

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**STUDENT SCHOLARS WILL BE HONORED BY RUTGERS NOV. 12  
FOR RESEARCH PAPERS ON PERSIAN CULTURE, LITERATURE**  
*Free public program includes dance, musical performances, keynote address by Dick  
Davis at Rutgers University in Newark*

**WHO:** Rutgers-Persian Cultural Foundation; Dr. Akbar Ghahary, president of the Persian Cultural Foundation and sponsor of the awards presentation and the literature competition; Professor Dick Davis, Keynote Speaker; and Provost Steven Diner, who will give opening remarks and present an award honoring Dr. Ghahary.

**WHAT:** Two students, (name, hometown, college), and (name, hometown, college) will each receive a \$500 award for submitting the best papers on Persian culture and literature in a competition co-sponsored by Rutgers-Persian Cultural Foundation and the Persian Cultural Foundation in Clifton, NJ. The awards ceremony will include a keynote address by Dr. Davis, live musical performances (dance and song), and a special recognition by Provost Diner honoring Dr. Ghahary for his "passion for promoting diversity and for his philanthropic contributions and humanitarian deeds." (Biography attached and at <http://www.persiancultural.org/print.lasso?id=107&news=&img=&file=>

**WHEN:** November 12, 2007, 11:30- 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** Paul Robeson Campus Center, Room XX, 350 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Newark NJ

**BACKGROUND:** This is the second annual Persian cultural awards presentation at Rutgers in Newark. To promote Persian culture and literature among young people of multinational backgrounds, the Persian Cultural Foundation in Clifton, in collaboration with Rutgers University, again sponsored a contest to select the two best papers on Persian culture and literature. A committee of reviewers, comprised of Iranian and American professors from Rutgers and William Paterson University, selected the winning papers from more than 40 entries submitted by college students from Rutgers and other institutions. Information: <http://persiancultural.org>

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