

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY



A Virtual Celebration

May 16

255TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMENCEMENT



President's Message



Dear Graduates,
Class of 2021, it's time to celebrate!

At an extraordinarily challenging moment in our history, you are proof of the excellence that continues to mark a Rutgers graduate. Not only are you academically accomplished, but you are also tenacious in your pursuit of a goal, no matter the obstacles. And, this past year, there have been more than we ever could have imagined.

We are proud of you and excited to join with your family, friends, faculty, and fellow students in congratulating you on the momentous achievement of earning a Rutgers degree.

As you engage with both personal and societal challenges, I believe your time with us at Rutgers will serve you well. I am confident that in all the work that you dedicated to the task of earning a Rutgers degree, you have also deepened your sense of purpose and meaning, and that you will seek opportunities to apply your talent and knowledge to improving our world.

Now you become Rutgers graduates—scarlet forever—and join a mighty alumni body of more than half a million gifted women and men around the world. I hope you will stay connected with each other and with your alma mater. I hope we will make you prouder every year, and—as challenging as the past year of your lives have been—I hope you will always keep Rutgers in your heart as you move on from here.

It is my honor to finish my first year as president by helping Rutgers salute you at the successful completion of your coursework. You have my very best wishes for lives of accomplishment, beauty, purpose, and grace.

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Holloway
President and University Professor
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey



Congratulations from Our Chancellors

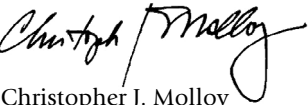


Dear Class of 2021,

Congratulations on graduating from Rutgers and reaching an important milestone that will elevate the course of your life. Your accomplishment is made even more meaningful by the perseverance you have shown during this very challenging year. You have truly embodied our Knight’s Call values of being authentic, inclusive, responsible, engaged, and most of all resilient.

I encourage you to reflect on the good times along with the difficult ones when you look back at your Rutgers experience. As your chancellor and a fellow alumnus, I speak for the entire campus community when I say you will always be Scarlet Knights. We wish you the best in all your future endeavors, and remember that you are always welcome back here on the Banks!

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Molloy
Chancellor, Rutgers University–New Brunswick



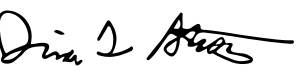
Dear Graduates,

In this unprecedented time for our society, the efforts of health professionals, scientists, and researchers have never been more important. As new graduates, you will leave Rutgers and enter a world needing your expertise, care, and commitment as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. While we may all be looking forward, I want to commend you for your hard work and perseverance, which have made today possible. Together with your faculty mentors, student colleagues, friends, and families, I applaud your numerous achievements.

Whether you choose to further your education or enter the workforce, remember what you have learned here and continue to contribute to, innovate for, and advance the health and well-being of communities locally and around the world.

Best wishes for continued success in your lives and careers.

Sincerely,



Brian L. Strom
Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and Executive Vice President for Health Affairs

Order of Exercises

WELCOME

“ROAD TO GRADUATION”

Featured graduates, in order of story:

Ms. Tyshaya Pearce
Bachelor of Arts
Criminal Justice
School of Arts and Sciences

Mr. Dmytro Zholobak
Bachelor of Arts
Information Technology and Informatics
School of Arts and Sciences and School of Communication and Information

Ms. Deborah Naroff Scott
Master of Social Work
School of Social Work

Mr. Finley King
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Filmmaking
Mason Gross School of the Arts

Ms. Larissa Valentina Brulato
Bachelor of Arts
Journalism and Media Studies
School of Arts and Sciences and School of Communication and Information

BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ WELCOME

Mr. Mark A. Angelson
Chair of the Board of Governors

PRESIDENT’S GREETING

Dr. Jonathan Holloway
President, Rutgers University

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Ms. Laurie Garrett
Author and Science Writer

Dr. Rush D. Holt
Former Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Ms. G. Willow Wilson
Author and Comics Writer

Ms. Natasha Trethewey
Author and Former U.S. Poet Laureate

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ms. Natasha Trethewey
Author and Former U.S. Poet Laureate

CLASS OF 2021 ADDRESS

Mr. Nicholas LaBelle
Bachelor of Science
Business Analytics and Information Technology
Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick
President, Rutgers University Student Assembly (2020–2021)

ALMA MATER

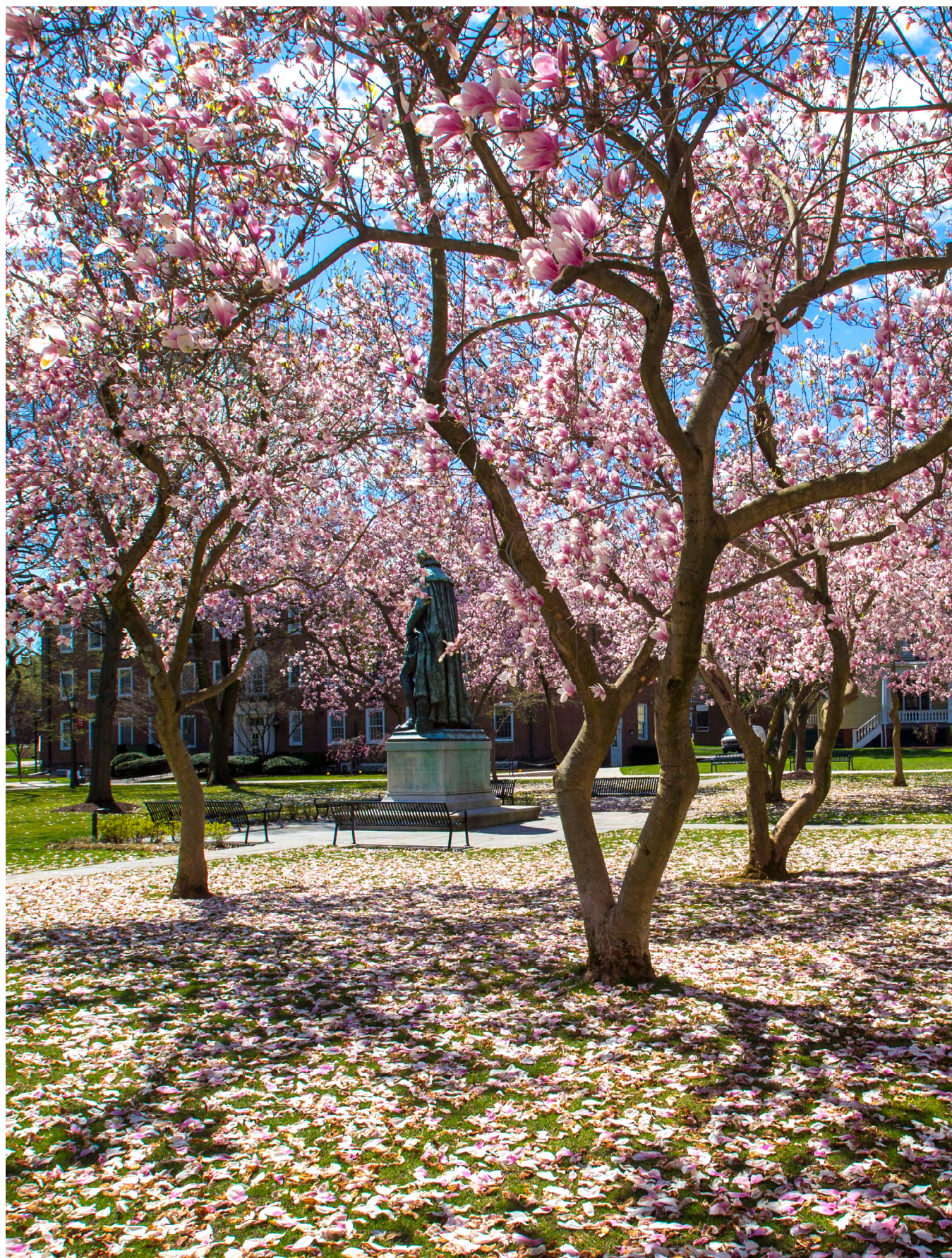
Members of the Rutgers University Glee Club from the Mason Gross School of the Arts
Dr. Patrick G. Gardner, Conductor

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Christopher J. Molloy
Chancellor, Rutgers University–New Brunswick

Dr. Brian L. Strom
Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs

Dr. Jonathan Holloway
President, Rutgers University



Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient



NATASHA TRETHEWEY

Doctor of Letters

Rutgers is proud to bestow upon Natasha Trethewey an honorary doctor of letters degree. Trethewey is an award-winning author and former U.S. Poet Laureate. She has focused her career on examining the intersections and contentions between public and personal history, national memorialization and forgetting, and the fraught legacy of race in America. Her important work has earned her a Pulitzer Prize and a spot on the *New York Times* best-sellers list, among other notable achievements.

Born in Mississippi to a poet/professor and a social worker, Trethewey earned a bachelor of arts degree in English at the University of Georgia, a master of arts in English and creative writing from Hollins University, and a master of fine arts in poetry from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She served as the Robert W. Woodruff Professor of English and Creative Writing at Emory University until 2017 and is currently the Board of Trustees Professor of English at Northwestern University. The author served two terms as the 19th Poet Laureate of the United States (2012–2014). During her second term, she traveled to cities and towns across the nation to seek out the many ways poetry lives in American communities and reported on her findings in a feature on the *PBS News Hour Poetry Series*. Trethewey is the author of five collections of poetry, including *Native Guard* (2006)—for which she was awarded the 2007 Pulitzer Prize—and, most recently, *Monument: Poems New and Selected* (2018); a book of nonfiction, *Beyond Katrina: A Meditation on the Mississippi Gulf Coast* (2010); and a memoir, *Memorial Drive* (2020), a *New York Times* best seller.

Seamlessly blending individual and collective experience, from the civil war to civil rights, Trethewey's work illuminates the history of American trauma and resilience. The author inspires readers to reflect and learn while engaging in intricate stories that captivate. In 2012, the *New Yorker* stated of her work, "Trethewey's writing mines the cavernous isolation, brutality, and resilience of African American history, tracing its subterranean echoes to today." Her careful research and the lyricism of her prose and poetry give birth to characters and experiences that connect to all humans and explore struggles faced by all.

Trethewey is the recipient of fellowships from the Academy of American Poets, National Endowment for the Arts, Guggenheim Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, Beinecke Library at Yale, and Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In 2017, she received the Heinz Award for Arts and Humanities. A chancellor of the Academy of American Poets since 2019, Trethewey was awarded the 2020 Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry for Lifetime Achievement from the Library of Congress.

Honorary Degree Recipient



LAURIE GARRETT

Doctor of Science

Rutgers is proud to bestow upon Laurie Garrett an honorary doctor of science degree. Garrett is an award-winning science writer and author. She is the only writer to have been awarded all “Three P’s” of journalism: The Peabody, Polk (twice), and Pulitzer. With decades of experience as a science writer, Garrett speaks with extensive knowledge of emerging diseases and epidemics and their impact on governments and societies.

The author of three books, Garrett wrote her first best-selling book, *The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance* (1994), while splitting her time between the Harvard School of Public Health and the New York newspaper *Newsday*. During the 1990s, Garrett continued tracking outbreaks and epidemics worldwide, noting the insufficient responses from global public health institutions around the world. This resulted in publication of her second book, *Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health* (2000). The following year, Garrett covered the attacks on the World Trade Center and subsequent anthrax mailings, leading to her third book, *I Heard the Sirens Scream: How Americans Responded to the 9/11 and Anthrax Attacks* (2011).

She is a former senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations where she focused on the national security aspects of emerging diseases and climate change. Currently, she is a member of the World Economic Forum Global Health Security Advisory Board, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the National Association for Science Writers. A former science correspondent for National Public Radio, Garrett is a columnist for *Foreign Policy* magazine and a frequent MSNBC contributor. She has written and reported for outlets including CNN, BBC, *Vanity Fair*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, *ABC Nightline*, and hundreds more. Garrett was one of three scientific advisers for the Warner Brothers motion picture *Contagion*. Garrett’s work in the Ebola outbreaks in Sierra Leone and Liberia was filmed as part of CNN’s *Unseen Enemy* documentary, and her book *The Coming Plague* was produced as a six-part documentary series for CNN. Among her awards for her global health work and publishing are the 2014 NYU School of Medicine “Outstanding Contributions to Global Health” and the 2015 Internationalism Award from the American Women for International Understanding. In 2017, she was named one of 10 “Remarkable Women of UC,” by the Board of Regents of the University of California.

A native of Los Angeles, Garrett graduated with honors in biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She attended graduate school in the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology at University of California, Berkeley and did immunology research in the Herzenberg Lab of Stanford University. Fluorescence-activated cell sorting was invented at the lab and was used to sort living human cells of the immune system, determining their functions—a vital set of discoveries that included identifying CD4 cells just five years before the emergence of HIV, allowing speedy recognition that the virus’s primary target were the CD4s.

Honorary Degree Recipient



RUSH D. HOLT

Doctor of Laws

Rutgers is proud to bestow upon Rush D. Holt an honorary doctor of laws degree. Holt is a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives where he represented New Jersey’s 12th congressional district for eight terms. After 16 years, Holt decided not to seek re-election in 2014. He spent a brief period as a director’s visiting scholar at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and then assumed the position of CEO of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), in which he served until he retired in September 2019. Previously, Holt, a physicist, had been assistant director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory at Princeton University (1989–98); acting director, Nuclear and Scientific Division, Office of Strategic Forces Analysis, at the U.S. Department of State (1988–89); a member of the faculty at Swarthmore College (1980–88), where he taught the full range of courses in physics as well as courses in public policy; visiting researcher at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (1984); and American Physical Society/AAAS Congressional Science Fellow (1982–83) in the office of U.S. Rep. Bob Edgar (PA-7).

In Congress, Holt was active in a variety of areas including education, natural resources, civil rights and civil liberties, oversight of intelligence, voting security and election reform, and science. In office, he took his most important task to be working to restore citizens’ trust in their government. Since leaving Congress, Holt has been especially active in attempting to restore evidence-based thinking to American culture and politics. Recently he published a companion essay to the reissue of Vannevar Bush’s *Science: The Endless Frontier* in which he argues that the value of science is not simply as the font of materials, medicines, and munitions derived from research, but equally as a tool available to all for democratic citizenship.

Holt received a bachelor of arts degree in physics, Phi Beta Kappa, from Carleton College, where he received the Dana Award, and master’s and doctoral degrees from New York University in physics. Holt has received various awards and recognitions including the John P. McGovern Award from Sigma Xi; Public Service Award from the American Chemical Society; Roger N. Baldwin Award from the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey; Henry T. Yost Award of the American Association of University Professors; Edwin Cudecki Award for Support for Foreign Language Education from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages; Pick and Gavel Award of the Association of American State Geologists; Sidney B. Yates Award from the National Humanities Alliance; Wright Award of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; William Carey and Philip Abelson Prizes of the AAAS (2005 and 2010, respectively).

Honorary Degree Recipient



G. WILLOW WILSON

Doctor of Letters

Rutgers is proud to bestow upon G. Willow Wilson an honorary doctor of letters degree. Wilson is an American comics writer, prose author, essayist, and journalist. A New Jersey native, Wilson is the co-creator of the Marvel character Kamala Khan, a teenager in Jersey City, New Jersey, who took on the mantle Ms. Marvel after the previous Ms. Marvel, Carol Danvers, became Captain Marvel.

In 2014, Wilson was invited by Marvel Entertainment to co-create a new version of Ms. Marvel. Wilson and her co-creator envisioned a Muslim teenager from Jersey City, New Jersey, Kamala Khan. Since the character's launch, Ms. Marvel has been a popular and recognizable character within the Marvel Universe having starred in approximately 63 individual comic books. In 2016, the *Village Voice* featured Kamala Khan in a cover illustration akin to the "We Can Do It" posters and proclaimed Wilson to be the creator of "the superhero of our times." Kamala Khan provides a positive depiction of a young Muslim-American woman living in New Jersey; her friends are as diverse as the state; and her core values, struggles, emotions, and opinions are realistic and resonate with readers. For her work with Ms. Marvel, Wilson was awarded Best Writer, Mainstream by Broken Frontier Awards (2014), a Hugo Award for Best Graphic Story (2015), and the Dwayne McDuffie Award for Diversity in Comics (2016).

An acclaimed writer, Wilson is the author of *The Bird King* (2019) and has written for some of the world's best-known superhero comic book series, including *X-Men*, *Superman*, and *Wonder Woman*. Her first novel, *Alif the Unseen*, won the 2013 World Fantasy Award for Best Novel, was a finalist for the Center for Fiction's First Novel Prize, and was long-listed for the 2013 Women's Prize for Fiction. In 2015, she won the Graphic Literature Innovator Prize at the PEN America Literary Awards. Wilson's memoir *The Butterfly Mosque: A Young American Woman's Journey to Love and Islam* (2010) was named a *Seattle Times* Best Book of 2010. Wilson is currently writing *The Dreaming: Waking Hours*, which is a part of the Sandman Universe for DC Comics.

Raised in an atheist household, Wilson studied many religions while she attended Boston University and ultimately decided to convert to Islam. Upon graduating from Boston University's College of Arts and Sciences, she moved to Cairo, Egypt, to teach English. While in Cairo, Wilson was a freelance music critic for *DigBoston* (known as *The Dig*) and contributed articles to the *Atlantic Monthly*, *New York Times Magazine*, and the *National Post* (Canada). She was also the first Western journalist to be granted a private interview with Ali Gomaa after his promotion to the position of Grand Mufti of Egypt.

Student Speaker



NICHOLAS F. LABELLE

Bachelor of Science

Business Analytics and Information Technology, Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick

President, Rutgers University Student Assembly (2020–2021)

Rutgers is delighted to have Nicholas F. LaBelle represent the Class of 2021. A proud son of New Jersey, LaBelle is graduating with a bachelor of science degree in business analytics and information technology. Originally from Piscataway, LaBelle focused on providing service and finding solutions to ensure that Rutgers' beloved community extended beyond campus. His extracurricular involvement included tutoring New Brunswick youth, membership in Rutgers Enactus, and organizing community service projects that provided food to the homeless. LaBelle is also a proud winner of the Deloitte case competition.

As a proponent for government that prioritizes action over words, LaBelle served in the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) as the Cook caucus chair from 2017–2018, sustainability subcommittee chair from 2018–2019, student body treasurer from 2019–2020, and student body president from 2020–2021.

At the start of his administration, LaBelle championed Rutgers as one of the first schools in the country to create a COVID-19 emergency relief program. The Rutgers University Student Affairs Recovery Fund has provided financial relief to students and their families for food, rent, and other expenses. Last spring, RUSA organized a Black Lives Matter rally with over 1,500 people in attendance. In the wake of the pandemic, when many were struggling with mental health concerns, RUSA led a partnership with the private firm Listeners On Call to provide a data-centric approach to student concerns. Additionally, as students continued to struggle with the challenges of remote learning, LaBelle and a core RUSA team worked to ensure that the pass/no credit option remained through the spring 2021 semester. They also modeled advocacy for schools nationwide.

In fall 2020, RUSA gave students the opportunity to make their voices heard for the first time by directly putting two policy questions on the ballot to a student referendum vote: a new student Constitution and divesting Rutgers from fossil fuels. LaBelle and his administration worked to energize student support and achieved goals that many believed to be improbable.

Following graduation, LaBelle will continue to support his family's small business. He also wants to take the values of service above self that he learned as a student into the New Jersey State House by running for the General Assembly as one of the youngest candidates in history. In the next chapter of his life, LaBelle will forever keep Rutgers in his heart and is honored to be an alumnus of The State University of New Jersey.

Conferring of Degrees

President Jonathan Holloway

RUTGERS BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Chancellor and Executive Vice President
for Health Affairs Brian L. Strom

Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

Dean Joseph A. Barone
Doctor of Pharmacy

New Jersey Medical School

Dean Robert L. Johnson
Doctor of Medicine

Rutgers School of Dental Medicine

Dean Cecile A. Feldman
Master of Dental Science
Master of Science
Doctor of Dental Medicine
Graduate Dental Education Certificate

School of Nursing

Dean Linda Flynn
Bachelor of Science
Master of Science in Nursing
Post-Master’s Certificate
Doctor of Nursing Practice
Doctor of Philosophy

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Interim Dean Robert L. Johnson
Doctor of Medicine

School of Health Professions

Dean Gwendolyn M. Mahon
Associate of Science
Bachelor of Science
Master of Science
Doctor of Clinical Laboratory Science
Doctor of Clinical Nutrition
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Doctor of Philosophy

School of Public Health

Dean Perry N. Halkitis
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
Master of Public Health
Master of Science
Doctor of Philosophy
Doctor of Public Health

School of Graduate Studies*

Dean Jerome J. Kukor
Master of Arts
Master of Arts for Teachers
Master of Biomedical Sciences
Master of Business and Science
Master of Engineering
Master of Landscape Architecture
Master of Philosophy
Master of Science
Master of Science for Teachers
Doctor of Philosophy

**The School of Graduate Studies—formed in July 2017 from the merger of the Graduate School–New Brunswick and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences—is a unit of both Rutgers University–New Brunswick and Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences.*

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY–NEW BRUNSWICK

Chancellor Christopher J. Molloy

School of Engineering

Dean Thomas N. Farris
Bachelor of Science

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

Interim Executive Dean Laura Lawson
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science

Graduate School of Education

Dean Wanda J. Blanchett
Master of Education
Specialist in Education
Doctor of Education

Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick

Dean Lei Lei
Bachelor of Science
Master of Accountancy
Master of Business Administration
Master of Financial Analysis
Master of Information Technology and Analytics
Master of Quantitative Finance
Master of Science
Master of Supply Chain Analytics
Master of Supply Chain Management

School of Social Work

Dean Cathryn C. Potter
Master of Social Work
Doctor of Social Work

Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology

Interim Dean Denise A. Hien
Master of Applied Psychology
Master of Psychology
Doctor of Psychology

Mason Gross School of the Arts

Dean Jason Geary
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Bachelor of Music
Master of Fine Arts
Master of Music
Artist Diploma
Doctor of Musical Arts

School of Communication and Information

Dean Jonathan Potter
Bachelor of Arts
Master of Communication and Media
Master of Information

Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

Dean Piyushimita Thakuriah
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Master of City and Regional Planning
Master of City and Regional Studies
Master of Health Administration
Master of Public Affairs and Politics
Master of Public Informatics
Master of Public Policy

School of Management and Labor Relations

Dean Adrienne E. Eaton
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science
Master of Human Resource Management
Master of Labor and Employment Relations

School of Arts and Sciences

Executive Dean Peter March
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Science

Selected Student Honors and Awards

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES
DISSERTATION COMPLETION FELLOWSHIP**

Nicole Elizabeth Sheriko*, English, School of Graduate Studiess

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP**

Moyagaye A. Bedward*, History, School of Graduate Studies
Suzanne France Boswell*, English, School of Graduate Studies

AMERICAN DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Brooklynn Kristina Hitchens*, Sociology, School of Graduate Studies
Anna Fredrika E. Thelandersson*, Communication and Information, School of Graduate Studies

**ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION DISSERTATION
COMPLETION FELLOWSHIP**

Margarita Mercedes Castromán Soto*, English, School of Graduate Studies
Kailana Emery Durnan*, English, School of Graduate Studies
Niina Maria Vuolajarvi*, Sociology, School of Graduate Studies

**ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION DISSERTATION
PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP**

Taylor Morgan Moore*, History, School of Graduate Studies

**ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION PREDOCTORAL
FELLOWSHIP IN HISTORY**

Amy E. Zanoni*, History, School of Graduate Studies

BEINECKE SCHOLARSHIP

Nathaniel Serio*, Philosophy and Linguistics, School of Arts and Sciences

BOREN SCHOLARSHIP

John Woods, Linguistics, School of Arts and Sciences (Taiwan)

CAORC MULTI-COUNTRY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Taylor Morgan Moore*, History, School of Graduate Studies

**CARNEGIE MELLON PUBLIC POLICY AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SUMMER INSTITUTE
FELLOWSHIP**

Prasiddha Sudhakar, Computer Science and Economics, School of Arts and Sciences

**CHARLOTTE NEWCOMBE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION
FELLOWSHIP**

Amy E. Zanoni*, History, School of Graduate Studies

CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

GaHyun Yoo, Information Technology and Informatics, School of Communication and Information (Turkey)

FORD FOUNDATION DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Taylor Morgan Moore*, History, School of Graduate Studies

FORD FOUNDATION PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Taylor Morgan Moore*, History, School of Graduate Studies

FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

Valdir Cristovao Barth Junior*, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, School of Graduate Studies
Mónica Patricia Hernández Ospina*, Geography, School of Graduate Studies
Ana Mariá Mahecha Groot*, Geography, School of Graduate Studies (Colombia)

FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT GRANT

Elizabeth Fern Ballare*, Ecology and Evolution, School of Graduate Studies (Indonesia)
Moyagaye A. Bedward*, History, School of Graduate Studies (Morocco)
Wilhelm Esguerra, Public Health, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, School of Arts and Sciences (Brazil)
Murod Khikmatov*, Economics, School of Arts and Sciences (Turkey)
Faith Lee*, French and Medieval Studies, School of Arts and Sciences; Education, Graduate School of Education (Taiwan)
Maria Lopez Brena, Public Health, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, School of Arts and Sciences (Mexico)
Mikaela Peters*, Business Analytics, Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick; Russian and European Studies, School of Arts and Sciences (Finland)
Amrutha Ramaswamy, Public Policy, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy/ School of Arts and Sciences (Turkey)
Adriana Scanteianu*, Mathematics, School of Arts and Sciences (Spain)
Dustin Elliot Stalnaker*, History, School of Graduate Studies (Germany)

GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP

Tai Wai Hu, Physics, School of Arts and Sciences
Jacqueline Mehr, Biological Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Noah Paladino*, Physics, School of Arts and Sciences

**INSTITUTE FOR CITIZENS AND SCHOLARS
DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP IN WOMEN’S STUDIES**

Nicole Farnaz Nowbahar*, Classics, School of Graduate Studies

**INTER-AMERICA FOUNDATION GRASSROOTS
DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP**

Mónica Patricia Hernández Ospina*, Geography, School of Graduate Studies

Marian Ahn Thorpe*, Anthropology, School of Graduate Studies

MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP

Maya Ravichandran*, Computer Science, School of Arts and Sciences

**NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RUTH L.
KIRSCHSTEIN INDIVIDUAL PREDOCTORAL
FELLOWSHIP**

Vincent Mirabella*, Cell and Developmental Biology, School of Graduate Studies

**NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RUTH L.
KIRSCHSTEIN NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE
AWARD INDIVIDUAL PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP
TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN HEALTH-RELATED
RESEARCH (PARENT F31 - DIVERSITY)**

Alejandra Sofía Laureano-Ruiz*, Cell and Developmental Biology, School of Graduate Studies

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION DOCTORAL
DISSERTATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

Nada T. El Kouny*, Anthropology, School of Graduate Studies (Cultural Anthropology)

Morgan Colleen Moyer*, Linguistics, School of Graduate Studies (Linguistics)

Alexander Jonathan Pritchard*, Anthropology, School of Graduate Studies (Biological Sciences)

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

Clara Hartmanshenn*, Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, School of Graduate Studies

Noah Paladino*, Physics, School of Arts and Sciences (*Honorable Mention*)

Timothy Schwanitz*, Entomology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; English,
School of Arts and Sciences (*Honorable Mention*)

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION POSTDOCTORAL
FELLOWSHIP IN BIOLOGY**

Jessica Lauren Valenti*, Oceanography, School of Graduate Studies

**NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CANCER RESEARCH
PREDOCTORAL CANCER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

David Calianese*, Biomedical Sciences, School of Graduate Studies

Brian Canter*, Biomedical Engineering, School of Graduate Studies

Calvin Leung*, Biomedical Sciences, School of Graduate Studies

Lianna Schwartz-Orbach*, Cell and Developmental Biology, School of Arts and Sciences

**NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SPINAL CORD
RESEARCH GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP**

Marisa Jeffries*, Biomedical Sciences, School of Graduate Studies

P.E.O. SISTERHOOD P.E.O. SCHOLAR AWARD

Pamela Nicole Walker*, History, School of Graduate Studies

Caitlin Reed Wiesner*, History, School of Graduate Studies

PRINCETON IN LATIN AMERICA FELLOWSHIP

Carson Cummins*, History and Spanish, School of Arts and Sciences

SCHWARZMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Julien Rosenbloom*, Political Science, School of Arts and Sciences

Malike Naibi, Finance, Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick

TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Dylan Serrentino-Mullins*, Political Science, School of Arts and Sciences

UDALL SCHOLARSHIP

Morgan Mark, Bioenvironmental Engineering, School of Engineering (*Honorable Mention*)

**WENNER GREN FOUNDATION FOR
ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH DISSERTATION
FIELDWORK GRANT**

Nada T. El Kouny*, Anthropology, School of Graduate Studies

Alexander Jonathan Pritchard*, Anthropology, School of Graduate Studies

**WINTERTHUR MUSEUM, GARDEN, AND LIBRARY
WINTERTHUR DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP**

Marika M. Plater*, History, School of Graduate Studies

*Graduating students

Selected Faculty Honors

CAREER AWARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Wei Dai, Cell Biology and Neuroscience, School of Arts and Sciences
Weiwei Xie, Chemistry and Chemical Biology, School of Arts and Sciences

EXTENSION DIVISION EDUCATION MATERIALS AWARD, AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURE SCIENCE

Joseph Goffreda, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Hemantkumar Gohil, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Daniel Ward, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

Kenneth Irvine, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, School of Arts and Sciences
Brian Strom, Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences; Executive Vice President for Health Affairs
Charles Weschler, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute
Hui Xiong, Management Science and Information Systems, Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick

FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY

Geraldine Cochran, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
Gregory Moore, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences

FELLOW OF THE EARTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Pamela McElwee, Human Ecology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Malin Pinsky, Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

SLOAN RESEARCH FELLOW

Blakesley Burkhart, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
Jedediah Pixley, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences

ADDITIONAL NOTABLE HONORS

Susan Albin, Industrial and Systems Engineering, School of Engineering
Fellow, Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences

Eddy Arnold, Chemistry and Chemical Biology, School of Arts and Sciences
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Young Investigator Award, International Society for Autism Research

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Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

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Prize Medal, Microbiology Society

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Fellow, American Academy of Nursing

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Pioneer Award, National Association of Social Workers Foundation

Erica Armstrong Dunbar, History, School of Arts and Sciences
Children’s History Book Prize, New-York Historical Society

Devin English, Urban-Global Public Health, School of Public Health
Psychology and AIDS Leadership Award, American Psychological Association

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Noura Erakat, Criminal Justice, School of Arts and Sciences
Bronze Medal, Independent Publisher Book Awards

Lynn Festa, English, School of Arts and Sciences
Kenshur Prize, Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Indiana University-Bloomington
James Russell Lowell Prize, Modern Language Association

Joseph Freeman, Biomedical Engineering, School of Engineering
Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering

Hemantkumar Gohil, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Achievement Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents

Xi Gu, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, School of Engineering
Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineer Award, Society of Manufacturing Engineers

Michael Haberland, Agriculture and Natural Resources, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Distinguished Service Award, National Association of County Agricultural Agents

Max Häggblom, Biochemistry and Microbiology, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Special Merit Award, Federation of European Microbiological Societies

Perry Halkitis, Biostatistics and Urban-Global Public Health, School of Public Health
Distinguished Book Award, American Psychological Association's Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity
Member, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society
Hyacinth Award, Hyacinth Foundation
Inaugural Member, American Psychological Association's Ad Hoc Committee on Health Equity

Kristjan Haule, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
Simons Fellowship in Theoretical Physics, Simons Foundation

John Hughes, Physics and Astronomy, School of Arts and Sciences
Fellow, American Astronomical Society

Olabode Ibrinke, English, School of Arts and Sciences
Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars, American Council of Learned Societies

Olga Ilnytska, Nutritional Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Career Development Award, American Heart Association

Yogesh Jaluria, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, School of Engineering
Holley Medal, American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Mehdi Javanmard, Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering
Young Faculty Award, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

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Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

Shantenu Jha, Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering
Gordon Bell Special Prize for High Performance Computing-Based COVID-19 Research, Association for Computing Machinery

Leslie Kantor, Urban-Global Public Health, School of Public Health
Allan Rosenfield Alumni Award for Excellence, Mailman School of Public Health

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Woman on the Rise Honor, Paradigm for Parity

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Dannie Heineman Prize for Mathematical Physics, American Institute of Physics and American Physical Society

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Woman as Agent of Change Award, American Association of University Women

Adana Llanos, Biostatistics and Epidemiology, School of Public Health
Emerging Scholar, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education

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Fellow, Ecological Society of America

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Allan Schnaiberg Outstanding Publication Award, American Sociological Association

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Green Section Award, United States Golf Association

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Member, National Academy of Sciences
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Fellow, Society for Social Work and Research

Shinichi Oka, Cell Biology and Molecular Medicine, New Jersey Medical School
Transformational Project Award, American Heart Association

Barbara Ostfeld, Pediatrics, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Champions for Children Award, American Academy of Pediatrics New Jersey Chapter

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Dario Pompili, Electrical and Computer Engineering, School of Engineering
Fellow, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Communications Society

Leah Price, English, School of Arts and Sciences
Christian Gauss Award, Phi Beta Kappa Society

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Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars, American Council of Learned Societies

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Beyond Youth Leadership Award, National Association of 4-H Youth Development Professionals Association

Saul Rubinstein, Labor Studies and Employment Relations, School of Management and Labor Relations
Susan C. Eaton Scholar-Practitioner Award, Labor and Employment Relations Association

Junichi Sadoshima, Cell Biology and Molecular Medicine, New Jersey Medical School
Merit Award, American Heart Association

Mohammed Ali Saghiri, Restorative Dentistry, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
DenburTech Award, Denbur

Siddhartha Sahi, Mathematics, School of Arts and Sciences
Fellow, American Mathematical Society

Harini Sampath, Nutritional Sciences, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Career Development Award, American Heart Association

Hillary Samples, Health Behavior, Society, and Policy, School of Public Health
Early Career Investigator Award, Addiction Health Services Research

Robyn Schafer, School of Nursing
Fellow, American College of Nurse-Midwives

Donald Schaffner, Food Science, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Maurice Weber Laboratorian Award, International Association for Food Protection

Tatiana Seijas, History, School of Arts and Sciences
Senior Research Fellow, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University

David Shreiber, Biomedical Engineering, School of Engineering
Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering

Nancy Sinkoff, History, School of Arts and Sciences
National Jewish Book Award, Jewish Book Council

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Fellow, American Society for Nutrition

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Career Development Award, American Heart Association

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Book Prize, Association for Middle East Women's Studies

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Fellow, American Institute of Certified Planners

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Fellow, American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering

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Hubbell Medal for Lifetime Achievement in American Literary Studies, American Literature Society

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Governor's Environmental Excellence Award, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

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Distinguished Alumni Award for Research, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health

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Public Engagement Fellow, Whiting Foundation

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Fellow, Quantitative Fisheries and Ecosystems Science, Cooperative Institute for the North Atlantic Region

Jerome Williams (Posthumous), Marketing, Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick
Fellow, American Marketing Association

Lai-hua Xie, Cell Biology and Molecular Medicine, New Jersey Medical School
Transformational Project Award, American Heart Association

University Seal



The university seal is the official imprimatur of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. As such, it appears on official documents, such as contracts and deeds, and, most notably, on the diplomas issued to graduates of the university.

The outer ring contains the name of the university. The inner ring includes the date of Rutgers’ founding, 1766, as Queen’s College, the eighth institution of higher learning established in the American colonies. The university’s motto, “Sun of righteousness, shine upon the West also,” appears in Latin in the inner ring, surrounding a stylized sunburst. The motto is an adaptation of the motto of Utrecht University, in the Netherlands, connoting the original college’s early affiliation with the Dutch Reformed Church. It is today interpreted as a request for the enlightenment of learning to shine equally upon the New World.

University Mace



The university mace, an ornamental staff symbolizing the authority of the president, is borne before the president in academic processions by the secretary of the university.

The design of the Rutgers mace incorporates signs of the institution’s traditions and status as New Jersey’s state university. The head of the mace bears the university’s coat of arms and its seal worked in colored enamel and gold on silver, all surmounted by a facsimile of the crown of Queen Charlotte, for whom the university was originally named “Queen’s.” The long shaft is made of stained wood and silver on which are engraved intertwining ivy leaves, symbolizing learning; red oak leaves, representing New Jersey’s state tree; and violets, the state flower.

The mace was a gift to the university from the Raritan Valley Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management and the New Brunswick-Raritan Valley Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of Rutgers’ bicentennial commemoration in 1966. The mace was designed by J. Russell Price, director of design for the Gorham Manufacturing Company, and crafted by the Gorham silversmithing department.

Rutgers Shield



The Rutgers shield was introduced in 2015 as part of the university’s 250th Anniversary. The shield’s elements convey our past and present. The shield is divided into thirds, representing Rutgers’ deep connections to New Jersey’s three regions—north, central, and south—and denoting the university’s tripartite mission—teaching, research, and service.

Five symbolic elements both acknowledge our past and signify that as we evolve, we will uphold core values that have been integral to our identity from our earliest days.

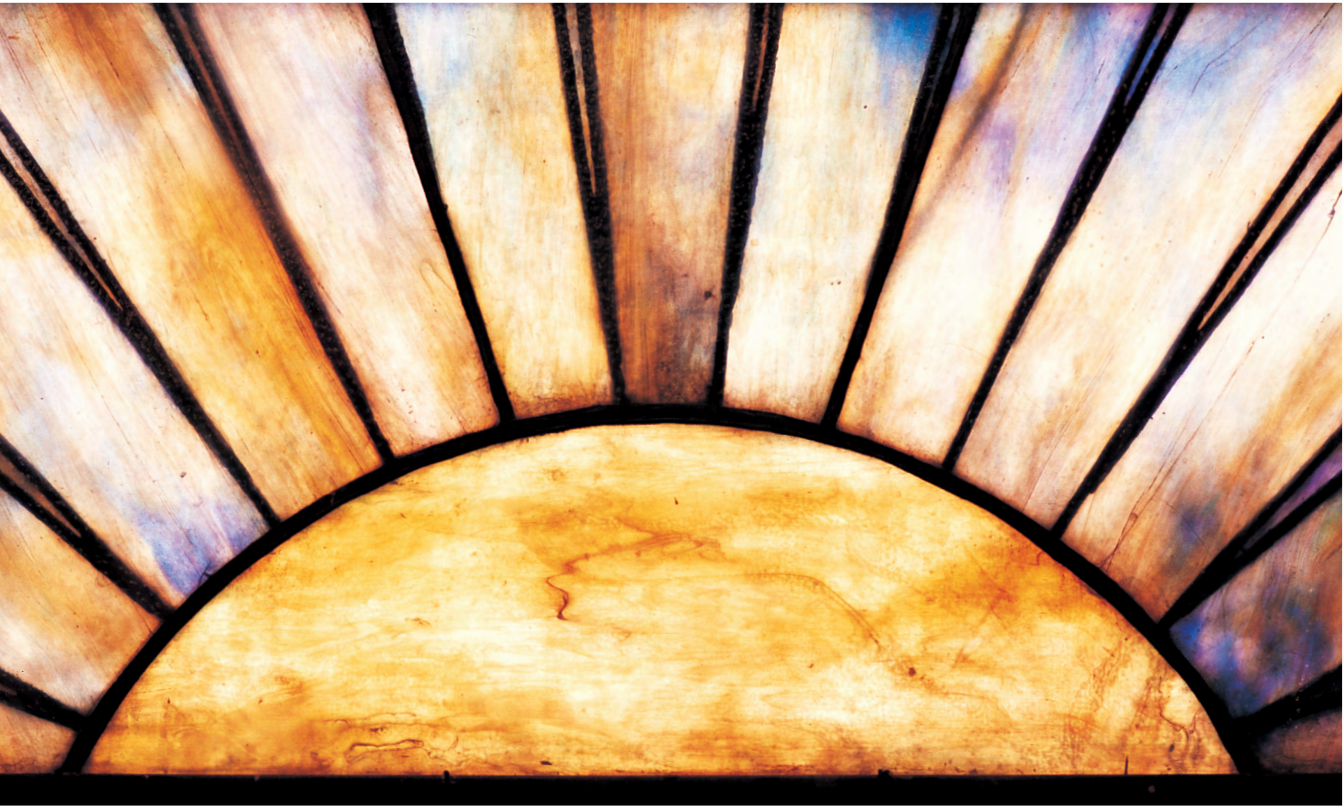
The sunburst conveys illumination—light as metaphor for knowledge—and it is the motif of our seal and the heart of our motto, “Sun of righteousness, shine upon the West also.” Our centuries-old seal and motto are both variants on those of Utrecht University, in the Netherlands; its motto reads, “Sun of righteousness, enlighten us.”

The crown represents our founding in 1766 as Queen’s College, named in honor of Queen Charlotte, wife of Great Britain’s King George III who reigned over the American colonies when our charter was signed.

The university’s founding in 1766 confirms its standing as one of America’s nine original colonial colleges. A decade later, as the American Revolution erupted, the college gave itself over to the cause of freedom, as all “who were able to bear arms immediately marched to oppose the enemy.”

The three stars represent the State of New Jersey, the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

The book is a timeless symbol of our enduring commitment to teaching, learning, academic inquiry, and scholarship.



Academic Regalia



The wearing of academic dress dates back to the early days of the oldest universities in the world. In the American Council on Education’s book entitled *American Universities and Colleges*, it is suggested that “Gowns may have been counted necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings frequented by medieval scholars. Hoods seem to have served to cover the tonsured head. . . .”

Throughout the years, European universities have shown great diversity in their academic dress. American universities, on the other hand, when they decided to adopt academic dress, immediately established a code of regulations that today is followed by almost all American institutions. This code has made it possible to distinguish the bachelors, masters, and doctors and, at the same time, recognize the university that has given them the degree.

Gowns: The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The master’s gown, worn open or closed, has oblong sleeves, the front part of which frequently is cut away at the elbow. The doctor’s gown has bell-shaped sleeves. It is worn open or closed.

At Rutgers, members of the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, as well as those who hold a doctoral degree from the university, wear the Rutgers gown, which is scarlet with black velvet front panels framed on the outer edge with gold cord braid. The velvet panels are embroidered with a crown and the year 1766 at the neck, signifying the university’s founding as one of the original colonial colleges under King George III of England.

Hoods: The hoods vary in size: 48 inches for the doctor’s degree, 42 inches for the master’s, and 36 inches for the bachelor’s. All hoods are lined in silk in the academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. If the institution has more than one color, the colors are shown in divisions using chevrons.

Agriculture / <i>Maize</i>	Library Service / <i>Lemon</i>
Arts, Letters, Humanities / <i>White</i>	Medicine / <i>Green</i>
Business Administration, Commerce / <i>Drab</i>	Music / <i>Pink</i>
City and Regional Planning / <i>Brown</i>	Nursing / <i>Apricot</i>
Communication and Information Studies / <i>Gray</i>	Oratory-Speech / <i>Silver Gray</i>
Dentistry / <i>Lilac</i>	Pharmacy / <i>Olive Green</i>
Economics / <i>Copper</i>	Philosophy / <i>Blue</i>
Education / <i>Light Blue</i>	Physical Education / <i>Sage Green</i>
Engineering / <i>Orange</i>	Public Administration / <i>Peacock Blue</i>
Fine Arts, Architecture / <i>Brown</i>	Public Health / <i>Salmon Pink</i>
Human Resources Management / <i>Dusk</i>	Science / <i>Golden Yellow</i>
Journalism / <i>Dark Crimson</i>	Social Service / <i>Citron</i>
Labor and Employment Relations / <i>Peacock Blue</i>	Theology and Divinity / <i>Scarlet</i>
Law / <i>Purple</i>	

The color or colors of the lining of the hood for the nine colonial colleges are: scarlet, Rutgers; crimson, Harvard; green-gold-silver, William and Mary; blue, Yale; red-blue, Pennsylvania; orange-black, Princeton; light blue-white, Columbia; brown, Brown; and green-white, Dartmouth.

Caps: Black mortarboards or soft hats are worn for all degrees. The gold tassel signifies a doctoral degree.

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ON THE BANKS OF THE OLD RARITAN

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:
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.



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