Class of 2018
Convocation

Monday, May Fourteenth
Two thousand and eighteen
“

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.
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| Welcome Remarks          | Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc  
                         | Distinguished Professor and Dean  
                         | Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  |
|                         | Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH  
                         | Chancellor  
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| Excellence in Teaching & Research Awards | Sherine E. Gabriel, MD, MSc  |
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                         | Class of 1986  
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                         | Attending Physician, Morristown Medical Center  |
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| Introduction of MD Degree | Carol A. Terregino, MD  
                         | Senior Associate Dean for Education  
                         | Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  |
| Hippocratic Oath         | Siobhan Corbett, MD  
                         | Associate Professor of Surgery  
                         | Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  |
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+ Gold Humanism Honor Society
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~ MD with Distinction in Medical Education
%= MD with Distinction in Research
% MD with Distinction in Medical Innovation and Entrepreneurship
1 Graduate of BA/BS/MD Program
2 BA/BS/MD Access Med Program
3 MD/PhD
Student Leadership Award
Presented on the basis of outstanding leadership to the student body throughout medical school; selected by a special faculty committee.
Hank R. Ashforth

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.
Prachi Baodhankar
Marissa Falkiewicz
Alexa Melucci

The Bruce Fisher Award
Presented in recognition of academic achievement and compassionate patient care.
Lauren Sheidler

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.
Vatsal Bhatt

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.
Julia Burd
Marissa Falkiewicz
Amy Kaplan
Erica Linnell
Taleen MacArthur
Alyssa Mancini
Erin Scott
Lauren Sheidler
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The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Excellence in Emergency Medicine Award
Maxwell Blodgett

The Outstanding Achievement in the MD/PhD Program
Dakim Gaines

Academic Excellence Awards

Anesthesiology
Rohan Patel

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Anshika Bakshi

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Lauren Sheidler

Disease and Therapeutics II
Alyssa Mancini

Emergency Medicine
Nicholas Colazzo

Family Medicine
Megan Mahon

Foundations of Medicine
Vishal Bhatt

Maintaining Homeostasis
Julee Song

Mechanisms of Disease and Defense
Julee Song

Neurology
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Ijeoma Eleazu

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Melissa Coluccio

Surgery
John Dutton
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Shawna V. Hudson, PhD
Professor and Chief, Research Division
Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

Excellence in Teaching Award
Igor Rybinnik, MD
Assistant Professor
Department of Neurology

Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., MD Medal of Excellence
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Presented to the student who best exemplifies academic excellence
Lauren Sheidler

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:

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Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Administration

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