Former ambassador visits for International Week

By Jeff Frankel

Former Soviet Union Ambassador Kenneth Yalowitz helped kick off Rider's International Week celebration during the week of March 28.

Yalowitz participated and attended many of the events that were held throughout the week.

“The visit of Yalowitz offers Rider students and faculty the opportunity to interact with an experienced foreign service officer and a real maker of history,” said Lucien Frary, a professor in the History Department. “Interaction with someone who has been close to the locus of political power and decision-making is a unique opportunity, and Rider University should be proud that it attracts such prominent individuals to its Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow program.”

Yalowitz visited various classes and discussed his time in the foreign service in the former Soviet Union.

“I spent most of my career in the former Soviet Union,” said Yalowitz. “In 1991, I was in Moscow during the end of the Soviet Union. I never expected [it] would collapse. We thought the system would go on for a long time.”

The visit of the ambassador to Rider is a rewarding experience for both professors and students alike because it expands people’s views of the world.

“The students’ time with Yalowitz is particularly rewarding, for the ambassador’s impressive career record reminds all of us of that travel, knowledge of foreign languages and appreciation of different societies is a prerequisite for success in the 21st century world,” said Frary.

Further, the ambassador’s presentations help underscore the need for creative approaches to some of the most daunting problems facing the modern world, including global health issues, economic growth, the distribution of wealth and natural resources.”

Yalowitz is a former ambassador to Georgia and Belarus. During his career with the Foreign Service, Yalowitz has worked in The Hague, Moscow and with the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels.

“His visit has been an exciting and invigorating experience and we are most grateful,” said Frary.

Other events during the week included a presentation of award winning student writings and achievements in foreign languages which took place in the Bart Luedeke Center (BLC) Theater.

“We honor them because of their discipline and hard work, and their willingness to understand and synthesis what they read,” said Dr. Dominick Finello of the Foreign Languages and Literature Department.

On March 30, Rider welcomed Madam Hengyi Aixinjueluo, who is regarded as one of China’s best contemporary painters in brush and ink, who is also the grand niece of the last emperor of China. She painted a rooster for the audience without making a single mistake.

President of Tyco, Rider grad to speak on campus next week

Tyco International.

Lynch, who graduated with an accounting degree, will speak about ethics and corporate responsibility in Sweigart Hall Auditorium on Friday, April 15, at 11:30 a.m.

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