## **Dear Prospective Students:**

This has been an exciting year in the Department of Environmental Science at Rowan, preparing for our first students to arrive in the Fall of 2019. Already nearly 70 students, both freshman and transfers, have been admitted to the Environmental Science B.S. We have a lot of big plans, and hope you will choose to join us on this exciting new journey. It is such a rare and wonderful opportunity to start a brand new department. We can't wait to get started!

You will find a lot has already been done to prepare for students in Fall 2019, with much more to come.

- The new B.S. curriculum has been approved- details are available on our website. We will have the B.A. up and running soon, too. The B.A. degree offers students more flexibility since it requires fewer credits within the major. We anticipate many of you will even double major, because there are 30 credits of free electives, so please take a look at other degrees in the School of Earth and Environment, such as Geology, Environmental Studies, or GIS.
- We created a new minor for those of you who do not plan to major but are interested in learning more about the science behind environmental issues. It is currently under review and should be available next year.
- We hired two fantastic new faculty members, Dr. Andra Garner and Dr. Charles Schutte. They
  will join us this fall, bringing our faculty to a total of six. Our faculty have a wide range of
  interests and backgrounds in environmental science, and we are all anxious to share our
  research and expertise with our students.

We hope you will consider joining us this fall. Please reach out if you have questions or need additional information as you make this important decision.

Hope to see you in September!

Dr. Beth Christensen

Students who join Rowan's Environmental Science programs change the world as they build their better future.