Henry J. Kearse, and his wife, Mary Geirin Kearse, were longtime friends of Rochester Institute of Technology and generous advocates of the education of young men and women. Henry Kearse, who died in 1975, was founder and President of H.J. Kearse, Inc. He was the site developer and paving contractor of the Rochester campus in Henrietta and personally directed the preparation of the grounds for the construction of the new campus buildings opened in 1968. When the bids for the development of the new campus were received, Mr. Kearse's bid was the lowest bid by such an obvious margin that it was clear to all involved that Henry Kearse wished to contribute significantly to building the new RIT. Mary Kearse was a member of the Nathaniel Rochester Society prior to her death in 1979. In her will, Mrs. Kearse left an endowment to Rochester Institute of Technology to be used at the Institute's discretion. Characteristically, there were no conditions attached to the generosity of the Keareses.

In their honor, the annual Henry and Mary Kearse Distinguished Lecture and Student Honor Awards are now established in the College of Liberal Arts. An annual Distinguished Lecture on a topic of Liberal Education is given at a ceremony to honor the undergraduate students each year who have produced the most outstanding research papers or projects in areas of study and degree programs in the College of Liberal Arts:

Student Honor Awardees are selected by the faculty who teach in the respective areas of Liberal Arts. The purpose of the Student Honor Awards is to recognize those students who have in their course work in Liberal Arts manifested the ideals and standards of excellence, of creative endeavor, and of scholarship.
The College of Liberal Arts
Presents

The Twenty-Ninth Kearse Distinguished Lecture and Student Honor Awards Ceremony

Speaker:

Dr. Peter Ferran
Professor, Fine Arts Department
College of Liberal Arts

“College: What’s the Use?”

Thursday, April 23, 2009
3:00 PM
Carlson Auditorium

Rochester Institute of Technology

Reception immediately following Ceremony
Outside 1125 Auditorium
PROGRAM

Kearse Student Honor Award Ceremony

Welcome
Dr. Suzanne Graney, Associate Dean

Presentation of Awards
Faculty

Introduction of Speaker
Dr. Suzanne Graney, Associate Dean

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Closing Remarks
2009 KEARSE STUDENT HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Awards in Core, Concentration, Minor, and Elective courses

Lynda Redden  Award in Communication
College: Liberal Arts
Program: Professional Technical Communication
Course: Mass Communications
Professors: Rudy Pugliese

Benjamin Gardner  Award in Economics
College: Computing and Information Science
Program: Computer Science
Course: Public Finance
Professor: Thomas Hopkins
Paper: “Public Finance in Legalized Gambling”

Adam Ryan  Award in English: Writing
College: Imaging Arts and Sciences
Program: Professional Photographic Illustration
Course: Photography and Writing
Professor: Janet Zandy
Paper: “Visual Realism and Walker Evans”

William Dollinger  Award in English: Creative Writing
College: Computing and Information Science
Program: Information Technology
Course: Creative Writing
Professor: Linda Reinfeld
Paper: “Poems by Will Dollinger”

Robert Mizelle  Award in English: Literature
College: Applied Science & Technology
Program: Civil Engineering Technology
Course: Shakespeare: Tragedies
Professor: Richard Santana
Paper: “Nice Guys Finish Last”

Alice Goldfuss  Award in Fine Arts
College: Imaging Arts and Sciences
Program: Film and Video
Course: Queer Looks
Professor: Cyril Reade

Matthew LeStrange  Award in History
College: Engineering
Program: Electrical Engineering
Course: Monuments and Memory
Professor: Eric Nystrom
Paper: “The Jerry Rescue Memorial”

Lauren Courtney  Award in Philosophy
College: Imaging Arts and Sciences
Program: New Media-Publishing
Course: Sustainability Ethics
Professor: Evan Selinger
Paper: “A Philosophical Analysis of our Moral Obligations to Future Generations as a Core Dimension of Sustainability Ethics”

Katherine Sullivan  Award in Political Science
College: Applied Science and Technology
Program: Applied Arts & Sciences
Course: American Foreign Policy
Professor: Ivan Kenneally
Paper: “Globalization of Internet Policies”

Rebecca Brown  Award in Psychology
College: Science
Program: Imaging Science
Course: Attention & Spatial Vision
Professor: Andrew Herbert

Abigail Koehler  Award in Science, Technology and Society
College: Science
Program: Physician Assistant
Course: Biomedical Issues Science and Technology
Professor: Deborah Blizzard
Paper: “The Dangers of Must See TV”
Kearse Awards in Degree Programs

Ashley Cole  
*Award in Advertising & Public Relations*

College: Liberal Arts  
Program: Advertising & Public Relations  
Course: Senior Thesis in Communication  
Professor: Bruce Austin and Wilma King  
Paper: “Wino’ One Buys from North Dakota: A Pilot Study Examining the Relationship Between Product Origin and Self-Reported Perceptions of Value and Taste”

Lea Khavari  
*Award in Advertising & Public Relations*

College: Liberal Arts  
Program: Advertising & Public Relations  
Course: Senior Thesis in Communication  
Professor: Bruce Austin and Tracy Worrell  

David Jakubiec  
*Award in Criminal Justice*

Andrew Kilcer  
William Sager

College: Liberal Arts  
Program: Criminal Justice  
Course: Seminar in Criminal Justice and Public Policy  
Professor: Tom Castellano  
Paper: “The War on Drugs”

Christopher Lominac  
*Award in Economics*

College: Liberal Arts  
Program: Economics  
Course: Intermediate Macroeconomics  
Professor: Michael Vernarelli  

Deborah Runke  
*Award in Psychology*

College: Liberal Arts  
Program: Psychology  
Course: Senior Project  
Professor: Nicholas DiFonzo  

Bryan Comer  
*Award in Public Policy*

College: Liberal Arts  
Program: Public Policy  
Course: Senior Project  
Professor: James Winebrake  
Paper: “Effect of the 2007 Heavy-Duty Highway Rule on pH Levels of Surface Waters in New York State”

McKenzie Prize for Writing in the First-Year

Delavan Smith  
*McKenzie Prize – First Prize*

College: Science  
Program: Applied Mathematics  
Professor: Paulette Swartzfager  
Paper: “Rhetorical Analysis of ‘The Human Right to Water’”

Andrew Hayworth  
*McKenzie Prize – Second Prize*

College: Computing and Information Sciences  
Program: Applied Networking & System Administration  
Professor: Andrew Perry  
Paper: “Ride a Plane, or Ride a Cowboy”