



RUTGERS SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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GWENDOLYN M. MAHON, M.SC., PH.D.
DEAN

Dear Graduates,

This is your day. Graduation marks the end of a program of study, and convocation and commencement exercises celebrate your success. Savor your achievements.

As you enter the health care workforce, you will need to become your own best critic, continually reassessing yourself as you move from competent, to proficient, to expert. Go forward with confidence, because you have achieved completion of a very rigorous program of study here at Rutgers that was designed to prepare you for your profession.

Thank you for choosing to be part of our school. You now join 10,000-plus alumni who have graduated from this school since it was founded 40 years ago. Many have distinguished themselves in their health care careers. You leave us today as professional colleagues. We look forward to the accomplishments of a new generation of Rutgers School of Health Professions graduates.

We are so proud of you. Please keep in touch.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gwendolyn Mahon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gwendolyn M. Mahon, M.Sc., Ph.D.
Dean

BRIAN L. STROM, M.D. , M.P.H.
CHANCELLOR, RUTGERS BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Dr. Brian Strom is the Inaugural Chancellor of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at Rutgers University.

Prior to joining Rutgers, Dr. Strom was the Executive Vice Dean of Institutional Affairs, Founding Chair of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Founding Director of the Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Founding Director of the Graduate Program in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, at the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Strom earned a B.S. in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry from Yale University, an M.D. degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and an M.P.H. Degree in Epidemiology at the University of California, Berkeley.

His major research interest is in the field of pharmacoepidemiology, the application of epidemiologic methods to the study of drug use and effects. He is recognized as a founder of this field and for his pioneering work in using large databases for research.

In 2016, he received the Oscar B. Hunter Career Award in Therapeutics for his outstanding contributions to clinical pharmacology and therapeutics.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

GONFALON BEARER

Ryan D. White, M.S., M.P.H., PA-C
Faculty member | Physician Assistant Program

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY AND GRADUATING CLASS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Marie Sarmiento
Graduating Student | A.S. Occupational Therapy Assistant

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Bianca M. Thompson-Owen, M.A.
*Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management
and Student Success*

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

Gwendolyn M. Mahon, M.Sc., Ph.D.
Dean

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Leandro Enriquez
Graduating Student | Dietetic Internship

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

THE STANLEY S. BERGEN, JR., M.D. MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

Presenter: Gwendolyn Mahon M.Sc., Ph.D.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Presenter: Emmase Adams, Ph.D. Biomedical Informatics

ORDER OF EXERCISES

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
2017 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
2017 EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD

Presenter: Judith Deutsch P.T., Ph.D., FAPTA
Faculty Chairperson
Professor | Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Clifton C. Manning
Graduating Student | B.S. Medical Imaging Sciences

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT DEGREES AND AWARDS

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Emmase Adams, Ph.D. Biomedical Informatics

CLOSING REMARKS

Gwendolyn M. Mahon, M.Sc., Ph.D.
Dean

RECESSIONAL

RUTGERS SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

CLASS OF 2017

PRE-ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE DENTAL ASSISTING

Joint Certificate with Brookdale Community College, Essex County College, Thomas Edison State University, Union County College or Raritan Valley Community College

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Shirley Villanueva¹

PRE-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE CARDIAC SONOGRAPHY

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PRE-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE VASCULAR SONOGRAPHY

Tally Marie Beatty¹

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

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Taylor Justine Cain

Jennetta Marie Dellapa
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Kathleen Jane Gaffney
Jenna Marie Kong
Katherine Rose McCabe†
Michele A. Mitchell
Kevin Patrick Moser
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Joint Degree with Brookdale Community College, Essex County College, Raritan Valley Community College, Thomas Edison State University or Union County College

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ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE RESPIRATORY THERAPY

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ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Joint Degree with Camden County College, County College of Morris, Cumberland County College, Hudson County Community College, Mercer County Community College, Ocean County College, Passaic County Community College, Raritan Valley Community College, Salem Community College, Thomas Edison State University or Warren County Community College

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Joint Degree with Camden County College, Cumberland County College, Middlesex County College, Ocean County College, Passaic County Community College, Raritan Valley Community College, Rowan College at Burlington County, Union County College or Warren County Community College

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Joint Degree with Bloomfield College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Felician University, Georgian Court University, New Jersey City University, Ramapo College of New Jersey or Rutgers – Newark College of Arts & Sciences

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

Joint Degree with Bloomfield College, Caldwell University, College of St. Elizabeth, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Felician University, Georgian Court University, Kean University, Monmouth University, New Jersey City University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Rutgers – Newark College of Arts & Sciences or St. Peter's University

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MEDICAL IMAGING SCIENCES

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

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RUTGERS SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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DOCTOR OF CLINICAL NUTRITION

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Philip Justin DiLavore
John Stanley Dominski
Stephanie Rose Dotterweich
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Melanie Rose Eskin
Kathleen Esler
Eric Fandrick
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Shalay Breanna Foster
Jaclyn Danielle Giangrande
Jessica Brooke Golden
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DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION

Peter Matthew Basto

KEY

- 1 Graduates who have earned their degree prior to May 14, 2017
- 2 Prospective graduates who will earn their degree after May 14, 2017
- † Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Academic Performance
- ‡ Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Clinical Performance
- * Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Service
- ♦ Educational Opportunity Fund - Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

SASH DISTINCTIONS:

Yellow – Outstanding Academic Performance
White – Outstanding Clinical Performance
Blue – Outstanding Service
Red – EOF Graduate

The listing of graduates in this program is unofficial. The official conferral of degrees occurs upon satisfactory completion of all academic and financial requirements. This listing is based on information available at the time of print.

RUTGERS SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS CONVOCATION 2017 AWARDS

THE STANLEY S. BERGEN, JR., M.D. MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

Presented to a previous year's outstanding graduate who performed at a high level in academic or clinical studies, and has demonstrated high ideals while serving in the profession, the community, or at the university level.

*Award Recipient: Kate Willcutts
Doctorate of Clinical Nutrition | 2015*

THE NEW JERSEY HEALTH FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD

Presented to a faculty member in recognition of exemplary research in this academic year.

*Award Recipient: Gerard Fluet P.T., DPT, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Rehabilitation and Movement
Sciences, Doctor of Physical Therapy - Newark*

THE NEW JERSEY HEALTH FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Presented to a faculty member for outstanding teaching and for dedication to the education of our students in this academic year. Recommendations are primarily from students.

*Award Recipient: Jane Ziegler, DCN, RDN, LDN,
Associate Professor, Director Doctorate of Clinical
Nutrition Program, Nutritional Sciences*

THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Presented to an individual or organization whose exceptional contributions and leadership have helped to advance our school. Nominations for this prestigious award are from faculty members.

Award Recipient: Jodi G. Handler, P.T., DPT

THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Presented on behalf of the faculty and students of the School of Health Related Professions to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in his or her specialty.

*Award Recipient: US Army Major Susan Stankorb,
DCN, MSCN, RD, CNSC*

ALUMNI MESSAGE

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations Class of 2017 and welcome to the School of Health Professions Alumni Association (SHPAA) and the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA).

As a graduate, you join more than 10,000 SHP alumni worldwide, along with nearly 500,000 living Rutgers alumni. Both alumni associations share a vision of advancing the university by engaging alumni. A great way to stay involved and give back to the Rutgers community is through alumni volunteering opportunities. We encourage you to seek out pathways to stay connected to your Alma Mater as you embark on the next chapter of your life.

The SHP Alumni Association webpage at shp.rutgers.edu/Alumni and the Rutgers University Alumni Association webpage at alumni.rutgers.edu are valuable resources for information regarding the benefits, services, and opportunities available to you.

We are proud of the work you have accomplished here at Rutgers School of Health Professions and look forward to your future achievements. Congratulations and best wishes!

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