



News from Simon's Rock

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It's hard to believe the in-person portion of the fall semester is more than half-way over! Here's Mike Bergman taking advantage of our beautiful campus to teach his Quantum Physics class outdoors.

The Simon's Rock Commitment

We face a year like no other, and still Simon's Rock remains loyal to our mission: to serve high-school-age scholars whose educational needs are not being met elsewhere regardless of ability to pay. Serving 374 students including 68 remote students, we have maintained a safe college community with a coronavirus positive rate that is half the state average for higher education institutions. And we've done all this while awarding **\$13.2 million in financial aid and scholarships**. Staying strong and providing a singular educational experience for younger scholars is costly. We can't afford to lose pace with our early successes.



> [Please give today and show your support for the Simon's Rock Commitment.](#)

Annual Gift Report Available

Simon's Rock gratefully acknowledges those who made gifts in support of the College in the past year.

> [View the Annual Gift Report.](#)

Rockers Give Back During Day of Service

At the end of September we held our annual day of service, Rock the Community, in honor of Board Chair Emerita Emily Fisher. Rockers did their part to give back and stay connected to our local community through both on-campus activities and virtual gatherings—from making reproductive health training tools for those in need and teaching robotics to eighth-graders, to creating content to support LGBTQ youth advocacy and writing to lawmakers urging action on racial and social justice.



Students making reproductive health training tools out of recycled plastic.

Refer a Future Rocker by November 1 for the Spring Semester

Now is a great time for potential Rockers to apply for the spring 2021 or fall 2021 semesters—and your referral would make them eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. The deadline for spring 2021 is November 1. To make a referral, email admit@simons-rock.edu or fill out [our Alumni Referral Form](#).

Prospective students can safely connect with us virtually through open houses, student conversations, online tours, sample classes, and much more. See details on our [Academy](#) and [College](#) websites.



Peter Filkins Offers Community Class and Reading with Novelist Valeria Luiselli

As part of the 2020 Poetry & Fiction Reading Series, professor of literature Peter Filkins invites you to join him for an interactive community class. Participants will read Valeria Luiselli's best-seller, *Lost Children Archive*, and then meet to discuss the work on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. ET. On Thursday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. ET, Luiselli herself will conduct a live reading and Q&A.



> [Sign up for the Community Book Discussion led by Professor Filkins.](#)

> [Join the Reading and Q&A with Valeria Luiselli.](#)

Alumni Halloween Zoom Meet-Up: Thursday, October 29

Join our hosts David Segil '00 and Valerie Ferrier '94 on Thursday, October 29, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET for a special Halloween Alumni Zoom Meet-Up, complete with a costume contest (and prizes, of course!). Rockers from all classes are invited to gather on Zoom and reconnect with classmates (and ghouls) from the comfort of home. For more information and the meeting link, contact advancement@simons-rock.edu.



In Memoriam: Constance Hall Buchanan

We note with sadness the passing of former Simon's Rock faculty member Constance Hall Buchanan. Remembered as a joyful teacher who was deeply engaged with students across campus, Buchanan went on to become a leading scholar of women and religion, heading the Women's Studies in Religion Program at Harvard Divinity School from 1977–1997.

> [Read her obituary.](#)



Photo Credit: Harvard Divinity School

College-to-Career Webinar Series

Did you miss one of the webinars in our College-to-Career webinar series? No problem. Recordings are available on the [Simon's Rock YouTube channel](#):

- [Alumni Job Search 2020: A conversation with Primitive Author Marco Greenberg and Manat Wooten](#)
- [Understanding #MeToo and Workplace Culture with Cleo Stiller '02, Modern Manhood Author](#)
- [The Simon's Rock Path from College to Career: A Conversation with Provost Dr. John Weinstein and Manat Wooten](#)
- [Global Sustainability and Disaster Response in the 21st Century: A Conversation with Doug Ahlers '77 and Chloe Demrovsky '01](#)

Pets of Simon's Rock

Meet Rascal. Rascal's human is Farah Naim '79.

Got a cute pet pic you want to share? Send it along with your name, entering class year, your pet's name, and your contact info to Rebecca Wehry, rwehry@simons-rock.edu.



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