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ASSOCIATE ALUMNAE NEWS

Historic Moment for Douglass

Douglass Alumnae Raise \$3.6 Million for New Residence Hall on Campus

Exciting developments are bringing the long held vision of a new building for the Global Village at Douglass closer than ever to reality. The Associate Alumnae of Douglass College and Douglass Residential College have reached the goal and design is underway. Most impressively, Douglass alumnae and friends, through *The Campaign for Douglass*, have responded generously to the project with gifts that exceed the \$3.6 million goal for this priority. On December 3, 2013, the Rutgers University Board of Governors formally approved the project. After a competitive bidding process, the multi-award winning architectural firm of Michael Graves & Associates was commissioned to design the building.

"The new living-learning residence hall for the Global Village will expand a hallmark College program. It will allow a greater number of Douglass students to learn and practice the skills necessary for effective global leadership," states Douglass Dean Jacquelyn Litt. "The project will impact students enrolled in our language, cultural, career or issues-based living-learning communities by providing new housing and classroom space. It will also benefit all Douglass women by providing large community space where students can participate in presentations, panel discussions and conferences which will bring the world to campus. For example, we have recently established a new student organization, the Douglass Chapter of Friends of UNFPA (the United Nations Population Fund), which seeks to raise the issue of global women's health among the student body at Rutgers. The multi-purpose rooms in the new building will provide a center for this type of global education and outreach."

This is the first new construction on Douglass in more than 30 years since the Douglass College Center rose at the corner of George Street and Nichol Avenue and opened doors as a central point on campus. "It is particularly exciting to have Michael Graves & Associates architects as our designer," continues Dean Litt. "They bring expertise in designing for higher education, and in many international sites, such as the recently completed Resorts World Sentosa in Singapore, to our project."

Funding for the project has been provided in part through Rutgers University (\$6.4 million) and through philanthropic gifts to *The Campaign for*

Douglass (\$3.6 million). Because of the success of the Campaign and with Board of Governor's approval, the project timeline will now allow for a fall 2016 opening. "We are very grateful to the alumnae and friends who join with us and with lead donor Kathleen Whitehouse Ludwig '75 in making commitments to the Living-Learning Residence Hall," state Campaign Co-Chairs Joyce Kovatch Albers-Schonberg '65 and Alice Herman '70. They note that contributors have a variety of reasons for their generous participation. Advancing a Douglass strength in offering living-learning communities to students compel many contributors. Others, aware that this will be the first new construction on campus in 30 years, want to showcase Douglass' continued excellence and to assist in student recruitment and retention.

This project will complete the fourth side of Jameson Campus, which is home to the Global Village living-learning communities. The Global Village is

one of the most popular programs among students at Douglass.

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Find answers to your questions about the current Global Village at campaignfordouglass.org/FAQs



New Living-Learning Center Will Enhance the Global Village

President, Tina B. Gordon '72, expressed appreciation to the Campaign Co-Chairs on having raised the needed funds for the project. "It is extraordinary to see this project become a reality. It would not have happened without the leadership of Joyce, Alice, Kathy, Sharon Matlofsky Karmazin '67, and many other contributors. We are grateful for their commitment and passion for Douglass."

AADC Executive Director Valerie Anderson '81 summarizes progress, "When the AADC Board of Directors took on the challenge of conducting a major campaign to benefit the College, they had tremendous faith in the interest and loyalty of our alumnae."

"The success in completing the building — a key priority of the Campaign — confirms what we have always known," Valerie continued, "Douglass alumnae have impacted the advancement and success of Douglass College throughout our history. Now is the time for us to invest in Douglass to ensure its vitality for the future."

Ahead for the project is about a year of design, followed by a year of construction. Ahead for *The Campaign for Douglass* is building on the success of meeting this project to fulfill other essential needs to ensure the *Douglass Difference*. These areas include raising program and technology funds for the Global Village, support for STEM programs, signature Douglass curricula and Women's Leadership initiatives. For updates on the Campaign, visit the website at www.campaignfordouglass.org.