

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY  
RUTGERS BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES  
ERNEST MARIO SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



CONVOCATION

May 16, 2017  
10:00 A.M.  
College Avenue Gymnasium  
New Brunswick, NJ

### ***History of Our School***

*The School of Pharmacy traces its origin to 1892, when the New Jersey College of Pharmacy was established in Newark. In 1927, the college was formally incorporated into Rutgers University and adopted the four-year B.S. degree. Shortly after the end of WWII, the college developed graduate programs in pharmaceutical science. In 1960, the curriculum was expanded to five years.*

*As programs grew and enrollments increased, alumni planned a new building; the school relocated to Piscataway when William Levine Hall opened in 1971. With expanded research programs, we became a leader among U.S. pharmacy schools in external funding. In the 1980s, with additional clinical faculty, we developed innovative clinical programs in collaboration with leading NJ hospitals, community pharmacies, and the pharmaceutical industry. In 1988, we launched the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program.*

*In 2002, the College was renamed the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, in recognition of Dr. Mario (Class of 1961) for his visionary leadership in the pharmaceutical industry and extraordinary support for the School.*

*Today, as we celebrate our 125th anniversary and as we see our building addition nearing completion, we continue to focus on education and training of professional pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists, and we continue to develop new and exciting programs to prepare future pharmacists and scientists for new and exciting roles in healthcare and biomedical sciences.*

*To our PharmD Class of 2017: CONGRATULATIONS!!!!*

## PROGRAM

Gonfalonier	Michael A. Wynd, PharmD, BCPS Clinical Associate Professor
Processional	
Master of Ceremonies	Joseph A. Barone, PharmD, FCCP Dean and Professor II Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy
National Anthem	Katherine Michelle Gibison, PharmD
Greetings	Joseph A. Barone, PharmD, FCCP
Opening Remarks	Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH Chancellor Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences
Address to the Graduates	Ernest Mario, PhD, RPh Class of 1961 2007 Remington Medalist
Doctor of Pharmacy Class Representative	Diana Francine Destin, PharmD
Valedictory Address	Stephen N. May, PharmD
Presentation of Honors Program Certificates	Mary L. Wagner, PharmD, MS Associate Professor Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy
Presentation of Awards	Joseph A. Barone, PharmD, FCCP
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Nancy Cintron, MSW Associate Dean Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy
The Pharmacist's Oath	The Graduates Led by the Valedictorian and the Class Speaker
Rutgers University Alma Mater	The Graduates Katherine Michelle Gibison, PharmD
Recessional	
Reception	Courtesy of the Pharmacy Alumni Association Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 wishes to thank our contributors  
for their financial support of end-of-the-year activities.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

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Asima Shereen Abbasi	Nicole Paige Daukshus
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Jesse S. Chen	Yehram Kang
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Sungjae Lee	Nura Rashed Rashed
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David Mikrut	Muhammad Bilal Sheikh
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Jessica Lynn Moloughney	Hye Won Shin
Lan-Anh Nguyen	Yen-Ting Shoung
Saba Nikpour	Divita Singh
Elly Sohyun Oh	Alexander D. Smith
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Won Young Park	Yu Kai Tang
Woo Hyeok Park	Valerie Angeli Villanueva Tengco
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Masami N. Wakabayashi  
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Kaiwen Wang  
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Stephanie Wei  
Keith E. Wittstock Jr.  
Junwen Xiao  
Brittany Yalamanchili

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Jeffrey Yang  
Yumi Yi  
Hanna Yoo  
James Young  
Hanson C. Yu  
Spencer Yung  
Emile Zhang  
Riyao Zhang  
Christina M. Zikos

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF SCIENCE  
IN HEALTH OUTCOMES, POLICY AND ECONOMICS

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AWARDED JOINTLY BY THE  
ERNEST MARIO SCHOOL OF PHARMACY  
AND THE  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Tina Dharamdasani  
Kazumi Hasmukh Patel  
Manish B. Patel  
Miraj Yogesh Patel  
Abimbola Halima Onigbanjo Williams

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY HONORS PROGRAM  
CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

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Rachel Ann Bigos

Thesis: *The Synthesis of Imidazopyrimidine and Imidazopyridine BMI-1 Expression Inhibitors for the Treatment of Cancer*

David Thomas Fett

Thesis: *Evaluation of N6022, an S-Nitrosoglutathione Reductase Inhibitor, as a Possible Therapeutic in Pulmonary Fibrosis*

Hyun-Seung Lee

Thesis: *PAK4 in C2C12 Skeletal Myoblast Differentiation*

Yixin Lin

Thesis: *Nuclear Receptor Regulation of the Blood-Placental Barrier*

Sarah Mae Reyel Rogado

Thesis: *Controlling Release of Salicylic Acid from Salicylate*

Kristina Vishnevetskaya

Thesis: *Dementia Screening Tests: Their Value in Assisted Living Facilities in New Jersey*

Jeffrey Yang

Thesis: *Targeting Breast Cancer Stem Cells with Pterostilbene, A Natural Active Component of Blueberries*

## PHARMACY HONORS

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<i>Lilly Achievement Award</i>	Stephen N. May
<i>Ernest Little Alumni Award</i>	Shivani A. Shah
<i>Ann Zar-Taub Women's Leadership Award</i>	Sowmya Banda
<i>Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database Recognition Award</i>	Ayat Belal Elsisi
<i>Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Award</i>	Sowmya Banda
<i>New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education/EOF Program Awards</i>	Basharat Chaudary Hok Chun Tang Masami N. Wakabayashi
<i>New Jersey Pharmacists Association Award</i>	Cindy Tu
<i>New Jersey Pharmacists Association Pat Gervase Award</i>	Diana Francine Destin
<i>Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., MD, Medal of Excellence Award</i>	Rose Soskind
<i>The Timothy J. Reilly Award in Gerontology Pharmacy Practice</i>	Mary Antonette Cordon
<i>Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year Award</i>	Amy Luo, PharmD Indian Health Service Crownpoint Healthcare Facility New Mexico
<i>William and Helen Levine Teacher of the Year Award (awarded posthumously)</i>	Timothy J. Reilly, PharmD Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administration
<i>NJ Health Foundation Excellence in Research Award</i>	Debra L. Laskin, PhD
<i>NJ Health Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award</i>	Megan Maroney, PharmD, BCPP



## DEPARTMENT HONORS

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### DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

*Chemical Biology Award* Hyun-Seung Lee

### DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

*Merck Award* Justin Rienton Lim  
Stephen N. May  
Vrunda M. Parikh  
Jeffrey Yang

### DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICS

*John J. Debus Memorial Award* Jeffrey Yang

### DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY AND TOXICOLOGY

*Philemon E. Hommell Award* David Thomas Fett

### DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY PRACTICE AND ADMINISTRATION

*Award for Excellence in Clinical Communication* Courtney R. Tomaselli

*Alvin Felmeister Prize in Pharmacokinetics* Anish S. Patel

*Iannarone-Cordasco Pharmacy Scholar's Award* Stephen N. May

*Mylan Excellence in Pharmacy Award* Gina Stornelli

*Samuel and Gertrude Kaufman Prize* Vrunda M. Parikh

*Thelma M. Moss Outstanding Student Award*  
*Presented by Teva Pharmaceuticals* Hok Chun Tang

*William O. Kuebler Award* Sowmya Banda

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## CLASS OFFICERS

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<i>President</i>	Alexander Kenneth Lo
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## RHO CHI PHARMACY HONOR SOCIETY CLASS OF 2017

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**HONOR CORDS**

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Some graduates from the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy have earned the right to wear colored cords which signify a special level of achievement or service. Members of the Rho Chi Honor Society may choose to wear a purple cord. A green cord is worn by members of the Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society. Members of the Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society may choose to wear a blue and white cord. Graduates receiving their degree with Honors, High Honors, or Highest Honors are eligible to wear a gold cord.

## *Oath of a Pharmacist*

*I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:*

- I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.*
- I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.*
- I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.*
- I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.*
- I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.*
- I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.*
- I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.*

*I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.*

*Prepared by the  
American Association of  
Colleges of Pharmacy  
and American Pharmacists Association*

## ON THE BANKS OF THE OLD RARITAN

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*From far and near we came to Rutgers,  
And resolved to learn all that we can;  
And so we settled down,  
In that noisy college town,  
On the banks of the old Raritan.*

*Chorus:*

*On the banks of the old Raritan (my friends)  
Where old Rutgers evermore shall stand,  
For has she not stood  
Since the time of the flood,  
On the banks of the old Raritan.*

*Then sing aloud to Alma Mater;  
And keep the Scarlet in the van;  
For with her motto high  
Rutgers' name shall never die,  
On the banks of the old Raritan.*

*Chorus*

## GONFALON

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The Insignia is the School Seal. The outer ring contains the name of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The inner ring contains the name of the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and our founding date of 1892 as the New Jersey College of Pharmacy. The olive green color represents the field of pharmacy, and is repeated in the degree stripe on the hoods worn by graduates. The scarlet red is the color for Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

# RUTGERS

University Alumni Association

## Congratulations, Class of 2017!

Welcome to the Rutgers University Alumni Association, the university-wide alumni organization that all Rutgers graduates are automatically members of—for free, for life! You are joining a network of 408,000 proud Rutgers alumni worldwide, a legion of scarlet enthusiasts who shared many of the same experiences and traditions that you enjoyed throughout your time at Rutgers.

As you make the transition to proud Rutgers graduate, remember that Ralumni.com is your online headquarters for everything you need to know about the RUAA. Networking events, social outings, exclusive discounts, career resources, and volunteer opportunities await you as you embark upon this new chapter in your life.

Make sure to update your information at Ralumni.com to stay connected to Rutgers and to receive your alumni benefits card and your free subscription to Rutgers Magazine. We also invite you to become an active participant in the many events the RUAA hosts each year, or in one of our 130+ alumni interest groups.

We applaud you on this momentous achievement and look forward to sharing the next stage of your Rutgers life with you! Visit the links below to get started on your alumni journey.

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