

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY



CONVOCATION

May 2017



The 96th Annual Convocation
Class of 2017



May 13, 2017

Dean's Message



Dear Class of 2017,

On behalf of Douglass Residential College, our staff and fellow students, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on obtaining your undergraduate degree. I am immensely proud of all of your accomplishments, culminating today, as we celebrate you at our 96th Annual Douglass Convocation.

I am honored to have been able to watch your journey during your years at Douglass. Watching you take your initial steps as Douglass women – taking “Knowledge and Power” and learning to navigate the campuses – to seeing you run student organizations, create your own community projects, publish stories, and pursue research projects. You have instilled new life into our long-standing college traditions like Yule Log and Sacred Path. Your determination, innovation and resilience has honored the Douglass women who came before you.

During your fall convocation in your first year at Douglass, I challenged you “to claim your education”. I see that you took that charge and far exceeded expectations. You have moved beyond being passive recipients, you have taken command of your educational growth and your future beyond this university.

I have been inspired to see all of your achievements at Douglass, and look forward to your next endeavors, confident that you will continue to achieve great success. I cannot promise that you will not meet obstacles along the way, but I know that the skills you have acquired during your time at Douglass will prepare you for any challenges that lie ahead.

Your dedication and hard work have led you to this celebratory moment, and it is with great pride that we now count you among the esteemed graduates of Douglass and Rutgers University. It has been a pleasure serving as your dean at Douglass, and I wish you success as you begin your next journey. I will miss you and hope you return often, but I take solace in knowing that you will take Douglass wherever you go.

Warmly,

Jacquelyn Litt, Ph.D.

Dean, Douglass Residential College and Douglass Campus

Professor, Departments of Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies

Convocation Speaker



Christiana Foglio is all about impact investing – finding creative ways to merge public funding and private capital to invest in making communities better. Her motto is to not only do well, but do good.

An industry veteran with more than 30 years of experience in the private and public sectors, Chris specializes in building senior and multi-family housing that reflects each community's vision, needs, and character.

She founded Community Investment Strategies in 1994, and as a successful entrepreneur, she's grown her company's diverse portfolio to include more than 3,000 apartment rental units valued at over \$400 million.

More than her success, though, is her determination to be a thoughtful developer, backing the development of communities purposefully and with people in mind.

Chris' business model focuses on building assets – high quality properties that retain their value and provide a benefit to the community in which they are built. In addition to the high-quality housing her company builds, Chris stresses the importance of building relationships – with her residents, local municipal officials, and like-minded investors who see the value in supporting the fiscal revitalization of neighborhoods in need of their support.

Prior to founding CIS, Chris was executive director of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, serving under two governors. In that role, she was responsible for more than \$1 billion in multi-family bond financing and created the state's Housing Policy. She also chaired the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing. As the former president of the not-for-profit New Brunswick Development Corporation, Chris is credited with launching that city's economic rebirth by implementing \$300 million worth of urban renewal projects.

Ms. Foglio earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics in 1984 from Douglas College and a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning, with a concentration in Housing Finance and Economic Development from Rutgers University. A licensed planner in the State of New Jersey, Ms. Foglio is a highly sought-after guest speaker who has garnered numerous business and industry awards, including the PlanSmart NJ Van Zandt Community Involvement Award; Urban Land Institute's Edward J. Bloustein Award for Exemplary Achievement in Civic Leadership; New Jersey Business of the Year; Top Woman-Owned Business in New Jersey; and among the Top Women in Business

Order of Exercises

PROCESSIONAL

Graduating Class
Platform Dignitaries

Musical Accompaniment: *Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar*

DEAN'S WELCOME MESSAGE

Jacquelyn Litt, Ph.D.
*Dean, Douglass Residential College and Douglass Campus
Professor, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies*

"LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING"

Yvette Israel DRC '17
Desiree Squire DRC '17
Voorhees Choir Members
*Words by James Weldon Johnson
Music by John Rosamond Johnson*

IN HONOR OF DR. JEWEL PLUMMER COBB

Dean, Douglass College, 1976 – 1981
Jacquelyn Litt, Ph.D.
Dr. R. Jonathan Cobb

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Christiana Foglio '84

STUDENT ADDRESS

Helda El-Tamawi
Class of 2017

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CONFERRAL OF THE DOUGLASS CERTIFICATE

Ellen Lieberman
*Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs
Douglass Residential College*

Jacquelyn Litt, Ph.D.
Dean, Douglass Residential College and Douglass Campus

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES

Ellen Lieberman
Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs

Michelle Jefferson, Ph.D. '90
*Dean of Students, Cook and Douglass Campuses
Rutgers University*

ALMA MATER
*Lead by Voorhees Choir
Music by Nancy Hoffacker Miller '54
Words by Jean Gruen Munzer '56*

RECESSIONAL

Platform Dignitaries
Graduating Class

Musical Accompaniment: *Trumpet Tune in D Major
by Charles John Stanley*

COLLEGE GONFALONIERES

*New Jersey College for Women Gonfalon
Muzdalifa Ayub*

*Douglass College Gonfalon
Na-Yeon Park*

*Douglass Red Pine Gonfalon
Nicole Ramos*

*The audience is requested to remain in place until the
academic recession has left the field*

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

Women who are part of Douglass Residential College are enrolled in one of the undergraduate schools at Rutgers, New Brunswick. As several schools are represented, there may be variation in the color and adornment of the graduates' academic regalia.

Maryanne M. Abdelmesih	Anushiya Balakrishnan
Dina H. Abdelsalam	Rita A. Baorto
Yasmin A. Abdelwahab	Rachel A. Barnett
Mona Abouzid	Courtney J. Bayon
Stephanie Acevedo	Imene Beche
Stephanie Acevedo	Hannah L. Becker
Nana A. Acheampong	Sonia Begum
Carolina Acosta Gutierrez**	Shambhavi U. Belhe
Motunrayo R. Adu	Dior S. Bell
Mina E. Afayee	Shereen A. Bellamy
Divya Agarwal	Raquel Benitez*
Virginia Agostinelli	Audrey J. Beralo
Daniela M. Agosto**	Mary M. Berko
Sana Ahmed	Catherine A. Bernhardt
Noreen Ahmed	Kylie M. Besz
Haleema Ahmed	Danna Marie A. Beyo
Nida Ahmed*	Zainab Bibi
Sophia K. Albanaa	Elizabeth R. Binstein
Paola A. Aleman	Mary E. Birrer
Stephanie C. Amaefuna	Leilani J. Bishop
Tatianna Amatruda	Esi A. Bissah
Samiha B. Amin	Brittney M. Black
Priya S. Angara	Brittney N. Blackburne
Marissa C. Antoniadess*	Alexis L. Bolisay**
Stephanie Arronis	Kimberly N. Bollard
Rida A. Arshad	Ana G. Bonilla-Martinez*
Yrbenka D. Arthus*	Joey G. Bou Karam
Muzdalifa Ayub	Danielle N. Bouza
Bria S. Bacon	Victoria A. Bowers*
Fatima Bahary	Samhitha R. Boyapalli

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Nadia E. Boye	Jacklyn S. Chojnacki
Ashley Braxton	Yunjoo K. Chung**
Lara J. Brindisi	Lisett Clark
Michelle Brito	Amy Clark
Aleksandra K. Brittain	Caroline C. Clark*
Alanna Broszeit*	Robin B. Codjoe
Ria S. Brumant	Kaelin J. Conover
Rebekah A. Buczynski*	Louiza M. Constantinou
Lauren T. Burcheri	Mary C. Conza-Gonzalez
Alexandra Burgos	Linda J. Cook
Avantika D. Butani**	Rhonda Coons
Laura E. Byron	Jessica A. Cornejo**
Cassandra A. Callahan	Meghan K. Corr
Brittany J. Campbell	Cynthia G. Cortes
Maria Campos Zamora*	Leslie P. Cortez
Chrissto Canales	Marissa L. Costa
Jessica M. Caramico	Laura J. Coughlan
Stefanie A. Caria*	Jennifer B. Coulter
Ingrid C. Carlat	Jessika M. Cruz-Arias
Rosalie M. Carvalho	Sofania P. Cueva
Stephanie E. Castellanos	Sofa Darbaidze*
Marjorie Castro De La Mata	Maalini Das
Isabella N. Cerrri	Brittani N. Dasilva
Raka Chaki	Ambika D. Datta**
Carley M. Chan	Jamie Davila
Christie Chang	Samantha L. Davis
Dominique E. Chapman	Genise P. Deal
Lisa Z. Chen	Andrea Y. Delgado-Fukushima*
Wendy Chen	Hannah Layne A. Delos Reyes
Lilly A. Chenalloy	Melisa H. Dennis
Samvitha Cherravuru	Aa'Mani Dennis
Catalina A. Chesney	Akshi Dhawan
Allison Chicoma	Survandita Dhawan
Leslie E. Chinquee	Sanjana P. Dodley

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Chante D. Dyson
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Yolande Edme
Inji M. Elbakry
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Jasmine S. Ervin
Hillary M. Esposito
Taylor A. Eutsey**
Marjorie F. Eyong**
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Khadija F. Faheem
Nisreen E. Fahmi
Maria Fanelle
Clara V. Farias
Tehniyat Farooq
Juhi H. Farooqui*
Rachael A. Fastige
Arlenis Ferreiras
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Douglass Students Elected to Phi Beta Kappa

Love of wisdom, the guide of life
Motto of the Phi Beta Kappa Society

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most respected undergraduate honors society in the United States. The Society has pursued its mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences since 1776.

In the Class of 2017

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Laura E. Byron	Zinira F. Munshi*
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Michelle J. Choi*	Wanda L. Quintanilla
Amy Clark*	Christina M. Ramirez
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Michelle Hwang	Michelle M. Unda
Aleena F. Karim	Meryem R. Uzumcu
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Mehwish Khan	Reshma Vohra
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Kayla J. Krause	Tayla N. Williams*
Michelle M. Kuti	Margaret J. Woodruff*
Molly E. Lathrop	Alyssa M. Wunder
Wan Lin	Samantha J. Young
Rebecca M. Little	Sidra Zia
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Dedeva A. Ayer
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Madeline M. Hehir
Pamela Hernandez
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Kaie S. Mehr
Chiara E. Nodari
Madeline R. Padner
Elise S. Petronzio
Ria P. Rungta
Cristina Sanchez
Kritika Singh
Yakun Wang
Andrea Zerpa

*previously elected

Recipients of Prizes and Awards

Prizes and awards known as of April 27, 2017

Charles B. Rangel International Affairs

International Fellowship Eunice Ajayi

Cornelison Prize in Classics Dion Bell

Department of Energy Computational

Science Graduate Fellowship Jenny Coulter

DRC Challenge Award Jennifer Vitella

DRC Dean's Award Nicole Ramos

DRC Innovation Award Allison Szeliga

DRC Inspiration Award Dominique Pegrem

DRC Outstanding Student Organization Award DGC and PALS

DRC Social Justice Award Nyuma Waggeh

Edele Neilsen Prize in Speech Helda El-Tamawi

Emily Hickman Award for Contribution

to World Understanding Antoinette Gingerelli

Ernest Thomas Memorial Prize in Shakespeare Kyriaki Oltmann

Frances Lundy Memorial Prize for a Bunting Student Cheylena Williams

Fulbright U.S. Students Program Grant Ayah Issa

(Alternates)

Ellen Miller

Katia Oltmann

Esther Rose-Wilen

Tayla Williams

Taylor Rotolo

Gail Pihblad Wittman Commuter Student Life Award Zahra Bukhari

Gates Cambridge Scholarship Chelsie Riche

(Alternate)

Jennifer Coulter

Helen Prager Miller Prize in History Kelsey Haddorff

Helen Weissberger Prize for Outstanding Academic

Achievement and Contribution to the Bunting Program . . Elizabeth Hamilton

Ida Raitano Prize for a Bunting Student Rhonda Coons

Irene Figarotta Pearse Prize for a Bunting Student Dori Miller

Janet Duncan Prize for Outstanding

Senior Douglass Scholar Kim Lemoon

Jeanne Reimer Mancusi-Ungaro Prize for an

Outstanding Senior - Entering the Health Professions . . . Megan Kelly

Jennie Hoffman Memorial Prize for

Personal Accomplishment Amanda Autore

Recipients of Prizes and Awards

Prizes and awards known as of April 27, 2017

<i>Jewel Plummer Cobb Senior Recognition Award for Outstanding African-American Douglass College Senior . . .</i>	Patrice Williams
<i>Katherine Hazard Prize in Mathematics</i>	Ruoting Jia
<i>Latina Leadership Potential Award</i>	Ansly Montero
<i>Leah Boddie Award for Outstanding Community Service</i>	Riley Link
<i>Lois Zapolsky Memorial Prize for Outstanding Participation in Sophia</i>	Maryann McCloskey
<i>Margery Somers Foster Senior Service Award.</i>	Antoinette Gingerelli
<i>Marjorie Frew Knox Memorial Prize in Biological Science</i>	Megan Kelly
<i>National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship</i>	Jenny Coulter
<i>National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship</i>	Jenny Coulter (Honorable Mentions) Jamie Wooding Linda Cook
<i>New Jersey Daily Newspaper Women's Prize in Journalism</i>	Mary Berko
<i>Pi Mu Epsilon Award in Mathematics</i>	Rachel Barnett
<i>Robert Francis and Annetta Morey Wagner Memorial Prize in Nutritional Science</i>	Nicole Ramos
<i>Ruth Crockett Art Prize</i>	Sarina Aquino Christine Hughes Camille Lathbury Gercia Richiez
<i>Sheila Kelly Hampton Prize for Douglass Leadership</i>	Nicole Ramos
<i>Sylvia Blacher Karger Memorial Prize in Nutritional Science</i>	Brittani Dasilva
<i>The Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award.</i>	Antoinette Gingerelli Hannah McGovern
<i>The Nancy H. Becker Award for Public Leadership.</i>	Meryem Uzumcu
<i>The Professor Micaela Misiego Prize in Spanish.</i>	Wanda Quintanilla
<i>Veronique Henriksen Junior Prize for Academic Achievement</i>	Katie Mehr
<i>Women's and Gender Studies Prize</i>	Kim Lemoon

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Why Participate?

- You'll make a difference. All gifts add up!
- You'll feel proud to commemorate your class year with a donation that helps tomorrow's Douglass students succeed.
- This gift keeps on giving.

You can also support this initiative, by sharing it with your friends and family!

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The Gonfalons

Gonfalons are flags or banners hung from crosspieces on poles, used since medieval times, particularly in the republics of Italy as symbols of state or office. In recent years, many universities and colleges have adopted gonfalons to increase the ceremonial nature of academic convocations and exercises. Rutgers University first officially displayed unit gonfalons in the 1966 Commencement Convocation celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of its founding.

Douglass Residential College regularly processes or displays three gonfalons on ceremonial occasions, each representing an historical period in the evolution of the college. The gonfalons today are carried by recognized student leaders.

The New Jersey College for Women 1918-1955

The gonfalon has a white field on a black background with the seal of the New Jersey College for Women in scarlet red—the traditional color of the University and the College. The seal as it appears on the NJC gonfalon is actually the version placed in use in 1931, differing slightly from the original designed by the Class of 1922. The motto in Greek is loosely translated as “Wisdom and Self Determination” and the image of a pine tree was incorporated in the original seal. The NJC gonfalon was designed by the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College specifically for the inaugural convocation of Dean Jacquelyn Litt.

Douglass College 1955-2007

The Douglass College gonfalon was designed for the 1966 Rutgers University Commencement convocation. The Douglass College emblem designed for use when the college changed its name is displayed in the chief (upper) compartment of the banner. The vertical stripes represent the degrees awarded—white for the Bachelor of Arts and yellow for the Bachelor of Science—and the scarlet University color.

Douglass Residential College 2007–Present

The simple gonfalon displays the iconic and unique red pine tree designed in 1955 by Professor of Art Robert Bradshaw, representing the unusual pine trees found on the grounds surrounding College Hall. The earliest students asserted that the pine tree was quite naturally accepted as the symbol of the college and that remains true to the current day. The Red Pine gonfalon was first presented at Dean Litt’s inaugural convocation.


Douglass Alma Mater

Music by Nancy Hoffacker Miller, 1954

Words by Jean Gruen Munzer, 1956

Alma Mater
Douglass College

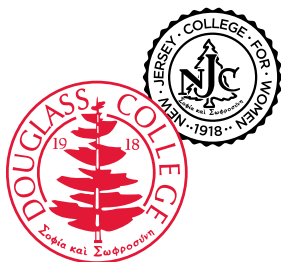
Jean Gruen, '56 Nancy Hoffacker Miller, '54



Hear our voi - ces Al - ma Ma - ter Doug - lass Col - lege, hail to thee!
5 Hearts in song now join to - geth - er in a pledge of fe - al - ty.
9 Though our fu - ture paths may se - ver thoughts of gold - en col - lege days
13 in our hearts will live for - ev - er as a con - stant song of praise.

Hear our voices, Alma Mater.
Douglass College, hail to thee!
Hearts in song now join together
In a pledge of fealty.
Though our future paths may sever,
Thoughts of golden college days
In our hearts will live forever
As a constant song of praise.

Douglass Residential College builds on the distinct mission of the New Jersey College for Women (NJC), founded in 1918, and Douglass College, named for its first Dean, Mabel Smith Douglass.



History

Early in the twentieth century, the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs recognized that there was no public institution in the state offering a four-year college education for women. In 1911, the State Federation began organizing a campaign under the able leadership of Mabel Smith Douglass for such a college. With some assistance from the federal Hughes Act and a subscription of \$1.00 each from members of the women's clubs, in 1918, founder and first dean of the College, Mabel Smith Douglass, opened the doors to the institution she called New Jersey College for Women (N.J.C.).

The first class consisted of 54 students. Sixteen of those students and their counselor resided on the third floor of College Hall. Dean Douglass and her two children lived on the second floor. The first floor was reserved for classrooms, administrative offices, and chapel. The library consisted of 12 books that sat on the Registrar's desk. Physical Education was mandatory. The property had plenty of room for exercises, games, and sports, but in inclement weather gym classes were conducted on the back porch of College Hall.

A second building was acquired by the College as a gift from Drury Cooper and his wife to Dean Douglass. In recognition of their generosity the building was named Cooper Hall.

In the decade that followed, several Rutgers trustees assisted in the development of the young college. Notable among them were Leonor Loree, Edwin Jameson, and James Neilson. Neilson donated the land that is today occupied by Gibbons Campus, Hickman Hall, and the Arts Complex. Upon his death in 1939, James Neilson left his lovely estate, Wood Lawn, and its three associated buildings as well as much of his land to the College. It is on that land that all of Neilson Campus was built in the early 1960s.

In 1925, Elizabeth Rodman Voorhees, a wealthy and local philanthropist, bequeathed the funds to build a chapel and endow its upkeep. Today the Voorhees Chapel is a distinctive landmark and the site of many College events.

In 1955, N.J.C. changed its name to Douglass College in honor of its founder. In fall 2007, the first students joined the newly established Douglass Residential College, open to all undergraduate women at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.



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