Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Douglass Residential College
The 94th Annual Convocation
Class of 2015

May 16, 2015
Dear Class of 2015,

Congratulations on this momentous occasion, as we celebrate the graduating seniors of Douglass Residential College. It is with pride that I acknowledge your completion of the requirements for your degree and for Douglass.

The Douglass Residential College Class of 2015 represents a group of extraordinarily accomplished young women who will go on to become leaders in the state, the region, and beyond. Indeed, they have already amply demonstrated their ability to achieve. The Douglass Class of 2015 includes the President of the Rutgers University Student Assembly (Kristine Baffo, the first woman and first African-American to hold the position), Miss New Jersey 2014 (Cierra Kaler-Jones), and an elected public official (Francine Glaser), as well as entrepreneurs, students who have completed full-time summer internships in state government, those who have presented at national conferences, and students who have been involved in ground-breaking scientific research—to name just a few. These spectacular women make us all proud. But they represent just some of the most visible achievements of our students here at Douglass.

Wherever I go at Rutgers, and indeed, as I travel through the state of New Jersey, I meet people who compliment me on the quality of Douglass students. I am often told how professional, personable, and well prepared our students are in their classes and when they take part in internships, externships, and paid employment. This makes me swell with pride, for I know myself that you represent the best that Rutgers has to offer.

I am exceedingly gratified to know that our students, who come to us with such potential, have that potential nourished during their time here. Douglass provides the context within which budding women leaders discover their sense of purpose, exercise their talents, hone their skills, become team players, refine their professionalism, and expand their horizons. I am honored and humbled to think that what the deans, staff, alumnai, and outside
partners at Douglass offer to our students is taken up with gusto. As I have charged students with doing so many times before, our Douglass women truly claim their education: refusing to be passive recipients, you take charge of your future during your time here. And you challenge one another in doing so. There is no doubt that in the interaction among peers, you stimulate one another, inspiring, educating, and supporting your sister students. This exemplifies the Douglass community, one in which women help women to achieve their goals and grow as students and as human beings. Once a Douglass Woman, always a Douglass Woman, and always a commitment to raise others up.

It is my hope that your experience here will encourage you to always surround yourself with people of character and commitment and to help others to become such people. I wish for you not only professional success, but the satisfaction that comes from knowing that you have utilized your talents and intellect to further the betterment of the world. Whether in the science lab, the corner office, the medical facility, the classroom, or in your own business, what you will do matters. I know that you have been prepared during your time here to make the most of what comes your way, and that the world will be a better place for it.

As you go today, take with you my congratulations on your many accomplishments, and my wishes for continued growth and success. The future is in your very capable hands.

Jacquelyn Litt
Dean, Douglass Residential College and Douglass Campus
Professor, Departments of Sociology and Women’s and Gender Studies
Rutgers University
Nell Painter (the painter formerly known as the historian Nell Irvin Painter) lives and works in Newark, New Jersey. She believes art should make visual sense but visual sense not only. Using found images and digital manipulation, she reconfigures the past and revisions herself through self-portraits. Her work, therefore, carries meaning that isn’t stable, for the viewer makes meaning as well as the artist.

As a leading historian of the United States, Painter is the Edwards Professor of American History Emerita at Princeton University. A prolific and award-winning scholar, her most recent books are The History of White People (2010), Creating Black Americans: African American History and Its Meanings, 1619 to the Present (2006), and Southern History Across the Color Line (2002). A member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, she has received several honorary degrees and fellowships, including from the Guggenheim Foundation and the American Council of Learned Societies.

Painter earned BFA degree in painting from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers in 2009, and an MFA in painting from the Rhode Island School of Design in 2011. She has held numerous artist residencies, including Yaddo, and was an artist-and-scholar in residence in the Department of African American Studies at Yale University in 2012.

As a public intellectual, Professor Painter is frequently called upon for lectures and interviews on television and film.
Order of Exercises

PROCEDENTIAL
Graduating Class
Platform Dignitaries

Musical Accompaniment: Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar

DEAN’S MESSAGE
Jacquelyn Litt
Dean of the College
Professor, Sociology and Women’s and Gender Studies

WELCOME
Jeanne Fox ’75
President of the Board of Directors
Associate Alumnae of Douglass College

Donna Thornton
Vice President Alumni Relations
Rutgers University Foundation

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING
Cassandra Oliveras-Moreno ’00
Words by James Weldon Johnson
Music by John Rosamond Johnson

CONVOCATION ADDRESS
Nell Irvin Painter
Edwards Professor of American History Emerita, Princeton University

STUDENT ADDRESS
Yamiesha Bell
Class of 2015

SENIOR CLASS TRIBUTE
Kristine Baffo
Class of 2015

SUPERWOMAN
Kaajal Kheny
Class of 2015
by Alicia Keys, Linda Perry, and Steve Mostyn
CONFERRAL OF THE DOUGLASS CERTIFICATE

Karen Alexander
Dean of Junior and Senior Year Programs
Douglass Residential College

Jacquelyn Litt

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES

Lily Young
Provost, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Distinguished Professor, Environmental Sciences

Caprice Jenerson, Esq. ’90
President, Douglass Black Alumnae Network
Associate Alumnae of Douglass College

ALMA MATER

Class of 2015
Music by Nancy Hoffacker Miller ’54
Words by Jean Gruen Munzer ’56

RECESSIONAL

Platform Dignitaries
Graduating Class

Musical Accompaniment: Trumpet Tune in D Major
by Charles John Stanley

COLLEGE GONFALONIERES

New Jersey College for Women Gonfalon
Analee Pattwell

Douglass College Gonfalon
Cierra Kaler-Jones

Douglass Red Pine Gonfalon
Monica A. Valdez

The audience is requested to remain in place until the academic recession has left the field.
Women who are part of Douglass Residential College are enrolled in one of the undergraduate schools at Rutgers, New Brunswick. As several schools are represented, there may be variation in the color and adornment of the graduates’ academic regalia.

Amira Abdelsalam  
Ziyodakhon Abdujabborova  
Sylwia Adamczyk*  
Karen Adjei**  
Claudia Aguilera*  
Raafia Ahmed  
Deepa Ahmed  
Nimah Ahmed  
Zakia Ahmed  
Dolani N. Ajanaku  
Tasleenpal K. Akal  
Nicaela A. Akins  
Jennifer O. Alegun  
Takeerah A. Alford**  
Shaunette Alfred  
Sara F. Alkhalili  
Alaa M. Al-Shujairi  
Teresa Alston*  
Chelsea M. Alvarado  
Pooja S. Amin  
Oluwaseyi O. Amorin  
Kelley L. Anderson**  
Samantha A. Anderson-Blair  
Mitchika B. Andersson**  
Andrea A. Andrews  
Stephanie C. Anike  
Alia Ansari  
Adaugo O. Anusionwu  
Linda U. Anyaduba  
Laura G. Appert  
Ifeoluwa O. Aridegbe  
Ricki N. Arvesen  
Stephany O. Asare  
Suwaiba Z. Asghar  
Melissa Alocha  
Nicole Attar  
Michelle Avelar**  
Kristine Baffo  
Jessica Lynn F. Bagtas  
Carol A. Baillie*  
Sadia Bakht  
Breanna B. Bancheri  
Fullamusu K. Bangura  
Anna S. Barcy  
Andreana S. Barefield  
Jessica M. Barnes  
Sarah T. Baron  
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Mehak Basu  
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Jasmeet K. Bawa  
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Yamiesha Bell  
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Hajer Ben Cheikh  
Gerri L. Benjamin  
Chelsie N. Berg  
Rachel L. Bernstein  
Gabriela Bess  
Aimee K. Bhatia  
Aishwarya Bhattacharjee  
Britney M. Black  
Ariana M. Blake  
Mallory R. Bloom  
Allison Bocchino  
Alexis L. Bolisay  
Sandra T. Bonsu**  
Jeneissa I. Booker  
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Maria Virginia Bosio  
Hannah M. Botjer  
Kaila C. Boulware  
Melissa K. Boyd  
Elizabeth C. Brady*  
Jessica D. Brand  

** Diplomas dated October 2014  
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Theresa Bravo
Diamond A. Brewer
Thalia F. Brito
Holland T. Broadus
Sharina L. Brooks
Lauren M. Broome**
Candice Brown
Sheri L. Brown
Tiara D. Bryant
Kara A. Burdsall*
Casandra M. Burrows
Demi Marie Buscar
Divya Buttan**
Teresa Y. Byon**
Vanessa N. Cadet*
Jessica R. Calabretta
Tanleya Canty
Genesis G. Canuall
Tessa M. Caprio
Lauren Caputo
Geraldine Cardenas
Danielle E. Carroll
Allison R. Casey
Michelle A. Casey
Brillana N. Castillo
Danhilda Castillo*
Jennifer M. Cavanaugh
Dinia V. Cedeno
Petcharat Chaiyaseth
Ashley C. Chan
Florence Chan
Meena Chandrasekar
Evie M. Chavez
Alice Cheng
Szwuan Cheng**
Zinal R. Chhangawala
Julianne Y. Chiaet**
Yun Kyung Choi**
Jeeyoon Chong
Samiah Choudhury**
Chi-ming Chow
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Mercy A. Cobbinah
Angela J. Coccagna
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Gina R. Picciano
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Sarah H. Pike*
Ulker S. Piker
Laura G. Pinto*
Shani Pleasants
Cristina Porzio
Siri Praturi
Shavon Price
Olivia E. Puch
Maria I. Puseljic*
Crystal J. Pyne
Wildani E. Quezada
Candy Quintall
Suleika Y. Quintero*
Samantha M. Radin
Olivia Radziszewska
Dilruba Rahman
Darshana P. Rao*
Yasmin Rastegar
Yesika S. Reyes
Nicole Reynoso
Allison M. Riccardelli**
Kirsten L. Richburg
Brynae H. Riggins
Briana G. Riley
Carolyn Roberts

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Uriah Robinson
Rebekah B. Rodas
Amanda R. Rodriguez-Mammas
Jennifer Rodriguez
Jennifer J. Rodriguez
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Carlett L. Spike
Kelly A. Stanziano
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Chelsea E. Stephens
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Tanisha M. Stoute
Margaret Strakele
Aubrey Stueven

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Douglass congratulates all students who completed their degree work in October 2014 and January 2015 as well as students whose degrees have been completed in May 2015. We welcome students who anticipate completion of their degrees in October 2015 and recognize them individually as part of today’s program.

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Douglass Students Elected to Phi Beta Kappa

Love of wisdom, the guide of life
Motto of the Phi Beta Kappa Society

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most respected undergraduate honors society in the United States. The Society has pursued its mission of fostering and recognizing excellence in the liberal arts and sciences since 1776.

In the Class of 2015
Ziyodakhon Abdujabborova
Alia Ansari
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Nicole Attar
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Hajer Ben Cheikh*
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Madhuri Swarna
Diana L. Torres Pinzon
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Maxine R. Waggenhoffer
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*previously elected
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Recipients of Prizes and Awards

Prizes and awards known as of April 10, 2015

Ziyodakhon Abdujabborova  Janet Duncan Prize for the Outstanding Senior Douglass Scholar*
Deepa Ahmed  Robert Francis and Annette Morey Wagner Memorial Prize*
Carol A. Baillie  Lois Zapolsky Memorial Prize for Outstanding Participation in Sophia Frances Lundy Memorial Prize for a Bunting Student (2014)*
Rachel A. Barnett  Pi Mu Epsilon Award in Mathematics*
Yamiesha Bell  Edele Neilsen Prize in Speech Emily Hickman Award for Contribution to World Understanding The Social Justice Award (2014) *
Allison Bocchino  Cornelison Prize in Classics (2014)
Kaila Boulware  Douglass Residential College Dean’s Award
Petcharat Chaiyaseth  Douglass Residential College Inspiration Award
Robin A. Christmas  Margery Somers Foster Senior Service Award*
Stamatiki S. Clapsis  Douglass Residential College Innovation Award
Lisett Clark  Ruth Crockett Art Prize
Linda J. Cook  Katherine Hazard Prize in Mathematics
Rhonda Coons  Ida Raitano Prize for a Bunting Student
Elizabeth M. Davis  Jeanne Reimer Mancusi-Ungaro Prize for an Outstanding Senior Entering the Health Professions*
Shanequa Evans  Jewel Plummer Cobb Senior Recognition Award for the Outstanding African-American Douglass College Senior*
Elisabeth C. Flinsch  Jennie Hoffman Memorial Prize for Personal Accomplishment*
Francine M. Glaser  Charles and Shirley Weiss Prize for the Best Paper on an Urban Topic (2014)*
Krystal C. Gold  Ida Raitano Prize for a Bunting Student (2014)
Eileen E. Hallman  Cornelison Prize in Classics
Dana Hayes  Cornelison Prize in Classics (2013)
Rebecca L. Joyce  Marjorie Frew Knox Memorial Prize in Biological Science*
Oumou Keita	C. Maxine Vaughters-Summey Prize for an Outstanding Douglass Senior in the EOF Program*
Saniyah Khan	Margery Somers Foster Prize in Economics*
Wilai Kosol	Douglass Residential College Challenge Award
Allison M. Kroeper	Sheila Kelly Hampton Prize for Douglass Leadership*
An N. Le	Phyllis Dunbar Prize in Physical Chemistry*
Victoria Levi	Irene Figarotta Pearse Prize for a Bunting Student*
	New Jersey Daily Newspaper Women’s Prize in Journalism*
Rebecca A. Makulowich	Ernest Thomas Memorial Prize in Shakespeare
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Rose Manning	The Professor Micaela Misiego Prize in Spanish*
Hannah E. McVeigh	Alumnae Prize in Women’s and Gender Studies*
Kelly A. Meier	Sylvia Blacher Karger Memorial Prize in Nutritional Science*
Dori Miller	Ruth Crockett Art Prize
Tracy M. Ng	Gail Pihlblad Commuter Student Life Award (2014)
Hoai Thuong Nguyen	Ida Raitano Prize for a Bunting Student (2013)
Arcadia Lee Papalski	Leah Boddie Award*
Michelle Pasko	Ernest Thomas Memorial Prize in Shakespeare
Laura G. Pinto	Helen Weissberger Prize for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Contribution to the Bunting Program*
Nil Rawal	Phyllis Dunbar Prize in Physical Chemistry*
Lariza M. Rento	Frances Lundy Memorial Prize for a Bunting Student*
Samantha E. Snyder	Helen Prager Miller Prize in History*
Sara R. West	Veronique Henriksen Junior Prize for Academic Achievement (2014)*

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Early in the twentieth century, the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs recognized that there was no public institution in the state offering a four-year college education for women. In 1911, the State Federation began organizing a campaign under the able leadership of Mabel Smith Douglass for such a college. With some assistance from the federal Hughes Act and a subscription of $1.00 each from members of the women’s clubs, in 1918, founder and first dean of the College, Mabel Smith Douglass, opened the doors to the institution she called New Jersey College for Women (N.J.C.).

The first class consisted of 54 students. Sixteen of those students and their counselor resided on the third floor of College Hall. Dean Douglass and her two children lived on the second floor. The first floor was reserved for classrooms, administrative offices, and chapel. The library consisted of 12 books that sat on the Registrar’s desk. Physical Education was mandatory. The property had plenty of room for exercises, games, and sports, but in inclement weather gym classes were conducted on the back porch of College Hall.

A second building was acquired by the College as a gift from Drury Cooper and his wife to Dean Douglass. In recognition of their generosity the building was named Cooper Hall.

In the decade that followed, several Rutgers trustees assisted in the development of the young college. Notable among them were Leonor Loree, Edwin Jameson, and James Neilson. Neilson donated the land that is today occupied by Gibbons Campus, Hickman Hall, and the Arts Complex. Upon his death in 1939, James Neilson left his lovely estate, Wood Lawn, and its three associated buildings as well as much of his land to the College. It is on that land that all of Neilson Campus was built in the early 1960s.

In 1925, Elizabeth Rodman Voorhees, a wealthy and local philanthropist, bequeathed the funds to build a chapel and endow its upkeep. Today the Voorhees Chapel is a distinctive landmark and the site of many College events.

In 1955, N.J.C. changed its name to Douglass College in honor of its founder. In fall 2007, the first students joined the newly established Douglass Residential College, open to all undergraduate women at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.
The wearing of academic dress dates back to the early days of the oldest universities in the world. 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” (American Council on Education, 1997).

Throughout the years European universities have continued to show 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. The establishment of this code has made it possible to distinguish the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctors and at the same time recognize the university that has awarded the degree.

Gowns: The Bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. Master’s gown, worn open or closed, has oblong sleeves, the front part of which frequently is cut away at the elbow. Doctor’s gown has bell-shaped sleeves. It is worn open or closed. Cotton poplin or similar material is used for the Bachelor’s and Master’s degree, and rayon or silk ribbed material is used for the Doctor’s degree.

Hoods: The hoods vary in sizes: 48 inches for the Doctor’s degree, 42 inches for Master’s, and 36 inches for 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. The binding or edge of the hood is usually made of velvet in the color designating the subject in which the degree was granted.

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

Cords: Honor cords may be worn around the neck indicating that the wearer has achieved academic distinction either in a specific discipline or in general academic performance.

Why purple? Some of our students are wearing purple cords today to signify their commitment to leadership during their time at Douglass. Purple is a symbol of women’s advancement and is the color of ribbons worn on International Women’s Day. Originally adopted by suffragists in the United Kingdom at the beginning of the twentieth century, it is also the color worn to promote awareness of domestic violence. Please congratulate all our women leaders, who embody what it means to be agents of change in their communities and the world, and who are instrumental in creating the Douglass Difference.

Women who are part of Douglass Residential College are from all undergraduate schools in Rutgers, New Brunswick. As several schools are represented, there may be variation in the color and adornment of the graduates’ academic regalia.

Below is a list of some of the faculty colors as prescribed by the Intercollegiate Code:

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Gonfalons are flags or banners hung from crosspieces on poles, used since medieval times, particularly in the republics of Italy as symbols of state or office. In recent years, many universities and colleges have adopted gonfalons to increase the ceremonial nature of academic convocations and exercises. Rutgers University first officially displayed unit gonfalons in the 1966 Commencement Convocation celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of its founding.

Douglass Residential College regularly processes or displays three gonfalons on ceremonial occasions, each representing an historical period in the evolution of the college. The gonfalons today are carried by recognized student leaders.

The New Jersey College for Women 1918-1955

The gonfalon has a white field on a black background with the seal of the New Jersey College for Women in scarlet red—the traditional color of the University and the College. The seal as it appears on the NJC gonfalon is actually the version placed in use in 1931, differing slightly from the original designed by the Class of 1922. The motto in Greek is loosely translated as “Wisdom and Self Determination” and the image of a pine tree was incorporated in the original seal. The NJC gonfalon was designed by the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College specifically for the inaugural convocation of Dean Jacquelyn Litt.

Douglass College 1955-2007

The Douglass College gonfalon was designed for the 1966 Rutgers University Commencement convocation. The Douglass College emblem designed for use when the college changed its name is displayed in the chief (upper) compartment of the banner. The vertical stripes represent the degrees awarded—white for the Bachelor of Arts and yellow for the Bachelor of Science—and the scarlet University color.

Douglass Residential College 2007–Present

The simple gonfalon displays the iconic and unique red pine tree designed in 1955 by Professor of Art Robert Bradshaw, representing the unusual pine trees found on the grounds surrounding College Hall. The earliest students asserted that the pine tree was quite naturally accepted as the symbol of the college and that remains true to the current day. The Red Pine gonfalon was first presented at Dean Litt’s inaugural convocation.
Hear our voices, Alma Mater.
Douglass College, hail to thee!
Hearts in song now join together
In a pledge of fealty.
Though our future paths may sever,
Thoughts of golden college days
In our hearts will live forever
As a constant song of praise.