

# Russell Sage College

WOMEN OF INFLUENCE



Parent & Family Newsletter

Spring 2018

Dear Family Members:

As we write this, we recently experienced near 70-degree weather in February and now have just survived 2 snowy Nor'Easters to kick off March! Wildly fluctuating weather notwithstanding, we are preparing for our end-of-year events: Honors Convocation, Honor Society inductions, Undergraduate Research Day, Baccalaureate, and finally—Commencement.

This is an exciting time of the academic year as students prepare to wrap up months of studying, with some poised to launch into their professional lives or pursue graduate study. With this excitement can come some fear and anxiety. Please know that this is a typical reaction, and that there are resources available to help students navigate this transition.

Graduating students have received email outreach from the Dean of Students' office about commencement in the past week and they were instructed to go online to confirm their participation in the commencement ceremony. If you have a graduating student in your family, be sure to check in with them to make sure they are staying on task with everything they need to do to get ready for commencement. Information is available online at [www.sage.edu/commencement](http://www.sage.edu/commencement), including links for students to order their cap and gown, important deadlines and reminders, and an overview of all of the commencement related events that are coming up. But alas, there are still quite a few weeks left in the semester, and many more papers to write and exams to study for.

And in between all of the group projects, late-night study sessions, papers and exams, we offer plenty of fun on campus, too. This past February we celebrated one of our most successful Rally campaigns to date by raising nearly \$5500 to benefit the National Center Missing and Exploited Children and the Alzheimer's Association. Check out the fun photos in this newsletter and online at [Sage's Flickr site](#).

As always, please feel free to contact our offices with any questions or concerns. Our contact information is below.

With warm regards,

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Spring hasn't quite come to campus yet!

## Upcoming Events

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### First Year Class Dinner

March 22

### Bus Trip to Boston

April 7

### Senior Class Dinner

April 12

### TIS Presents: Tribes Little Theatre

April 12-22

### Earth Day Celebration

April 23

### Class Day

April 29

### 11th Hour Pancakes Served by the Deans

April 29

### TIS Presents: Backbeard Schacht Fine Arts Center

May 30 - June 10



Rally is one of RSC's most beloved annual traditions, in which the senior class hosts a two-week long competition to see which class can raise the most money for charity, through a series of fundraising challenges, entertaining songs and clever skits. This year the Red Devils, Golden Horseshoes and the Blue Angels were able to collectively raise and donate nearly \$5,500 to the Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the Alzheimer's Association.

The Sophomore Golden Horseshoe class emerged victorious as the winners of Rally 2018 at the culminating celebration on Rally Night!



# Helpful Hint Q&A

**"I've heard that some classmates have already received their financial aid package, but I haven't even filled out my FAFSA yet."** Who to contact: Office of Financial Aid (1st Floor, Cowee Hall), [finaid@sage.edu](mailto:finaid@sage.edu), (518-244-4525). They can outline the entire process for you and advise you on how best to proceed.

**"I have three final exams scheduled on the same day; there is no way I will be able to study!"** Who to contact: Office of Academic Support (3rd Floor, Shea Learning Ctr), [RSCAcademicSupport@sage.edu](mailto:RSCAcademicSupport@sage.edu), 518-244-2272. Also, please note that students are notified that if they have three final exams scheduled for the same day, they can petition to have one moved.

**"I am overwhelmed with the thought of leaving all of my new Sage friends and returning back home to people I knew in high school."** Who to contact: Wellness Center (1st Floor, Kellas Hall), [troywellnesscenter@sage.edu](mailto:troywellnesscenter@sage.edu), 518-244-2261. They can help you sort through emotions and set strategies for dealing with uncomfortable situations.

**"I am in a panic about which classes to register for next fall."** Who to contact: Office of Academic Advising (3rd Floor, Shea Learning Ctr.), [RSCAdvising@sage.edu](mailto:RSCAdvising@sage.edu), 518-244-2272. Faculty advisors are a student's best resource and can provide support about what classes to take and what to do if you're on a wait-list for a class. The advising office can also help students navigate their academic requirements and registration.

## \* Rally 2018 \*



Student Government election results were announced on Rally Night.



First year students get to wear their class sweaters (decorated by their Big Sisters) for the first time on Sweater Night!



The seniors performed their farewell song through tears.



## End of Year Events

Along with Commencement, we have many important events that take place at the end of the term.

**Slippin' Out of the Semester Bash**  
April 20

**Undergraduate Research Symposium**  
April 25

**Last Undergrad Class Day**  
April 27

**RSC Honors Convocation**  
April 30

**Athenians Induction**  
April 30

**WORLD Conference & Reading Day**  
April 30

**Final Exams**  
May 1-4

**Nursing Department Pinning Ceremony**  
May 11

**Phi Kappa Phi Induction**  
May 11

**RSC Baccalaureate**  
May 11

**Sage Commencement**  
May 12