

R. Kelly's "Rise Up"

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Famed R & B Artist R. Kelly is noted for his ability to write powerful inspirational songs. Such songs include "I Believe I Can Fly", "You Saved Me", and now "Rise Up."

"Rise Up" was written in tribute to the



victims of the April 16 Virginia Tech shooting. The song will be released digitally on May 15. All

of the proceeds will go to the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund.

The Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund was created to

provide assistance to the victims of the families, as well as grief counseling and other needs for those affected by the shootings.

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THE 32 INDIVIDUALS KILLED AT VIRGINIA TECH APRIL 16, 2007

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DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS 2007

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On April 27 professors in the Language, Literature, and Communications Department were presented awards during a departmental awards ceremony.

Dr. Gale Isaacs, the department chair, presided over the program and called upon Dr. Venus Deonanan to welcome everyone in attendance. Afterwards Dr. Isaacs stated the purpose of the event.

Several professors and three students were honored with

awards. Certificates of appreciation were given to students Jarrae Henley and Shakara Wray. Student Yolanda Johnson was presented with the Student Departmental Service Award.

The following professors were presented with awards. Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, Kip Branch; Outstanding Teaching Award, Dr. John Luton; Outstanding Teaching Award Part-Time Faculty, Albert Morrison; Outstanding Faculty Award, Dr. Joseph Lisowski; Outstanding Faculty Service Award Dr. Jose Gil and Dr.

Samuel Moore; Peer Recognition Award Dr. John Luton.

Professor Kip Branch was also presented with the Student's Choice Award, which was voted on by students in the LLC department, as its name implies. This was the first year such an award has been presented.

The most emotional award however was presented to Mr. Pernel Bartlett. Dr. Isaacs presented the Man-of-the-Hour Award to Mr. Bartlett with tears in her eyes. "I feel like a proud mother," said Isaacs. Isaacs continued praising

and thanking Mr. Bartlett for his efforts in the office, and ended the emotional speech by saying, "He is the glue that holds this department together."

Dr. Glenda Griffin and Dr. Venus Deonanan then presented Dr. Gale Isaacs with gifts of appreciation. Griffin, sincerely expressed her gratitude for the work Isaacs has done in the department. Dr. Keane-Dawes, the Dean of the LLC Department, was also in attendance and among those that congratulated Dr. Isaacs on a great year and a job well done.