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CONVOCATION

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Medical School

Class of 2017
Convocation

Monday, May Fifteenth
Two thousand and seventeen



“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 <i>Dean</i> <i>Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School</i>
	Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH <i>Chancellor</i> <i>Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences</i>
	Paul Weber, MD, RPh, MBA <i>Class of 1987</i> <i>President, Alumni Association</i> <i>Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School</i>
Excellence in Teaching & Research Awards	Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc
Convocation Address	Barry H. Ostrowsky, JD <i>President and Chief Operating Officer</i> <i>RWJBarnabas Health</i>
Student Address	Anousheh Shafa
Introduction of MD Degree	Carol A. Terregino, MD <i>Senior Associate Dean for Education</i> <i>Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School</i>
Hippocratic Oath	Siobhan A. Corbett, MD <i>Associate Professor of Surgery</i> <i>Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School</i>
Closing Remarks	Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc

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¹ Graduate of BA/BS/MD Program

² BA/BS/MD Access Med Program

³ MD/MBA

⁴ MD/MS Clinical Translational Sciences

RUTGERS ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON MEDICAL SCHOOL
AWARDS

Student Leadership Award

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

Anousheh Shafa

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.

Kerly Guerrero

The Bruce Fisher Award

Presented in recognition of academic achievement and compassionate patient care.

Sydney Hyder

Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation

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

Stephanie Mischell

**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.

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Caroline Golski

Tara Henn

Sydney Hyder

Lauren Pioppo

Jaclyn Portelli Tremont

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The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award

Julian Botta

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Anesthesiology

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Nuclear Medicine**

Joseph Sparapani

Disease and Therapeutics I

Jasmin Patel

Disease and Therapeutics II

Azad Hirpara

Emergency Medicine

Daniel Polvino

Family Medicine

Zeynep Uzumcu

Foundations of Medicine

Alissa Aboff

Internal Medicine

Jaya Kanduri

Maintaining Homeostasis

Caroline Golski

**Mechanisms of Disease and
Defense**

Azad Hirpara

Neurology

Hannah Simon

Neuron, Brain and Behavior

Caroline Golski

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Reproductive Sciences**

Carla Breccia Guarini

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Caitlin Cutler

Primary Care Medicine

Zeynep Uzumcu

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Hannah Simon

Surgery

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Excellence in Research Award

Diana S. Glendinning, PhD

Excellence in Teaching Award

Derek B. Sant'Angelo, PhD

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

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Presented to the student who best exemplifies academic excellence

Jaelyn Portelli Tremont

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:

Anousheh Shafa

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NEUROLOGY	PSYCHIATRY
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