



DOUGLASS

ASSOCIATE ALUMNAE NEWS

We Love Alma Mater!

Message from Executive Director • Valerie L. Anderson '81, MBA

As alumnae, we all have our very own personal and unique memories of NJC/Douglass. Our years at alma mater helped shape and transform our educational experiences. There are fond memories and maybe even some we may choose to forget. Nonetheless, we have been *touched* by this great institution which remains devoted to innovative education and women's leadership. Douglass thrives today, and the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College and Douglass are on the move.

Oh how we love alma mater! Alumnae tell me every day how much they value lifelong connections with one another. Alumnae value returning to campus and celebrating at one of the many events supported through the work of the AADC mission. And I have witnessed alumnae who dedicate their time, talents and treasures as volunteers serving on committees, the Board



Photo by Anne Marie Russo

Executive Director Valerie Anderson '81, third from left, at the 2013 Zero Year Reunion Senior Brunch on May 16 at Douglass, with newly installed Class of 2013 Officers, from left, Jasmine Hossain, Class Fund Agent/Treasurer, Khadijah Daniels, President; Nicole Fisher, Vice President and Reunion Coordinator; Rachel Greenberg, Alumnae Council Representative; and Melissa Gabilanes, Secretary/Historian.

of Directors, attending events, each as stewards of all that Douglass does today.

We are all part of this great Sisterhood that endures. At the recent Zero Year Reunion Senior Brunch to salute our newest alumnae – the Class of 2013 — I felt great faith in the

future through the outstanding academic and civic accomplishments these women made during their time at Douglass. Their lives are forever changed, forever enriched. Many expressed gratitude for the support and encouragement alumnae have shown along the way.

I invite you to come back to campus to enjoy some of *your* Douglass memories, reconnect with a classmate or take the chance to create new ones.

Experience the vitality and energy of the students today. You will feel a sense of pride at how we have grown while revering the traditions of Douglass many alumnae still hold dear such as Sacred Path. The presence of College Hall on the hill, with Voorhees Chapel at its side, continues to anchor Douglass and the promise of the future.

The Campaign For Douglass Exceeds \$31 Million

The Class of 2013 Attest to Impact of Support

At Reunion Convocation on Saturday, June 1, Tina B. Gordon '72, President of the Board of Directors of the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College, announced that *The Campaign for Douglass* has now raised \$31,003,637. To a cheering crowd in Voorhees Chapel, She announced that we are closer than ever to reaching the \$35 million Campaign goal – which will serve to strengthen and advance

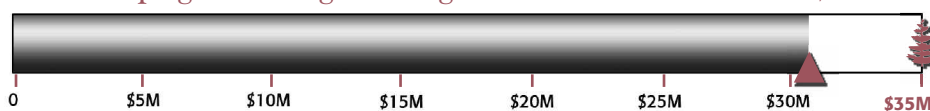
Douglass. Tina expressed great gratitude to all contributors and invited all to participate in supporting the Campaign. Special appreciation was given to the Campaign Leadership: Co-Chairs Joyce Kovatch Albers-Schonberg '65 and Alice Herman '70, Honorary Chair Adelaide Marcus Zagoren '40, members of the Board of

Directors, and the Major Gifts and Communications committees.

"The world needs more women leaders. Douglass is where women learn to lead."

These words opened the preliminary case statement for the current *Campaign for Douglass* explained Tina, "As we enter the final 18 months of this historic campaign, we are pleased to report that the Campaign is living up to its

The Campaign for Douglass Progress



Over \$31 million raised and going strong!



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promise to secure the innovative programs that transform our students' lives and allow for them to practice leadership in new ways."

Douglassel's newest alumnae, members of the class of 2013, have benefited from the Campaign's success thus far. For example, funding assisted the students in the Africana House to experience service learning in South

Africa in January 2011. That trip impacted recent graduate Chinwe Oriji '13 to the extent that she then returned to South Africa for a semester and founded a "pen pal" project between U.S. and South African prison inmates.

"This is what Douglass did for me. Douglass stirred the fire to serve. They changed a local girl like me into a global woman leader of service."

— Chinwe Oriji '13 (pictured left)

The Campaign has increased scholarship funds by more than \$9 million to date. These gifts

are assisting more women to experience the Douglass Difference and graduate with the competitive advantage this College imparts on its students. States one recipient: *"Your generosity has empowered me to become the best woman I can be. I will be forever grateful for your kindness and your faith in me."*

— Lisa Heyles '13



Gifts to the Campaign are benefitting the Douglass Project for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

which serves to encourage and retain students pursuing majors in fields where women are still underrepresented. They are also providing funds for special opportunities, travel abroad, and the living-learning

communities which were pioneered at Douglass and have become a higher education standard. Campaign contributions are also building the endowment which will help to fund future Douglass innovations.

"I recall move-in day four years ago. It was pouring rain. I was disheveled – but the early days were the best as I met women who are now life-long friends. They are from all walks of life and we discovered that we are all connected by common goals... We are now women who meet challenges head on and head high."

— Helen Uczkowski '13

Douglassel Dean Jacquelyn Litt is appreciative that with the support of generous alumnae and friends, Douglass continues educate extraordinarily impressive students. In congratulating the senior class just days before graduation, she told the class, "because you took on challenges at Douglass, you will continue to do so for the rest of your lives. You have the confidence and capacity to lead. You have bright futures."

We hope that all of our Campaign contributors share her pride in Douglass students.

Thank you!

Associate Alumnae of Douglass College Named 2012 Leaders for Social Justice

Honored for Commitment to Douglass Alumnae and Women's Education

The Associate Alumnae of Douglass College was honored for its commitment to generations of Douglass alumnae and women's education as recipients of the Leaders of Social Justice Award from the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey. Alumna Jeanne Fox '75, of the WPCNJ Board of Directors, presented the award that was accepted on behalf of the AADC by Executive Director Valerie Anderson '81 at the Caucus' 2012 *Passion Power Progress Awards* held at the New Brunswick Hyatt Regency in January. The Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey is dedicated to increasing women's participation in the political process and achieving equality for all women.

