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Committee to Advance Our Common Purposes

[Response to the Don Imus Incident from Chair, Clement A. Price](#)

Founded in 1987, the Committee To Advance Our Common Purposes champions our individual and collective humanity and respect for our differences. The Committee, reporting to the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, is committed to fostering intercultural relations while reducing acts of prejudice and bias. Since its founding in 1987 the Committee has championed the values which celebrate our differences as humanity while advancing our common purposes as a community. True to this mission, the Committee comprises a diverse representation of faculty, staff, students, and community members from the Camden, Newark, and New Brunswick Campuses. Among its goals are to:

- ▶ **foster inter-cultural dialogue and relations across diverse people, campuses and communities**
- ▶ **promote the reduction of prejudice, hate and bias crimes**
- ▶ **celebrate the distinctness of cultures and vast richness of diversity through out Rutgers University**
- ▶ **enhance the ties that bind 'our common purposes' between Rutgers University and community**

The Committee's goal of addressing issues that relate to fostering diversity is reflected in the many programs it sponsors. It continues to highlight the significance of diversity in the areas of: curriculum, community centered programs, education and training, campus climate research, grant supported programs, differential learning, national teleconference issue oriented programs, week long celebrations, and recognition for commitment to diversity. The committee continually seeks to develop innovative programs to advance our common purposes.

- ▶ [Social Justice Institute Application](#)
- ▶ [View Campus Climate Report](#)

Grants:

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Human Dignity Award:

Rutgers University Human Dignity Awards, funded by the Office of the President through The Committee to Advance Our Common Purposes, will honor up to three individuals or groups who have demonstrated extraordinary achievement and commitment in promoting the value and importance of diversity at Rutgers and in society. Each of the recipients will receive a citation and a \$1,500 honorarium. A \$500 honorarium will be awarded to the organization, college, or academic administrative unit of the recipient's choice for program enhancements.

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[Diversity Website:](#)

<http://diversityweb.rutgers.edu>

This website was developed under the auspices of the Committee to Advance our Common Purposes. The site provides a comprehensive and interactive online index of diversity resources at Rutgers

For questions or comments about this site, contact ovpsaru@rci.rutgers.edu

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