam in the fall of 1961 "scared and homesick." In Dean Newby, she found more than a student advisor but a "second mother." She credits her ability to persist and succeed to the caring kindness of Dean Newby. However, whenever she offered Dean Newby gratitude, the Dean would humbly defer and say "just do something nice for someone else." This attitude resonated with Ms.

Nguyen's Asian culture, where all respect those old enough to "remember and give back." She and Dean Newby remained in touch over the years after Ms. Nguyen's graduation. They shared wonderful visits and some exciting travels together.

It is a friendship that Ms. Nguyen warmly and gratefully remembers. Now, she has generously chosen to give back by funding the Dean Edna Newby Scholarship Endowment which will provide assistance for international students in perpetuity – a lasting tribute to her mentor and then friend.

The Campaign

The Douglass Global

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THE DOUGLASS GLOBAL LEADERS PROGRAM, set to launch next year, is designed to prepare young women for leadership roles in a rapidly-globalizing world. All program components will guide students in understanding the social and economic forces that converge in globalization, intercultural sensi-

tivity, and governmental and non-governmental practices for eliminating social injustice. The Program will be tied to the living learning communities in the college's Global Village, and will be housed in the new residence hall in the Jameson complex. Dean Litt and her team have determined that the Douglass Global Leaders program will include:

- Community-based Service Learning with international populations
- International Service Learning
- Education and internships in international business

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In February, Douglass's new Director of Recruitment, Ellen Lieberman, hosted the College's annual Open House for a record-breaking 360-plus attendees (high school juniors and seniors and their families). Also in February, Assistant Dean Elaine Zundl, newly-appointed Director of the Douglass Project, hosted a standing-room-only speakers' panel in the DCC, "Being Female in the Virtual World"; Dean Litt competed in the annual all-university "Dancing

with the Deans" event; and on February 20, Douglass hosted documentary filmmaker Lisa Gossels for a screening and discussion of "My So-Called Enemy" about cultivating understanding between Palestinian and Israeli teen girls at a U.S. summer camp.

On March 5, Dean Litt presented the first-ever All-College Symposium at Vorhees Chapel. The evening's program allowed participants to meet the new staff members, hear from the all-student

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Leaders Program

THE FUTURE

- Global environmental research and policy
 - Study abroad
 - Douglass-United Nations programs
 - International Certificate
- “I am extremely committed to this program, which I believe will be a cornerstone of students’ experience here at Douglass,” Dean Litt said this winter, shortly after presenting a case statement about the program to a mixed audience of potential donors, alumnae and university staff. “My second book examined how women’s carework – from paid housekeepers to undocu-

mented mothers – is increasingly shaped by global economic and social forces. Inequality among women has increased with globalization. Students must leave Douglass with deep competencies in understanding this global context, and what it will mean for their own lives. Most definitely, the Douglass Global Leaders Program is deeply connected to what Douglass is all about.”

To learn more about the Douglass Global Leaders program in the coming months, visit www.douglass.rutgers.edu.

Douglass Governing Council, enjoy student dance performances, and learn about Dean Litt’s re-organization plan for the College, which has now culminated with the introduction this spring of Karen Alexander, the College’s new Dean for juniors and seniors.

Following spring break, all members of the College community turned their attention to the traditional markers of spring: for the students, exam preparation and the completion of coursework, and for the

whole community, all the milestone events Douglass is (or will soon be!) known for: Sacred Path, the annual Capstone Conference, the Senior Brunch & Awards Ceremony, the newly-launched Founders’ day Weekend and, of course, Convocation.

On Saturday, April 28, be sure to stop by the Douglass booth at Rutgers Day! Happy spring!



Can One Building Have a Global Impact?

IT CAN AT DOUGLASS!

The new Living Learning Residence Hall envisioned for the Global Village on Jameson Campus will be the home of the Douglass Global Leaders Program. The state-of-the-art building will provide additional residential space for students who choose to live in one of the College’s themed living learning communities *as well as* provide classroom and assembly space, video conferencing and computer labs needed for all global programs.

The first new construction at Douglass in more than 30 years, the building will feature suite-style living, adding to the existing housing options and enhancing

recruitment.

In order to make the Dean’s Global vision a reality, the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College seeks to raise \$ 5 million for the project. The new Living-Learning residence hall is so important that Rutgers University will match the funds raised, thereby making the building a true public-private partnership. Thus far, more than \$2.6 million has been raised—surpassing the half way mark toward a new global center for the very center of campus. To learn more about this initiative or any aspect of the Campaign for Douglass, contact us at 732-932-2880 or via e-mail to Eileen Cotter, Director of Development, ecotter@winants.rutgers.edu.