

WRI ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER



On Thursday, May 1, WRI held the 13th Annual Walter and Leah Rand Awards and Scholarship Dinner. One of the major purposes of the event is to raise money for students to work at the Institute on active research projects to develop skills necessary to be successful professionals, able to address community problems. Each year, WRI acknowledges three community leaders from the business, nonprofit, and government sectors. This year's honorees, pictured to the left were, Theodore Z. Davis, a retired NJ Superior Court Judge, Jill Michal, President and CEO of the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, and John D'Angelo, President and CEO of Inspira Health Network.

New Jersey Workforce Development Services Evaluation

The Senator Walter Rand Institute (WRI) is partnering with the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers, New Brunswick, to conduct a comprehensive process and outcome evaluation of New Jersey's Workforce Development System. Given WRI's extensive experience and expertise with corrections, we are overseeing the Parole Employment Placement Program's component of the evaluation. WRI is also assisting Heldrich with the data collection across the southern part of the state for the other major components of the evaluation: One Stop Career Centers and Occupational Training. All components of the evaluation will include output and outcome data collection; and surveying, interviewing and conducting focus groups with customers, as well as staff. Additionally, the evaluation is planned to include matched sample comparisons for the parole and training recipients.

SPOTLIGHT

- Jeanette Wiebush is a graduate student in the MPA program at Rutgers–Camden. She received a bachelor's degree in French and Spanish from Haverford College in 2006. Here at WRI, Jeanette is working on the evaluation of the NJ Parolee Employment Placement Program.
- Taylor Kates holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Rutgers–Camden and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice in the graduate school. Here at WRI, Taylor is working on the evaluation of the South Jersey Strengthening Families Initiatives.
- Danielle Davis holds an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies from Berkeley College and a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies from Rutgers–Camden. She is currently a graduate student the MPA program at Rutgers–Camden. At WRI, she is working on the Delinquency Prevention Project.

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