

Thanks to the contribution of the RU Parents and Family Fund and the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, thirteen graduate students have the opportunity to attend professional conferences in their discipline during the 2008-2009 school year. The total of \$5,000.00 that was given to support the Graduate Student Professional Development Grant had been committed to students by December 15, 2008. The quick usage of this money has shown how valuable the attendance of professional conferences is to the graduate students of RU. Six graduate departments are represented in the utilization of this money; the departments are Criminal Justice, Counselor Education, Music, Corporate and Professional Communication, English, and Psychology. The students from each of these departments either have or will travel to places such as Charlotte, N.C., Boston, M.A., St. Louis, M.O., Chicago, I.L., Fairfax, V.A., Norfolk, V.A., Ithaca, N.Y., and Rome, Italy. Many students will also have the opportunity to be indirectly affected by this grant money in April 2009. All RU students, faculty, staff, and local professionals will be invited to attend our Annual Forum for Graduate Student Professional Development.

“On behalf of the graduate students that are benefiting from this grant money, I want to say thank you to the RU Parents and Family Fund for your gracious contribution that has allowed all of us to be able to further our professional development.”

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