Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick

2016 Baccalaureate Convocation

May 13, 2016
History of the Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick

In June 1984, the Board of Governors recommended the establishment of an upper-division School of Business at Rutgers on the New Brunswick campus, which was formally endorsed by the New Jersey Department of Higher Education effective September 1986. The school offers undergraduate programs in accounting, business analytics and information technology, finance, management, marketing, and supply chain management, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science.

On July 1, 1996, the School of Business joined the Faculty of Management to form a single business school on Rutgers’ northern campuses. The newly formed unit, renamed Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick, with its larger faculty and wide variety of centers, institutes, and programs, provides extensive new opportunities to students enrolled in the undergraduate program in New Brunswick. In fall 2008, the New Brunswick undergraduate unit of the Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick became a four-year program with the admission of the first freshman class.

In August 2013, the Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick moved to its new location, 100 Rockafeller Road, on the Livingston Campus. Known to many as 100 Rock, this building contains state-of-the-art computer and media classroom facilities, technology centers, and multiple team meeting rooms, all dedicated to the exclusive use of Rutgers Business School students. With a commitment to renewable energy, 100 Rock represents the cutting-edge nature of this growing institution.

Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick Gonfalon

The two golden stripes on the Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick gonfalon represent the school’s two undergraduate programs. The center stripe represents its graduate program. The colors of the stripes relate to the hood colors worn by each program’s graduates. The scarlet and black letters in the school’s name and logo represent the colors of the university. Business education at Rutgers can be traced back to 1929, when it was first offered through the Seth Boyden School of Business at Newark.
Program

Processional
Majestic Brass

National Anthem
Zachary Jaffe

Welcome
Himani Malhotra, Vice President
Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick: Undergraduate Program Governing Association

Welcome
Lei Lei, Dean
Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick

Introduction of Guest Speaker
Nishi Jariwala, Treasurer
Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick: Undergraduate Program Governing Association

Convocation Address
Art Certosimo, Vice Chairman and Member of the Board of Advisors
Promontory Interfinancial Network

Thomas H. Mott Award
Janice Park, Secretary
Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick: Undergraduate Program Governing Association

Awards
Martin Markowitz, Senior Associate Dean
Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick: Undergraduate Program
Arjav Raol, President and
Amelia DeSantis, Senior Vice President
Delta Sigma Pi

Farewell Address
Serena Badro, President
Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick: Undergraduate Program Governing Association

Presentation of 2016 Candidates
Martin Markowitz, Senior Associate Dean
Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick: Undergraduate Program

Tassel Ceremony
Martin Markowitz, Senior Associate Dean
Rutgers Business School-New Brunswick: Undergraduate Program

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Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

October 2015

Sarah H. Alvi 1
Sonia D. Amladi
Adnan Ashraf
Edward G. Bowman
Freda H. Chuang
Giovanni I. Ciraulo 3
Anthony G. Cuzzola
G. Bjorn F. Delacruz
Daniel K. English
Natalie G. Fernandez *
Saloni Gupta 1 *
Carmen L. Hartley
Alexander S. Haupa
Kenny Ho
Ali J. Husnain
Arun M. Jayakumar
Yanqua Jensen
Wei Jiang
Grace Lee
Jaekyoung Lim

Michele Lin
Kevin M. Mayaka
Rina G. Mody
Dennis E. Murphy
Akshar Patel
Bryan Picado
Matthew C. Pietrafitta
Yadira L. Santana 2 *
Dae Young Shim
Idan Shuminer
Nicholas J. Spuler
Michael P. Stimmel 3
Ryan D. Sullivan
Karanjeet Suri
Wanjing Wang 2 *
Tyler M. Wasserman
Michael N. Weiner
Tanasia S. Wilson
John B. Wingate

January 2016

Roshad A. Barnes
Bumbayar Batyeruult 3
Mehdi Benkabbou 3 *
Alexandra L. Blass
Nazariy Bobelyak 2 *
Konrad R. Budny 1 *
Wesan Chang
Yu-Huan Chen
Lauren E. Chinagliia
Tzu-Jou Chiu
Kristopher Choi
Kwansik Choo
Anthony L. Cicchella
Dane R. Corpion
Christopher M. Czapla
Meredith P. Defazio 2 *
Lauren M. Derusso
Neil Desai
Michael T. Doran 2 * *

Christina Duncan
Fatima Elzahy
Dean L. Flamio
Henry Flores
Timothy M. Fong
Szu-Wei Fu
Nicholas A. Fuzer 3 * *
Jeremy H. Gabilanes 1 * *
Cosmo J. Giancaspro 3
Paul F. Giannoglou
Jonathan D. Gillespie 3 *
Kristina Godich 3
Alex K. Gu
Jiajun Guo
Katia Hammadi 3 *
Justin T. Harnett 3 *
Heba M. Hassan
Mitchell Healy 3 * *
Danielle Hoshia 2 *
Cecilia Im
Nicole Imbriaco 1 * * *
Panagioti Isihos
George M. Iskaros 3 *
Matthew J. Jannone 2 *
Muhammad Z. Javaid
Jason D. Kancylarz 1 *
Christopher A. Kehglian 2 *
Caitlin E. Kennedy
Adil Mir Khan
Hafsa Khan
Dong Eun Kim 3
Byung Bo Kim
Mariae Y. Kim
Kevin W. Koo
Jasmine Kumar
Leslie Y. Won
Yiman Li 3 *
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Sarah G. Luo
Kyle M. Lurski 3
Nikita Matta
Alexander J. Mccullough
Michael J. Miglierino 3 *
Christopher J. Mottes * *
Paul J. Munnelly
William F. O’Brien 2 *
Daniel B. Ogulluk 3 *
Fiona H. Pan
Tae-Yong Park
Anand Patel
Matthew Pflanzer 3 *
Vincent P. Piro
Namrata Pugalia
Mehak Raza 3 * *
Briana V. Reiner 3 *
Marly C. Relato
Gabrielle N. Ricci
Gabriel Rivero
Mikhail Romanov 2 *
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Yevgeniy Sazanov
Tiffany N. Schenberger
Mit C. Shah
Alexander R. Shvarts
Annaliza M. Sison 3
John P. Spielman
Anna Stolina
Dylan E. Triggs
Irma Tsintsadze
Siyu Tu 3
Yogesh Tuteja
Is Ulaj
Rosemary Urteaga
Kelvin Veras
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Hui T. Xuan
Nancy Yang
Jiaxi Ye ∞
Alyssa M. Zaremba 3
Cuiwen Zhang
Julius Zhu

May 2016

Ahsan Abbasi 3
Sean N. Accorsi 2
Paula L. Adamska 1 * * *
Jennifer Aguiar
Benjamin J. Ahdout 3
Patrick J. Ahn
Ambiah Akbar
Orcun Alacam
Sherry M. Alejandro
Thomas R. Alliegro 3 *
Christopher T. Amato
Birju B. Amin
Nana K. Appiah ∞
Het A. Asarawala
Asad M. Asif
Marcell G. Atmaja 3 *
Kenneth J. Avery
James Avraamides
Kristy A. Bachman
Serena M. Badro
Yuqing Bai
Arjun Bains 1 *
Alissa Bang 2  *  *  *
Ruxandra Barbu
Faraz Barkat 3
Gioacchino A. Bartolotta 1  *  *
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Sidharth Bedi
Patrick J. Bender
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Kristen E. Beres
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Aliza E. Bernstein 1  *
Sai S. Bhandari
Roma D. Bhatt 2  *
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Alison H. Billet
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Adriana M. Bojcev 1  *
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Laura L. Borton 1  *  *  *
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Brianna G. Brothers
Ashley L. Brown 2  *
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Kevin M. Castillo 3
Kayla A. Cedillos 3
Rani A. Chacko 3  *
Ankur Chadha 3  *
Tiffany Chan
Sahil Chandiramani
Shiva Chandra 2  *
Meena Chandrasekar 2  *
Carina Chang
Donald Chao 5
Saira B. Chavez 3  *
Daniel Chen
Jordan Chen 3
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Sarah Chen
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Saikiran Chilukamari 3  *  *
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Mounika Chinta 3  *
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Eunhye Choi
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David Dahan 3  *
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Amelia A. Desantis
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Kirill Lebedev
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James Lee
Jason M. Lee
Zhi Yun Lee
Dylan M. Levine
Alec J. Levinson
Leidy J. Leyva
Alice M. Li
Bohan Li
Michael Li
Sirui Li
Yin Li
Yitong Li
Louis J. Liang
Amanda C. Licciardi
Andres S. Lima
Ali Lin
Jeffrey K. Lin
Sophia Lin
Tony Lin
Christopher S. Liu
Mandy I. Liu
Melissa H. Liu
Tracy Liu
Xinhe Liu
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Alicia Lu
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Nicholas P. Lui
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Srividy Malladi
Alexander M. Malveaux
Farhan A. Mamun
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Zoe C. Richman ³
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Cheran A. Rollins ² *
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James P. Rossettie
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Omar Salim
Margherita Salina
Dylan J. Samuel
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Thomas J. Sandler
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Vladyslav Savin
Marissa H. Schefflan ² * *
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Matthew G. Schneier
Natacha V. Schroeder
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George Senter ¹ * *
Michael S. Shafran
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Ankit Y. Shah ¹ *
David K. Shah
Dhruv D. Shah ² *
Harsh D. Shah ³
Kaivanna M. Shah ³ *
Paras S. Shah ² * *
Aaron Shapiro
Thomas A. Shaughnessy
Nouran Shehata
Kimberly Shiao ² *
Christine S. Sidhom ³ *
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Sean M. Sondermann
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Shaquille D. Spann
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Alexander Stefy
Alisha C. Stever ³ *
Samantha J. Stoll
Felipe Stoyne
Gabriel Sturzoiu ³
Rishab R. Sud
Chantal F. Supardi ² *
Brennawan Surendran ∞
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Ameen Syed ² * *
Ryan C. Szemple ³ *
Matthew J. Szkaradnik
Rendell Tababan
Kelsey N. Talmadge
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Wilson Tang ³ *
Zi Ying Tang ² *
Vandita Tejwani ³ *
Michelle Teng ³
Susan Teplinsky
Yuting Tong
Stephanie R. Torres
Frank J. Toth
Andrew Tran ³
Justin Trembley ² *
Alec M. Tripodi
Katherine L. Trumbour ³
David Tsai
Rebecca Tung
Joseph E. Ugarte ∞
Stephanie Urresty ² *
Nicole Vaknin ² *
Giovanni S. Valle*
Sarat K. Varanasi
Anil V. Vegesna 3 *
Jaimin N. Vekaria
Jennifer R. Velasquez
Zoesively J. Velasquez
Carlos M. Velez
Ricardo J. Vera 3
Brian M. Verbitski 2 *
Akhshita Verma
Kruthika Vijay
Danielle Violette-Birnberg 3
Vidyha Viswanathan
Alec R. Waksman
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George Wang 3 *
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Aaron D. Weber
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Mayank Yadav ∞
Yuetong Yan
Andrew Yang
Eric Yang
Jason Yang 2 * ∞
Jason Yeung 3 *
James Yim
Austin K. Yip 2 *
Wenrui You 2 *
Erica Young
Arifa Yousafzai
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Yuwen Yuan
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Zainab Zaman 3
Jennifer J. Zee
Andrew Y. Zhang
Christie Y. Zhang
Cynthia W. Zhang
Jingwei Zhang
Mengchen Zhang ∞
Ray Y. Zhang 2 * *
Yulan Zhang 3 *
Yunqian Zhang 1 * ∞
Karen M. Zhao
Lisa Zheng 3 *
Allen Zhitomir
Meihan Zhou

1 Summa Cum Laude
2 Magna Cum Laude
3 Cum Laude
* Departmental Honors
** Departmental High Honors
*** Departmental Highest Honors
∞ Beta Alpha Psi

All honors designations are based on GPAs as of the end of the fall 2015 semester.
Departmental Outstanding Achievement Awards

These awards are given each year by the faculty of the Rutgers Business School Newark and New Brunswick to the students demonstrating outstanding achievement in their major.

Accounting ................................................................. Laura Borton

BAIT ............................................................................ Aaron Rosenheck

Finance ................................................................. Vikram Kesavabhotla

Management .................................................. Paula Adamska

Marketing .............................................................. Michael Pavlo

Supply Chain Management ........................................ Kimberly Shiao

Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key

Delta Sigma Pi is a professional business fraternity that prepares business students for successful professional careers, but also instills values of service and principled leadership that characterize Deltasigs in all phases of life. With more than 260,000 pledges, members make a difference in their workplaces and communities throughout the United States and around the world.

Since 1912 the Delta Sigma Pi Scholarship Key has been awarded annually at each college or university where the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi maintains an active chapter. The Key is presented to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average in the School of Business or its equivalent.

Presented to:

Bryan Lanza
Nishi Jariwala
2016 Dean’s Distinguished Leadership Award

The Dean’s Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes one student leader each year who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, service to RBS and leadership potential. Following tradition, the name of the recipient is engraved onto the Rutgers Business School Brass Bell. This bell is rung six times at University Commencement, symbolizing the number of degree programs in the Rutgers Business School.

Presented to:
Melissa Diep

Rutgers Business School Notable Senior Honor

The Rutgers Business School Notable Senior Honor is awarded by the Undergraduate Programs Office to graduating seniors who demonstrate excellence in service, community building, and dedication to the RBS community. Students chosen for this award are distinguished examples of well-rounded individuals who have exceeded expectations in their commitment to the university. Throughout their undergraduate careers, they have offered noteworthy contributions to the Rutgers Business School community and brought positive recognition to the RBS name.

Presented to:
Kelley Groh
Eunice Shu Mean Kok
Yuliya Prots
Beta Gamma Sigma Inductees Class of 2016

Sean Accorsi
Paula Adamska
Arjun Bains
Alissa Bang
Gioacchino Bartolotta
Adriana Bojcev
Siobhan Brooker
Konrad Budny
Kathreen-Marie Capiral
Meena Chandrasekar
Jialiang Cui
Samantha Cuttrell
Meredith Defazio
Leanora Drumm
Jeremy Gabilanes
Rudra Ghosh
Jaskamal Gill
Raghav Gupta
Justin Harnett
Mitchell Healy
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Siwen Huang
Nicole Imbriaco
Michael Ingrassia
Nishi Jariwala
Norbert Judkowiak
Monika Juzwiak
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Joseph Lomenzo
Taylor Londino
Clement Lue
Matthew Lyna
Mitchell Mathern
Tomas McCullough
Madison Miranda
Kathrina Morozewicz
Jason Nissenblatt
Hanish Patel
Bansi Patel
Saumya Patel
Caroline Paterno
Michael Pavlo
Rafael Perez
Riley Phillips
Taylor Pojero
Yuliya Prots
Shriya Puri
Arjav Raol
Michelle Senia
George Senter
Paras Shah
Oxana Stasyuk
Ryan Szemple
Manav Trivedi
Danielle Violette-Birnberg
Shen Wang
Ka Wong
Hongshen Xia
Xinyuan Xu
Lei Zhang
Ray Zhang
Art is presently Vice Chairman and a member of the Board of Advisors of Promontory Interfinancial Network, the leading provider of FDIC-insured deposit placement services. PIN offers Bank Assetpoint®, Residential Mortgage Network, ICS®, CDARS®, IND®, and Yankee Sweep® services that enable banks and other financial institutions to connect with buyers and sellers of bank assets, replace higher-cost funding and/or repurpose collateral, and manage liquidity. He is also an active member of the Board of Directors for South Street Securities, a FINRA member broker/dealer primarily focused on the financing of a matched book of US Government and Agency Repurchase (REPO) Agreements.

Art retired from Bank of New York Mellon in December 2014 as a member of the Executive Committee and Operating Committee of the Company and as Senior Executive Vice President and CEO of Global Markets, leading the company’s foreign exchange, capital markets and derivatives trading businesses worldwide. Prior to this role, Art served as Chief Executive Officer of Alternative, Broker-Dealer and the Treasury Clearance Groups. Before joining The Bank of New York in 1998, Art was a principal of Morgan Stanley Asset Management (MSAM). Prior to this, he was a vice president at The Chase Manhattan Bank’s Global Investor Services group.

During his 36 year career in International Banking, Art served on a number of boards and committees dedicated to delivering actionable solutions to issues facing the financial services industry. Among them: he was the lead director of the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC), a director of the International Derivatives Clearing Group (IDCG), a member of the Treasury Market Practices Group (TMPG), the Tri-party Repurchase agreement Infrastructure Task Force formed by the Federal Reserve Payments System Risk (PSR) Committee, The Industry Working Group on Payments System Risk Policy Change, and The NewBank Working Group.

Art is the Chairman of the Board of Advisors of Rutgers Business School, Vice Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Rutgers Foundation, a Board member of the National Italian American Foundation and is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service.

Art holds a B.A. in Business Administration from Rutgers College at Rutgers University and an M.B.A from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He lives in Rutherford New Jersey with his wife Terry and has two children, Matthew and Cara.
CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2016!

Welcome to the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA), the universitywide alumni organization that all Rutgers graduates are members of—for free, for life! You are joining a powerful network of more than 470,000 alumni worldwide, a legion of scarlet enthusiasts who have shared many of the same experiences and traditions that have made your time at Rutgers memorable.

As you embark on this new chapter in your life, the RUAA website and social media channels will help you stay connected with your Rutgers family. Make sure to update your information at RAlumni.com/NewGrads16 to have access to networking events, social outings, exclusive discounts, career resources, volunteer opportunities, and many diverse alumni groups across the United States and abroad.

For 250 years, Rutgers has been revolutionary, and you and your fellow alumni embody that revolutionary spirit. Congratulations on this momentous achievement and welcome to the RUAA!

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Your Rutgers experience does not end today. You are Scarlet Forever™.