

**Joint Media Statement by Rutgers University, the Rutgers University Foundation,
Douglass Residential College and the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College**

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Following a series of thoughtful and productive mediation sessions and subsequent discussions, Rutgers University and the Rutgers University Foundation (RUF), in partnership with Douglass Residential College (DRC), and the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College (AADC), have reached an agreement regarding the fundraising structure and alumnae relations program for Douglass Residential College and the AADC.

This agreement clarifies the relationships among the parties. DRC will continue in its unique role offering women a single-sex educational opportunity at a major public research university and providing innovative programs to help women students from all backgrounds succeed academically, prepare them to meet the challenges of the global workforce, and pursue career paths with confidence and conviction. The AADC will continue to serve the network of powerful, vibrant Douglass alumnae by providing quality educational, social and leadership opportunities with lasting impact for Douglass alumnae at every stage of life.

Rutgers University acknowledges the AADC's long and successful history of fundraising for and stewardship of gifts to Douglass, enabling the College to grow and fulfill its mission. Moving forward, DRC will handle all student educational and fundraising efforts for the College. Fundraising for the College will be managed by DRC, with support from RUF, and they will continue to work to advance the goals and aspirations of Douglass Residential College, the only all-women's college within a major public research university.

The AADC will fundraise for its alumnae activities and operations and will continue to steward the Douglass Fund, the endowment that was started by the AADC in 1969 to provide financial support to benefit the College and its students.

The AADC will continue to be a chartered member of the Rutgers University Alumni Association and will remain housed in the Ruth Schilling Hennessy Alumnae Center on the Douglass Campus.

Throughout this process, the goal has been to establish defined roles and responsibilities that support the best interest of Douglass, its students and alumnae. With this agreement, all parties believe the key issues have been addressed.

Together, the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College, Douglass Residential College, Rutgers University, and Rutgers University Foundation are deeply committed to Douglass' mission of advancing women and the unique experience the College creates for the next generation of female leaders. The parties also encourage Douglass alumnae to stay connected with the College, the AADC, and each other.

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