

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY



CONVOCATION

May 2016

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Robert Wood Johnson
Medical School

Class of 2016
Convocation

Monday, May Sixteenth
Two thousand sixteen



“You can not separate passion from pathology any more than you can separate a person’s spirit from his body... Gaze long enough at your patients, and from even the driest husk there will fly upward a shower of sparks that, to him who gazes, will coalesce into a little flame... Place your hand over the patient’s heart. Let your fingers receive its beat... Now listen with a stethoscope... Listening to the heart is like learning the songs of birds. A song once heard and identified is your own from then on.”

From
Letters to a Young Doctor
By Richard Selzer

THE OATH OF HIPPOCRATES

I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred:

*That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine
and just and generous to its members*

*That I will lead my life and practice my art in
uprightness and honor*

*That into whatsoever house I shall enter,
it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power, holding
myself aloof from wrong,
from corruption and from the tempting of others to vice*

*That I will exercise my art solely for the care of
my patients and will give no drug and perform no operation
for a criminal purpose; far less suggest it*

*That whatsoever I shall see or hear
of the lives of my patients which is not fitting
to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret*

*These things I do promise and in proportion
as I am faithful to this oath, may happiness and good
repute be ever mine and may the opposite befall me
if I am false to my word.*

ORDER OF PROGRAM

Welcome Remarks

Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc

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Sonia Garcia Laumbach, MD

Class of 1999

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**Excellence in Teaching &
Research Awards**

Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc

Convocation Address

Arthur H. Rubenstein, MBChB

Professor of Medicine

Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine

University of Pennsylvania

Student Address

Elliot A. Sultanik

**Introduction of
MD Degree**

Carol A. Terregino, MD

Senior Associate Dean for Education

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Hippocratic Oath

Siobhan A. Corbett, MD

Associate Professor of Surgery

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Closing Remarks

Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc

MEDICAL DEGREE RECIPIENTS

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Danielle Giambrone Yeager ^{*}
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Mays Nasserldeen Zubair

* Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society

+ Gold Humanism Honor Society

= MD with Distinction in Research

^ MD with Distinction in Service to the Community

~ MD with Distinction in Medical Education

1 Will complete program by June 30, 2016

2 MD/PhD

3 MD/MPH

4 Graduate of BA/BS/MD Program

5 BA/BS/MD Access Med Program

6 MD/MBA

7 MD/MSCTS

RUTGERS ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON MEDICAL SCHOOL
AWARDS

Academic Achievement Award

Presented on the basis of the highest level of academic achievement throughout the four years of medical school.

Karan Rakesh Chhabra

Outstanding Achievement in the MD/PhD Program

Presented on the basis of outstanding academic and research achievement in the MD/PhD Program.

Christopher Barry Massa

Student Leadership Award

Presented on the basis of outstanding leadership to the student body throughout medical school; selected by a special faculty committee.

Elliot Andrew Sultanik

Community Service Award

Presented on the basis of outstanding service to the medical school or the community-at-large; selected by a special faculty committee.

Lindsay Elizabeth Volk

The Bruce Fisher Award

Presented in recognition of academic achievement and compassionate patient care.

Saurabh Sinha

**Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award
Presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation**

*Presented on the basis of humanism and compassion in the delivery
of medical care; selected by the faculty and the students.*

Michael Joseph Nalepa, III

**Glasgow-Rubin Certificates of Commendation
for Academic Achievement
Presented by the
American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)**

*Presented to women who graduate in the top ten percent of their medical
school graduating class. A separate Certificate of Commendation is
awarded for any woman who graduates first in her class.*

Tatiana Londoño Gentile
Gloria Frances Gerber
Rupal S. Parikh
Rachel Elizabeth Rosenblum
Christine Nevin Salvaggio
Eleni Stavrou
Danielle Giambrone Yeager

**The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award**

Taryn Leigh Webb

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Anesthesiology Abdullah S. Rasheed	Mechanisms of Disease and Defense Ryan Mark O'Donnell
Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine Kathleen M. Capaccione	Neurology Jad Anthony Donato
Disease and Therapeutics I Rupal S. Parikh	Neuron, Brain and Behavior Kimberly Marie Koury
Disease and Therapeutics II Suzanne A. Elshafey	Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences Kaitlyn Huegel Mayer
Emergency Medicine Timothy Michael Satty	Patient Centered Medicine KelliAnn Leli
Family Medicine Heather Alyssa Belle	Pediatrics Hillary Missy Raab
Foundations of Medicine Marez M. Megalla	Primary Care Medicine Tatiana Londoño Gentile
Internal Medicine Carolyn Lee Ward	Psychiatry Christine A. Annibali
Maintaining Homeostasis Peter Girgis	Surgery Paul Richard Truché

NEW JERSEY HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, INC. AWARDS

Excellence in Research Award

Monica Roth, PhD

Excellence in Teaching Award

Laura Rees Willet, MD

Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., MD Medal of Excellence

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Presented to the student who best exemplifies academic excellence

Eleni Stavrou

ALUMNI AWARD

Awarded to the student who best demonstrates the high ideals of the medical profession, maintains the highest standards of personal integrity, and has made a significant contribution to the medical school class; selected by their fellow classmates:

Elliot Andrew Sultanik

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DEPARTMENTS

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DERMATOLOGY	OTOLARYNGOLOGY
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FAMILY MEDICINE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH	PEDIATRICS
MEDICINE	PHARMACOLOGY
NEUROLOGY	PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION
NEUROSURGERY	PSYCHIATRY
NEUROSCIENCE AND CELL BIOLOGY	RADIATION ONCOLOGY
OBSTETRICS, GYNECOLOGY AND REPRODUCTIVE SCIENCES	RADIOLOGY
	SURGERY

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