



Newsletter Alumni Chapter New York

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Our New York alumni had the chance to meet their friends from Groningen again on the 8th of February. Invited by host Brunhilde Vergouwen, Rector Magnificus Elmer Sterken and prof. Hans van Ees represented the University of Groningen. They updated attendees on the 400-anniversary activities and exciting new projects of the University.

> Homecoming: Back to the University of Groningen <

Our University turns 400 this year; a cause for celebration! A whole month of festivities will take place from May 15 to June 15, 2014. Prof. Sterken walked through the highlights of the Lustrum Program. Of special importance is the Alumni Weekend, June 12-15 2014. The university hopes to see more than 10.000 alumni return home to Groningen. Go the [alumni search engine](#) to see if your former classmates, flatmates, fellow debating club members are going too. International alumni and all alumni living abroad are welcomed back on June 12 at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. This extra Welcoming Ceremony includes a guided tour and lunch at the Rijksmuseum. Buy your [tickets](#) for this Welcoming Ceremony and the alumni weekend!

> The University starts its 10th faculty<

The latest addition to our faculties is the University College Groningen (UCG). Prof. Hans van Ees, dean of University College Groningen, explained the concept: an English-language bachelor programme in Liberal Arts and Science. The college will offer course units from the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and medical sciences, concentrating on the RUG focus themes Healthy Ageing, Energy and Sustainable Society. Central elements of the degree programme will include a cohort system and community building, and the emphasis will be on academic development. Towards the end of the programme the course units will become more in-depth and students will follow a specialization that will grant access to a Master's degree programme. The Netherlands that will welcome its first cohort of 100 first-year students in 2014. An exciting year for the RUG!



> Stay in touch <

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> Attendees <

- Denise Akkermans
- Justus Beek
- Alies van den Berg
- Rutger Boerema
- Freddy Boom
- Neal Bouwman
- Bernhard Brouwer
- Karin Brouwer
- Bas Buirma
- Sjoerd Cooijmans
- Hans van Ees
- Annette van der Feltz
- Andre Hessels
- Machteld Hillen
- Roel Hoekstra
- Jonathan Honig
- Joska Jansen
- Jan Joosten
- Agnieszka Kocus
- Helge Niesytka
- Ozgul Ozcan
- Pedro Pereira
- Eelco Slagter
- Grace Slagter
- Daniel Solow
- Elmer Sterken
- Jorien Tijink
- Jet Vonk
- Renxuan Wang
- Joris Zwegers

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