



In this issue, we've attempted to address the questions and concerns we have been hearing from alumni. Be sure to check out all the news:

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## HONORING SAINT ROSE

It is important that we find ways to honor Saint Rose and celebrate the remarkable legacy we have shared. Regardless of your time at Saint Rose, you know how special this community is. As we move through this semester, the tasks in front of us involve processing this huge loss and finding ways to share our immense pride and gratitude for a place that has brought us together.

We are forming an inclusive committee to commemorate our College with representatives from our alumni, faculty, administrators, staff, students and Pine Hills neighbors and are looking for volunteers. The committee will be co-chaired by Joan Horgan, Director of Spiritual Life, and Jen Richardson, AVP for Student Development. We hope you might consider joining this

group to gather and generate ideas and plan events to help us honor this last semester. We will host two Zoom meetings as options for you to attend:

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**Date: Thursday, February 15**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

Registration is not required. Join using this [meeting link](#).

**Date: Friday, February 16**

**Time: Noon**

Registration is not required. Join using this [meeting link](#).

If you are interested in serving on the committee but aren't able to join us or have ideas you would like to share, please email us at [HonoringSaintRose@strose.edu](mailto:HonoringSaintRose@strose.edu).

Additionally, if you have already started connecting with others to plan a commemorative event, please consider sharing that with us to be included on our calendar and shared in communications with the Saint Rose community.

**SAVE THE DATES: MAY 18 AND MAY 19**

While we anticipate various events throughout the semester, we are planning Alumni events for **May 18 and May 19**.

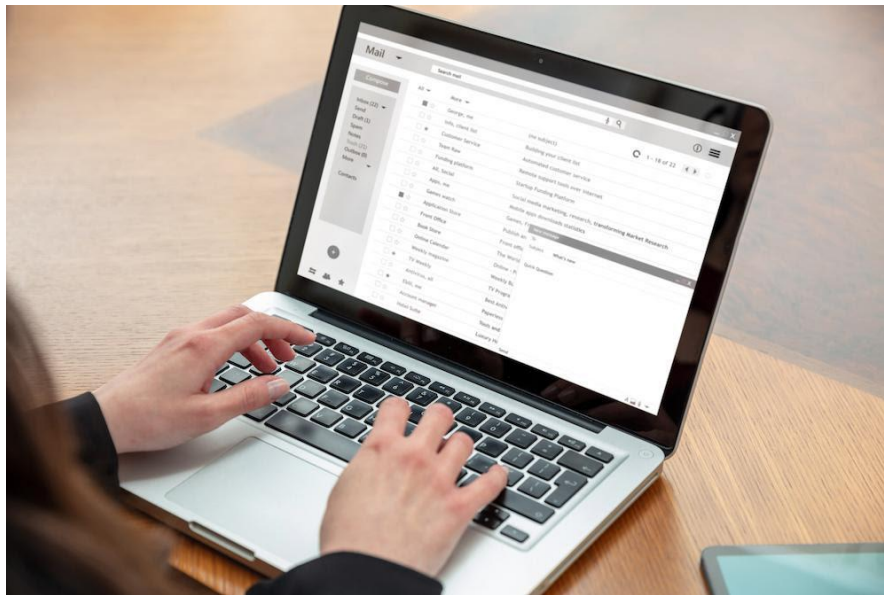


**Share your Saint Rose story**

The Albany County Department for Aging seeks submissions for a book of stories from Saint Rose alumni, friends, faculty, and neighbors to commemorate an institution that has played a central role in the region since its founding in 1920. Submissions should consist of a paragraph or two highlighting a personal or professional memory, experience, or impact the college has made. We are so grateful to Saint Rose alum Deborah Riitano '71, G'81, commissioner and chief executive officer of the Office for Aging, for creating and leading this heartwarming tribute. Send your memories **by March 30** to [Deborah.riitano@albanycountyny.gov](mailto:Deborah.riitano@albanycountyny.gov) or the Department for Aging, Attn: Deborah Riitano, [100 Heritage Lane, Albany, N.Y. 12211](https://www.albanycountyny.gov/100-Heritage-Lane-Albany-NY-12211).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below please find answers to the most common closure questions. Should you have a question after reading these, email [questions@strose.edu](mailto:questions@strose.edu).



### Your @strose Email

Unfortunately, once Saint Rose closes, students and alumni will no longer be able to use their [strose.edu](mailto:strose.edu) email accounts.

We understand that many users have a large amount of data stored in their accounts. We strongly suggest migrating this data to a new email account as soon as possible to ensure you do not lose important information.

These instructions have been prepared for you to ensure a smooth transition:

1. Go to <https://takeout.google.com/>.
2. Select the data you want to export, including "Gmail."
3. Choose the file format and delivery method.
4. Click "Create export."
5. You will receive a download link once the export is complete.
6. You can import your emails into another email client or use a third-party tool to convert them to a different format.

Additional information about how to download your Google data is available [here](#).

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## Transcripts and diplomas

### **How will alumni access their transcripts?**

Transcripts will be available in perpetuity after the College closes. The College will share updates in the coming months and maintain a webpage following the College's closure with instructions on how to request a transcript. Until then, alumni can request records from the Registrar's Office. Instructions can be found on the Saint Rose website, [here](#).

### **How will alumni access a copy of their diplomas?**

You can request copies of your diploma [here](#).



## TEACH-OUT UPDATE

The College is continuing to move forward in support of our students. Teach-Out partners now include the University at Albany, Siena College, Russell Sage College, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Plattsburgh, Messiah University, and Clarkson University. We anticipate continuing to add schools to this list.

The [FAQ](#) and [Teach-Out](#) pages on the College's website will continue to be updated and serve as a reliable source of information for members of the Saint Rose community.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS



### Once again, mental health counseling students net top honor

Two clinical mental health counseling graduate students have won significant National Board for Certified Counselors fellowships. Mishal Tarik (right) won a Minority Fellowship in addiction counseling, and Cara Janowsky (left) won a

Minority Fellowship for mental health counseling. They can attend the NBCC fellowship meeting in Charlotte, N.C., and other professional conferences. Tarik was awarded \$15,000 and balances her studies with work as a mental health assistant at a psychiatric unit in Hudson.

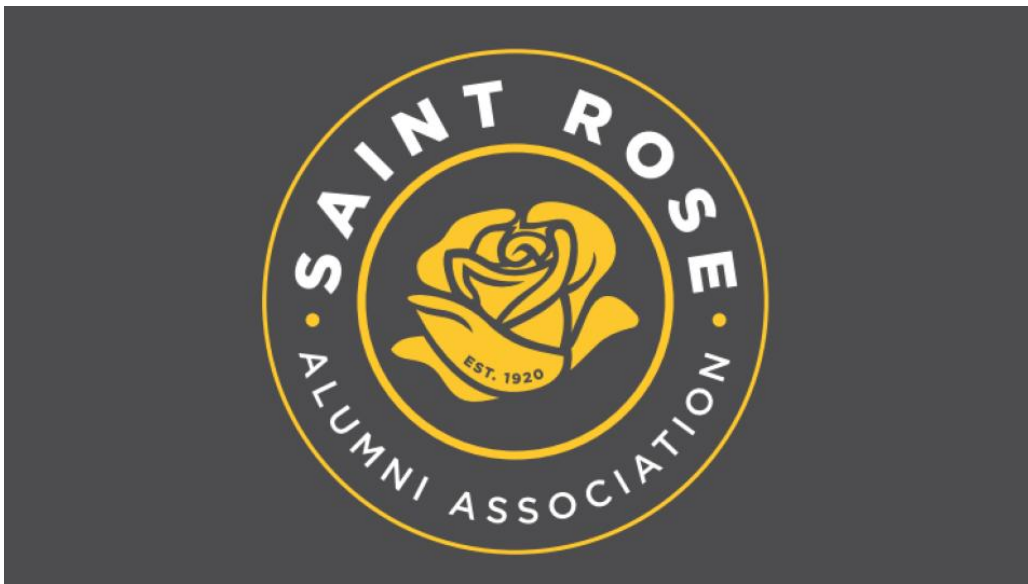
"With all the opportunities I have been given, I would like to open mental health facilities in third-world countries to give others the power and opportunity to overcome their disparities," she said.

Janowsky was awarded \$10,000 and wants to become a mental health professional who can advocate for patient care and the profession.

"I will use the award to increase awareness about the needs of postpartum women of color who need mental health support. I felt that a woman's concerns were too often minimized or not given enough attention. The support from this fellowship will help me learn both about the struggles these women face as well as create solutions to get them support and access to mental health care."

Assistant Professor Thomas Murphy, who chairs the program, noted that Kimberly Sanz won the same award Janowsky won this year. He said that only students in programs certified by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs are eligible for these fellowships, and it is unusual for students from the same college program to receive back-to-back awards.

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**



Hello, Fellow Saint Rose Alums,

Like you, I am feeling many emotions as we enter the final months of The College of Saint Rose. I urge you to return to campus if you haven't been in a long time, connect with classmates, or reach out to a staff or faculty member to tell them how much they mean to you.

As the college prepares to close, the Alumni Association Board of Directors is working hard to see what the future holds. Due to the college closing, we cannot continue operating under our constitution's current structure. The question remains: How can we continue, and what will that look like? This is where I need your help; for the past 5+ years, the Alumni Association has struggled with receiving and retaining members at the director and executive board levels.

**The current board is looking for new members to join as directors and, if interested, run for an executive board position to carry on the legacy of the Saint Rose alumni community. Just because the physical footprint will be no more, the alumni can still celebrate why we all have that one thing in common - The College of Saint Rose.**

Please contact me at [whittakerj12@gmail.com](mailto:whittakerj12@gmail.com) or by emailing [alumniassociationsr@gmail.com](mailto:alumniassociationsr@gmail.com) by March 1 to offer assistance or inquire about running for an official position.

Thank you, and I hope to hear from you all soon!

Justin Whittaker '16 G'17  
President, The College of Saint Rose Alumni Association

## WAYS TO HELP

### **Your support is needed more than ever!**

Although The College of Saint Rose will cease operations at the close of the 2023/2024 academic year, hundreds of current students still need your help. Your generosity in ensuring a strong finish is so greatly appreciated. Please consider making [a gift to The Saint Rose Fund](#) today.

## IN MEMORIAM



### **Audrey Hughes '53, Saint Rose Alumni Association National Board of Directors president, passes away at 92**

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Audrey Hughes, a cherished figure known for her impactful leadership roles within the Saint Rose community. Audrey's dedication to her alma mater was unwavering throughout her distinguished career. She notably served as President of the Alumni Association National Board of Directors and the Schenectady Chapter, where her passion for fostering connections among alumni flourished.



Audrey, who earned her BA in English History from the College of Saint Rose, embarked on a fulfilling career path that began as an English teacher in Cambridge, New York, before transitioning to the role of Public Relations Director at Saint Rose.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions, Audrey was honored with the prestigious Carondelet Lifetime Achievement Award from the College in 2013, a testament to her enduring impact and commitment to the Saint Rose community.

Audrey Hughes leaves behind a legacy of service, leadership, and unwavering devotion to the College of Saint Rose. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Read the tribute to Hughes [here](#).

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