



# *Convocation*

*of the*

*Edward J. Bloustein School  
of Planning and Public Policy*

*Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey*



*Saturday, May 13, 2023*

*10:00 A.M.*

*Jersey Mike's Arena  
83 Rockefeller Road Piscataway, New Jersey*

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“It is a commonplace of educational philosophy that a university, especially a major state university, should encourage the application of knowledge to social purpose. It is in this process of public policy analysis that the resources of higher education can be invaluable. . . .”

**Edward J. Bloustein**

President

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

1971-1989

*As a courtesy to our graduates and other guests, we request that all cell phones be turned off during the ceremony.*

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# *The Order of Events*

*Dean Stuart Shapiro, presiding*

Processional and The National Anthem

“On the Banks of the Old Raritan”—Rutgers Alma Mater

Opening of the Ceremony

Stuart Shapiro  
*Dean and Professor*

Presentation of Undergraduate Awards

Associate Professor Julia Sass Rubin  
*Associate Dean of Academic Programs  
Director, Program in Public Policy*

Presentation of Graduate Awards

Associate Professor Julia Sass Rubin  
*Associate Dean of Academic Programs  
Director, Program in Public Policy*  
Professor Kathe Newman  
*Director, Program in Urban Planning*  
Associate Professor of Practice Jim Samuel  
*Director, Program in Urban Informatics*  
Professor Ellen Kurtzman  
*Director, Program in Health Administration*

Recognition of Doctoral Candidates

Associate Professor Michael Smart  
*Director, Doctoral Program,  
Planning and Public Policy*

Graduation Remarks — Graduate Representative

Neha Saju  
*Master of Public Policy*

Graduation Remarks — Undergraduate Representative

Nina Gohel  
*Bachelor of Arts, Planning Public Policy*

Conferring of Degrees

Dean Stuart Shapiro  
Professor Kathe Newman  
Professor Julia Sass Rubin  
Professor Jim Samuel  
Professor Ellen Kurtzman  
Assistant Dean Christina Torian  
Assistant Dean Stephen Weston

Presentation of Graduates

Dean Shapiro

Recessional

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## EDWARD J. BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC POLICY

### *Mission Statement*

**The mission of the Bloustein School is to create just, socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable and healthy local, national and global communities.**

The Bloustein School seeks to improve our increasingly urbanized and interconnected world by exploring planning approaches and public policy solutions that are healthier, greener, fairer, and generate greater prosperity than do current practices. It pursues equitable and efficient solutions to public problems at multiple levels from the global to the local and emphasizes the professional perspectives of urban planning, public policy, public health and health administration. Within each of these domains, the school advances its aspiration to be a global leader in teaching, research, and service by engaging society's challenges with focused programs that align current strengths with emerging needs. Its mission includes:

- Solving public problems through constructive engagement of governmental, private, and non-profit actors;
- Addressing the challenge of urbanization in its various global manifestations;
- Serving New Jersey's need for a rigorous and engaging public policy forum; and
- Preparing students for rewarding professional careers in public service.

The Bloustein ethic engages those who do their jobs not just honorably, but with a passion for their work that alters their surroundings. The Bloustein School seeks to foster new research and thinking that achieve both scholarly recognition and public acceptance.

Edward J. Bloustein — Rutgers president, constitutional scholar, active citizen, philosopher, and teacher — lived a life of civic engagement that the school's ethic seeks to perpetuate. Research, teaching, and outreach at the Bloustein School aim for intellectual originality and practical rigor in an atmosphere of spirited and open debate. Bloustein activities are rooted in diversity of experience and thought. They create settings where individuals and communities can flourish and strive to improve the quality of public discourse by producing ideas and measures that have impact.

### *Bloustein School Administration*

Stuart Shapiro, *Dean and Professor*

Clinton Andrews, *Associate Dean for Research and Professor*

Theresa Kirby, *Associate Dean of Administration*

Robert Noland, *Associate Dean of Faculty and Distinguished Professor*

Julia Sass Rubin, *Associate Dean of Academic Programs; Director, Program in Public Policy; Associate Professor*

Ellen Kurtzman, *Director, Program in Health Administration and Professor*

Kathe Newman, *Director, Program in Urban Planning and Policy Development and Professor*

Jim Samuel, *Director, Program in Public Informatics and Associate Professor of Practice*

Michael Smart, *Director, Doctoral Program in Planning and Public Policy and Professor*

Patricia O'Brien-Richardson, *Chief Officer, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Associate Teaching Professor*

Amana Kaskazi, *Assistant Director for Assessment and Accreditation*

Christina Torian, *Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education*

Stephen D. Weston, *Assistant Dean for Academic Administration*

Lynn Astorga, *Director of Student Recruitment and Adjunct Faculty*

Cheryl Egan, *Career Management Specialist*

Andrea Garrido, *Career Management Specialist*

Courtney Culler, *Associate Director for Graduate Student Services*

Greg Marrero, *Student Counselor, Graduate Student Services*

Natashia Huff, *Student Counselor, Undergraduate Student Services*

Alicia Nesser, *Student Counselor, Undergraduate Student Services*

Jessica Reyes, *Student Counselor, Undergraduate Student Services*

Marie O'Brien, *Administrative Assistant, Student Services*

Karyn Olsen, *Director, Communications, Marketing & Public Relations*

Tamara Swedberg, *Communications, Social Media, and Website Specialist*

Janet Cole, *Director of Development*

Madison Welch, *Alumni and Development Specialist*

Amy E. Cobb, *Director of Engagement and Special Projects*

Thomas W. Calhoun, *Operations Supervisor, Civic Square Building*

Martin O'Reilly, *Director of Information Technology Services*

Joseph Abraham, *Unit Computing Manager*

Michael Samman, *Lead Instructional Designer*

Robert Urbanowicz, *Systems Administrator*

Katie Cung, *Assistant to the Dean*

Claire Padovano, *Program Coordinator, Academic Program Support*

Madelaine Corcoran, *Director, Business Services and Human Resources*

Keri Ferreira, *Department Administrator*

Olufunke Odukoya, *Business Manager*

Stephanie Kose-Crozier, *Business Specialist*

Vivian Percoco, *Office Assistant*

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## *Degree Programs*

Doctor of Philosophy in Planning and Public Policy %  
Master of City and Regional Planning (*two-year program*)  
Master of City and Regional Studies (*one-year program*)  
Master of Health Administration (*traditional 2-year program*)  
Master of Health Administration (*executive 18-month program*)  
Master of Public Policy (*two-year program*)  
Master of Public Affairs and Politics (*one-year program*)  
Master of Public Informatics  
Bachelor of Science in Health Administration # \*  
Bachelor of Arts in Planning and Public Policy # \*  
Bachelor of Science in Public Health # \*  
Bachelor of Science in Public Policy # \*  
Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning and Design # \*

Concentrations and professional joint-degree programs in  
business, law, public health, global affairs, and infrastructure planning.

*% degree awarded by the Rutgers School of Graduate Studies*

*# direct admit degree awarded solely by the Edward J. Bloustein School*

*\* degree jointly awarded with Rutgers–New Brunswick undergraduate schools*

## *Research Centers, Institutes, & Initiatives*

Bloustein Center for Survey Research

Center for Urban Policy Research

- Bloustein Local Government Research Center
- Environmental Analysis and Communications Group
- Planning Healthy Communities Initiative
- R/ECON Forecasting Service
- Rutgers Center for Green Building
- Sustainable Raritan River

John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development

New Jersey State Policy Lab

- Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center

- National Transit Institute
- New Jersey Travel Independence Program (NJTIP @ Rutgers)

Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement

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# Candidates for Graduate Degrees

As of May 1, 2023

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.)

OFFERED THROUGH RUTGERS SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Sergei Kostiaev †  
Pranay Kumar  
Jaekyeong Kwon

Wei San Loh  
Ahmer Qadeer %  
Edrice Robinson-Wyatt  
Stephanie Lynn Walsh

Ellen Oettinger White  
Ye Yao †  
Corey R. Yemen

## MASTER OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING (M.C.R.P.)

Shahan Ahmed  
Jared Aisenberg \* 🚗  
Sanjana Arunachalam  
Alexander James Bahls \*  
Martín Israel Balcázar  
Kathryn Mary Balitsos  
Debjit Banerjee % \* # 🚗  
Kenar Tyrell Bannister  
Sofia Gabriela Barandiaran  
Jessica Barnea  
Rodas Dubie Bekele \*  
Madison Paige Biasin \*  
Jonathan Francisco Bonilla  
Samuel Brasher Burtnick RE  
Owen C. Calvert  
Shi Chen 🚗  
Alexander Christopher Ciorlian  
Matthew Raymond Coletta  
Erica Copeland \*  
Joshua Erik Croom  
Kyle George Cruz  
Hanah Elisabeth Davenport  
William Jesse Downie \*  
Jonathan Taylor Eagle  
Marziya Farooq \*  
Andrew Harrison Farquhar \* 🚗  
Paul Jarrett Flanagan \* 🚗  
Daniel Sovereign Gilkeson \*  
Benjamin Goldberg \*  
Wyatt Stryker Grant  
Mila Kristel Hamilton  
Corey William Hannigan \*

Colin Reed Harrington 🚗  
Eric Paul Harris  
Maxwell Holperin \*  
Surya Susan Jacob % RE  
Tianrun Jiang #  
Shiya J. Kallickal  
Wael Robert Kanj % \*  
Lalithanjali Kesava Pillai \*  
Theint Thandar Ko  
Vineesh Das Kodakkandathil \*  
Jepchumba Jepchirchir Koech \*  
Zachary Cole Kourgialis  
Taylor Iman Latimer  
Hyojin Lee @ ^ PI  
Ziwei Liu  
Divya Mahadevan  
Nihar Ganesh Mhatre  
James Daniel Miller  
Kedar Nagarajan  
Astha Negi 🚗  
Monika Pal 🚗 \* PI  
Min-Jae Park  
Dillan Patel \*  
Hitesh Ganesh Patil %  
Falaknaaz Aslam Patni  
Benjamin Paul \*  
Earl Reed Pearson Jr  
Sophia Elisabeth Pereira \*  
Jackson Duggan Pierce  
Alexandra Elisabeth Purvis-Smith \*  
Bhumika Raj  
Rithikha Rajamohan

Nikhil Ramachandran \*  
Mihir Kumar Rastogi @ 🕒  
Justine Angela Bernal Recio † \*  
Anuka Teja Reddy \*  
Collin Rieger RE  
Jada Jasmine Ross  
Celeste Eva Royo-Schottland \*  
Kelvin Maurice Russell  
Kiara Ryan  
Prateeksha Sehgal \*  
Dhruvi Dipesh Shah  
Olivia Falchi Simpson \*  
John Fidel Klarke Smith  
Smriti  
Michele E. Snyder  
Young-Jae Peter Son  
Timothy Patrick Staub  
Kevin J. Stephens RE  
Bailey Christopher Surbrook \*  
Moirá Sweeder CRR  
Samantha M. Thomas  
Max Seiter Toth \*  
Ngawang Tshomo \* PI PP  
Andrew J. Valcarcel RE  
Sri Akshita Velpuru  
Nilay Mahendra Vinchhi  
Samuel Micah Waldorf \*  
Marius R.L. Williams  
Xuédi Yán #  
Jeffrey Eng Young \*  
Yarden Zamir \*  
Lydia Zoe %

## MASTER OF CITY AND REGIONAL STUDIES (M.C.R.S.)

Wooyeol Baek %  
Eunsun Choe %  
Seong Wook Hong %

Youngkwan Kim % \*  
Youngseok Kim %  
Boram Lee % \*  
Kihyun Lee %

Je Young Oh @  
Sungjoon Park %  
Navnit Sourirajan \*  
Haegil Yang % \*

@ August 2022  
† October 2022 Graduate  
% January 2023 Graduate

^ Dual MPP-MCRP degree  
# Dual MCRP-MPI degree  
CRR Certificate in Coastal Climate Risk  
and Resilience  
🕒 Certificate in Geospatial Information  
Science

UPD Upsilon Phi Delta Honorary  
PAA Pi Alpha Alpha Honorary

PI Certificate in Public and Urban  
Informatics  
PP Certificate in Public Policy  
RE Certificate in Real Estate Development  
and Redevelopment  
🚗 Certificate in Transportation Studies

\* Academic Honors

# Candidates for Graduate Degrees

As of May 1, 2023

## MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (M.P.P.)

Qudry Lawal Adeyanju  
Serwaa Akoto  
Ahmed Bajwa  
Gerardo Humberto Benavides <sup>PI</sup>  
Abigail Lindsay Brown \*  
Amanda Kirsten Bruce  
Noah Henry Callahan  
Aaron A. Cornell  
Linda Flores  
Anna Huber Heckler  
Amanda Catherine Hinton \*

Naomi Hogan  
Jeffrey Lai  
Hyojin Lee @ <sup>^ PI</sup>  
Grace E. Maruska \* <sup>PAA</sup>  
Camryn Paige Mathews \*  
Carly Stephanie Mihovich \*  
Iman Mustafa  
Daniel Thomas Nelson  
Mylena Resende-Guimaraes  
Chelsie Riche \*

Elaine Elizabeth Rickards  
Neha Saju <sup>PAA</sup>  
Laura Elizabeth Sandoval <sup>%</sup>  
Jennifer Chase Spiegel \* <sup>PI PAA</sup>  
Arslan Tariq  
Cristina Toppin \*  
Isaac Alejandro Velez  
Ian Carlo Vlahović \* <sup>PAA</sup>  
Ezekyel Weston  
Ahmad Salman Zafar  
Fralinda Tenneh Zazay <sup>PAA</sup>

## MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND POLITICS (M.P.A.P.)

Peter John Barnes @  
Kyoungjae Choi <sup>% \*</sup>  
Alison Elizabeth Fetten

Minsu Han <sup>%</sup>  
Daeyoung Kim <sup>% \*</sup>

Seung Woo Lee <sup>% \*</sup>  
Yunkyoung Lee <sup>%</sup>  
Guy Yedwab <sup>%</sup>

## MASTER OF PUBLIC INFORMATICS (M.P.I.)

Debjit Banerjee <sup>% \* #</sup>  
Jessica Marie Cruz-Nagoski <sup>%</sup>  
Ali Jan <sup>% \*</sup>

Tianrun Jiang <sup>#</sup>  
Dayvonn Isaiah Jones <sup>%</sup>  
Raj Divyang Parikh <sup>% \*</sup>  
Elana Rachel Simon <sup>% \*</sup>

Prabhsimran Singh  
Dillon Alec Turner <sup>% \*</sup>  
Xuédi Yán <sup>#</sup>

## MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (M.H.A.)

Latash J. Adams-Graham <sup>% \* UPD</sup>  
Eva Maria Bautista @  
Jodi Leigh Bischoff @ <sup>\* UPD</sup>  
Amarnath Bodempudi  
Kaitlyn Joyce Callahan <sup>% \* UPD</sup>  
Maidah Chaudhry  
Allie Chu  
McKenzie Taylor Cooper <sup>\* UPD</sup>  
Brendan John Curry  
Aariel Sandra Denny  
Aditi Dogra @ <sup>\* UPD</sup>  
Francesca P. Ferrari  
Gayathri Ganesan  
Maria Rita Karen Genovese <sup>% \* UPD</sup>  
Sukhvir Singh Gill @ <sup>\* UPD</sup>  
Anjali V. Goswami  
Agnes Matlebjane Green  
Julia Mary Grimley  
Melany Nicole Guzman <sup>% \* UPD</sup>  
Tyler Henderson <sup>%</sup>  
Laura Neomi Hernandez <sup>%</sup>  
Marsha Melissa Hilton <sup>%</sup>  
Kelly Ronette Hollis

Brooke Iarkowski @  
Cynthia Marie James <sup>%</sup>  
Jihane Rachel Jean-Pierre †  
René Olivia Johnson  
Jitty Joseph  
Chanpreet Kaur  
Jasmeet Kaur <sup>%</sup>  
Samantha Kral <sup>%</sup>  
Judy Y. Lee  
Julie Tun-Fang Lin <sup>%</sup>  
Saga M. Magzoub @  
Hannah Pearl Maisel  
Kathleen Elizabeth McCarty <sup>%</sup>  
William Michael McClew <sup>%</sup>  
Enid Eileen Moore <sup>%</sup>  
Hari Nagasamudra <sup>%</sup>  
Erica Nebedum  
Ora Z. Novick <sup>%</sup>  
Elizabeth O'Callaghan <sup>% \* UPD</sup>  
Sara Omar  
Ndidi Nwakaego Osian †  
Ayushi Rajendrakumar Pandya <sup>\* UPD</sup>  
Twinkle V. Parikh <sup>%</sup>  
Bijal Patel

Janvi Rakesh Patel  
Nidhi Sanjay Patel  
Shivam C. Patel  
Jacintha Jasmine Peram <sup>%</sup>  
Melba C. Petteway <sup>% \* UPD</sup>  
Brandon Isiah Pollard <sup>%</sup>  
Matthew Lyle David Prewitt <sup>%</sup>  
Melisa N. Rayvid <sup>%</sup>  
Edgar Jonathan Romero  
Hetvi Manishkumar Shah <sup>% \* UPD</sup>  
Rajisha Pankaj Shah  
Vishva Mehul Shah  
Maria Danielle Shindler <sup>%</sup>  
Flavia Renita Smith <sup>%</sup>  
Ali Soban @  
Qazi Daniyal Tariq @  
Hira Tassarar  
Sumy Tharakan <sup>%</sup>  
Fiorella Vera Saldaña <sup>% \* UPD</sup>  
Anuragdeep Kaur Virk <sup>% \* UPD</sup>  
Patrick James Walsh @ <sup>\* UPD</sup>  
Tyler Jordan Wilson <sup>%</sup>  
Atacan Zeran

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## *Graduate Awards, Endowed Awards, and Fellowships, 2022-23*

### **Outstanding Student Academic Achievement Awards**

*Awarded to the student in each program achieving the highest caliber of academic excellence*

DILLAN PATEL, ERICA COPELAND — URBAN PLANNING

JITTY JOSEPH — HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

RAJ DIVYANG PARIKH — PUBLIC INFORMATICS

### **Outstanding Student Service Awards**

*Awarded to the student in each program who has demonstrated significant and positive contributions to the school and community during their time as a graduate student*

CARLY STEPHANIE MIHOVICH, JENNIFER CHASE SPIEGEL, CRISTINA TOPPIN — PUBLIC POLICY

FALAKNAAZ ASLAM PATNI — URBAN PLANNING

RAJISHA PANKAJ SHAH — HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

PRABHSIMRAN SINGH — PUBLIC INFORMATICS

### **Outstanding AICP Planning Student Award**

*Awarded by the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association's professional institute, in recognition of outstanding achievement in the study of planning.*

JARED AISENBERG

### **Susan S. Fainstein Distinguished Doctoral Scholarship Award**

*Awarded for outstanding scholarship and excellence in doctoral research in the tradition established by Susan S. Fainstein during her distinguished career as Graduate Director and Director of the Doctoral Program at the Bloustein School.*

ELLEN OTTINGER WHITE

### **Donald A. Krueckeberg Endowed Memorial Scholarship**

*Awarded to a full-time student enrolled as in the Ph.D. Program in Planning and Public Policy, and whose research, academic and professional career goals best exemplify Professor Krueckeberg's enthusiasm and pursuit of professional and academic excellence.*

ANGELA JOHNSON-RODRIGUEZ

## *Rutgers University and External Student Awards/Fellowships, 2022-23*

### **Paul Robeson Renaissance Award**

*Recipients have exemplified the principles to which Rutgers graduate Paul Robeson devoted his life: scholarship, humanitarianism, advocacy, athleticism, and artistry while practicing the inclusive approach to diversity that the University holds as a core value.*

MADISON MENKEVICH, MPP/MPH

### **Rutgers School of Graduate Studies Outstanding Doctoral Student Award**

*Recognizes excellence in doctoral research and scholarship across all disciplines at Rutgers University as well as the importance of research to a given field of study and a track record of academic and professional excellence.*

STEPHANIE LYNN WALSH

### **New Jersey Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (APSA)**

**Public Administration Student of the Year Award**

CHELSIE RICHE

### **Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program**

*Merit-based fellowships awarded to Ph.D. students pursuing degrees in transportation planning and policy-related disciplines.*

*This national program is administered by the Federal Highway Administration.*

ANGELA JOHNSON-RODRIGUEZ, WEI SAN LOH AND ELLEN O. WHITE

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## *Graduate Awards, Endowed Awards, and Fellowships, 2022-23*

*The Bloustein School is grateful for the scholarships that have been established due to the generosity of our donors who include alumni, parents, and friends of the school. The below list of awards were established to help support graduate students throughout their program of study.*

- Bloustein School Alumni Association Endowed Graduate Fellowship—**Jennifer Spiegel**  
AUPHA Foster G. McGaw Scholarship Recipient—**Rajisha Shah**
- Endowed Graduate Fellowship for Social and Environmental Justice—**Jonathan Bonilla**  
New Jersey Planning Officials Annual Graduate Scholarship—**Jared Aisenberg**
- Nike and Jim Bach Endowed Fellowship in Urban Planning and Public Informatics—**Monika Pal**  
Edward J. Bloustein Memorial Scholarship—**Joshua Croom**
- Robert W. Burchell Student Planning Conference Travel Award—**James Barnett, Daniel Gilkeson, Divya Mahadevan, Jada Ross, Akshita Saini, Dhruvi Dipesh Shah,**
- Dawne D. and Lawrence B. Burrows Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning and Public Policy—**Eric Harris**  
Dr. Robert A. Catlin Endowed Graduate Fellowship—**Maia Hill**
- Isadore Candeub Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning—**Nihar Mhatre**  
B. Budd Chavooshian Endowed Memorial Fellowship—**Wyatt Grant**
- Peter C. Cosier IV Environmental Fellowship—**Alexandra Purvis-Smith**  
Bob Cotter City Kid Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Planning—**Colin Roche**
- Annual Graduate Fellowship in Energy and Environmental Policy—**Matthew Coletta**  
Walter C. Evans Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning and Public Policy—**Jepchumba Koech**
- Christiana R. Foglio Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Planning—**Celeste Royo**  
Health Administration Program Student Support Fund—**Angelina Ceresani, Maahum Hassan**
- Hon. Patricia Juliano Memorial Scholarship—**Neha Saju**  
Susan Kirk Foundation Endowed Scholarship—**Min-Jae Park**
- Dr. Donald A. Krueckeberg Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund—**Soo Yeon Lim**  
Paul J. Larrousse Endowed Fellowship in Planning—**Earl Pearson**
- Jennifer S. Lightner Endowed Memorial Scholarship—**Kiara Ryan**  
Harold H. and Reba Martin Endowed Fellowship in Public Policy—**Carly Mihovich, Cristina Toppin**
- New York City Metropolitan Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Fellowship—**Max Toth**  
Brandon M. Poli Endowed Memorial Scholarship—**William Downie**
- Mortensen/Voorhees Prize for Achievement in Transportation Studies—**Jeffrey Young**  
MHA Scholarship to ACHE Congress—**Minal Amin, Allie Chu, Francesca Ferrari, Richell Garcia, Naren Gopal, Anjali Goswami, Jitty Joseph, Cindy Lira, Hannah Maisel, Iris Moncion, Emily Muha, Francisca Palencia, Bijal Patel, Alvin Restine, Edgar Romero, Rajisha Shah, Thamena Sultan, Shreya Verma**
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# Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees

As of May 1, 2023

## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PLANNING AND PUBLIC POLICY (B.A.)

Ashley Charlton SAS \*\* ☆  
Amer Dandan EJB \*\*\* SCL ^  
Chelsea Gmiterek EJB \*\*\* SCL ^

Nina Gohel SAS \*\*\*  
Ryan Gyllenhammer EJB +  
William Idell EJB +

Thomas Kozma EJB \*\*\* SCL +  
Ryne Kremer SAS \* ^

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC POLICY (B.S.)

May Alkaisi SAS \*\*\*  
Brian Dan-Ding SAS \*\*\*  
Zakaria Din SAS \*\*\*  
Connor Harrington EJB \*\*\* SCL

Sadiya Kabir SAS \*\*  
Nadya Khan SAS \*\* +  
Alison Loria SAS ^  
Amisha Mukhopadhyay SAS \*\*  
Nehee Patel SAS \*\*\*

Sara Rubiano SAS \*\*\*  
Chantel St. Fleur SAS \*\*\*  
Raheen Syed SAS \*\*\*  
Vaishali Thekhalli SAS

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN (B.S.)

Liam Alancheril SAS \*\*\*  
Jonathon Alexander SAS  
Nandini Ashokbhai Patel SAS ^  
Yujung Bae EJB  
Saba Bajwa EJB \*\* SCL +  
Persephone M. Creer SAS +  
Myles Elgart SAS \*\*\*  
Gabriel Flores EJB \*\* CL  
Nyles Glover EJB

Rowan Hessen SAS \*\*\*  
Natalie Karwowska SAS \*\* +  
Adam Marchwinski SAS  
Kaitlyn Mcdonald EJB \*\* CL  
Eric Menzel SAS \*\*  
Kyra Mortensen EJB \*\*\* MCL  
Jesse Pacheco SAS +  
Ryan Paul SAS \*\*\*  
Allan Pierre SAS \*\*\*

Aleeah Randazzo SAS  
Antonio Scanziani SAS \*\*\*  
Henry Snyder SAS  
Gabrielle Thurm EJB \*\*\* SCL  
Nathaniel Valenza SAS \*\*\*  
Evan Whitwam SAS \*\*  
Sitong Wu SAS  
Tahteyana Young EJB ^  
Kevin Zheng SAS

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (B.S.)

Jad Abi-Mourshed SAS \*\* ^  
Sabainah Ademoji SAS ^  
Asfand Ali SAS +  
Duaa Ali SAS \*\* UPD HP  
Kevin Alvarado SAS \*\* +  
Natalia Amoroso SAS \*\*\* HP  
Catherine Bell EJB \*\*\* SCL +  
Quincy Benbow EJB \*\* SCL  
Andre Bezerra SAS \*  
Andrei Brenich SAS \*\*  
Nicole Buczynski SAS \*\*\* UPD  
Aliza Buttari EJB  
Lillian Cannarozzi EJB \*\*\* SCL UPD

Francesca Cannuscio EJB \*\*\* SCL  
Aaron Castillo EJB \* CL  
Fatma Celik EJB  
Daniel Chiofalo SAS \*\* ^  
Maria Chowdhury SAS \*\*\* UPD  
Dawn Crilley EJB \* +  
Omar Dar SAS \*\*\*  
Kyra De Asis SAS \* +  
Aaliyah Dean SAS \*\*\*  
Thais Dequeiroz SAS \*  
Indira Douglas EJB \*\*\* SCL  
Arielle Dublin EJB \* ^  
Leslie Fortune EJB \*\* CL ^

Raleigh Gardner EJB \*\*\* SCL  
Aiden Gilliam EJB \*\*\* CL  
Jarett Goldberg EJB ^  
Zixuan Guo SAS  
Karla Hernandez Herrera EJB \*\* MCL UPD  
Jamarvin Harvey SAS \*\* ☆  
Anna-Maria Hlyvko SAS  
Millicent Hyman EJB \*\*\* CL +  
Ayesha Hussain SAS \*\*  
Maryam Jamal SAS \*\* PHEA  
Natalia Janiak SAS \*\*\*  
Zayna Jawed SAS \*\*\*  
Theodore Kail EJB \*\*\* SCL +

+ January 2023 Graduate  
^ August 2023 Graduate

\* Honors  
\*\* High Honors  
\*\*\* Highest Honors  
R Student-Athlete

ESG Eta Sigma Gamma Honorary  
UPD Upsilon Phi Delta Honorary  
EJB Direct Admit (EJB degree)  
SEBS School of Environmental and  
Biological Sciences  
SAS School of Arts and Sciences  
☆ Denotes military affiliation

University Honors Designations:  
CL *Cum Laude*  
MCL *Magna Cum Laude*  
SCL *Summa Cum Laude*

Bloustein Honors Research Program

CS Community Sustainability Certificate  
UP Urban Planning Certificate  
GHHP Global Health & Health Policies Certificate  
HD Health Disparities Certificate  
HP Health Policy Certificate  
PHEA Public Health Education & Advocacy Certificate  
PHM Public Health Management Certificate  
PHP Public Health Preparedness Certificate

# Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees

As of May 1, 2023

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (B.S.)

Neil Kakumanu SAS +  
Paige Kruse SAS \*\*\* GHHP  
Sabrina Kupa SAS \*\*\*  
Julia Le SAS \*\*\*  
Timothy Li SAS +  
Andy Lin SAS \* +  
Chelsea Lopez SAS \*\*  
Sehar Mahmood SAS \*\* ^  
Nisha Makwana SAS \*\*  
Erick Martinez EJB +  
Christian McGrew SAS \* + UPD  
Kaitlyn A. McMahon SAS \*\*  
Abeera Memon EJB \*\*\* SCL  
Kimberly Miller EJB \*  
Karina Monterroso EJB \*\*  
Sumaiya Nusrath SAS \*\* ^  
Agujudah Okey-Uche EJB +  
Katherine Orefice EJB \*\*\* CL + ESG  
Dennisha Page SAS ^ R  
Neeraj Pareddy SAS \*\*

Jeetkumar Patel SAS +  
Karishma Patel SAS \*\*\* +  
Sheena Patel SAS \*\* +  
Kunj Patel SAS  
Shri Kumar Patel SAS \*\*\*  
Leila Pocesta SAS \*  
Katherine Porr SAS \*\*  
Sarah Ranji SAS \*  
Ishan Raval SAS +  
Madeline Ravallo SAS \*  
Ashlyn Riviere SAS \*\*  
Sonam Rupani SAS \*\*\*  
Asya Sakar SAS \*  
Kaitlyn Senetra SAS \*\*\*  
Kushal Shah EJB \*\*\*  
Sonal Shah SAS \*\*\*  
Dhruv Shah SAS \* ^  
Sabiha Shahab SAS \*  
Jhil Sharma SAS \*\*

Hijab Siddiqui SAS \* +  
Fareed Siddiqui SAS \*\* + UPD  
Mehar Kanwar Sidhu SAS \*\* +  
Shalini Sivaraman SAS \*\*\* +  
James Soto SAS \*\*\* ☆  
Raaed Syed SAS \*\*\* UPD  
Sidraah Syed SAS \*\*\*  
Jesenia Tanchyk EJB \*\* CL +  
Adriana Todorov SAS \*\* +  
Cassandra Trotta EJB \*\* MCL  
Tobey Tyler EJB \* ^ UPD  
Stephanie Uche SAS  
Sandra Ulokameje SAS \*\*\*  
Luke Vadala SAS \*  
Lisbeth Veras Encarnacion SAS \*\*  
Brianna White EJB \* +  
Jacob Wolak SAS \*\*\*  
Colleen Wong SAS \* UPD  
Nasil Yearn SAS \*\*  
Huma Zeb SAS \*\*\*

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Mariam Abid SAS \*\*  
Joan Acorlor SAS ^  
Oluwagbenga Adegbite SAS +  
Melanie Aguilar SAS  
Mohammed Ahmed SAS \*\*\*  
Elif Akat SAS \* ^  
Olugbemisola Akinsiku SAS \*\*  
Zainab Alhaddawi SAS \* GHHP  
Rawan Aly SAS \*\* HD  
Tajrian Amad SEBS \*\* ESG HD  
Raymar Anciado SAS  
Sobhana Archakam SAS \*\* HD  
Abanoub Armanious SEBS \*\*\*  
Audrey Asare SEBS \*\* +

Gabrielle Atchison SAS  
Josephine Awadalla SAS \* + ESG GHHP HD  
Hanan Babar EJB ^  
Harleen Badwal SAS  
Bryan Balarezo SAS \*  
Naika Baptiste SAS  
Mary Barsoum SAS \*  
Farah Beche SAS \*\* ESG GHHP  
Adam Benglas Kaufman SAS \*\*  
Rashel Bernal Reyes SAS \* ^ PHEA  
Serina Bernardo EJB \*\*\* CL  
Gia Bernhardt SAS \* ^ ESG  
Fatma Beye SAS \*\*\* ESG GHHP  
Jasleen Bhatia SAS \* ^

Jonelle Biggs SEBS \* ESG  
Lyla Bracken SEBS \*\*  
Fanny Brito-Cruz SAS + GHHP HD  
Gabrielle Bromfeld SEBS \*\*\*  
Jessica Bryk SEBS \*\* GHHP HD  
Ashley Burgos SAS  
Feona Burton SAS +  
Yaniessa Cainas SEBS PHP  
Piolo Calusin SAS \*\*\*  
Venecia Cano SAS \*\*  
Kara Capo SAS \*\*  
Michele Caporaso EJB \*\* SCL +  
Hayley Carroll SEBS \* ^  
Kai Carter EJB \*\*\* SCL R

# Candidates for Bachelor's Degrees

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Claudia Sophia Carvajal	SAS *** GHHP	Mariam Girgis	SAS ***	Mackenzie Lawson	SEBS *** ESG
Karla Carvo-Adrianzen	EJB ** ^	Sarah Gordon	EJB *** SCL + HD	Manuela Lamela	SAS *
Beyla Cayenne	SAS ** ^ ESG	Karen Gonzalez	SAS ** + HD	Hesu Lee	SAS
Kaylee Chan	SAS * + HD	Zeriyah Griffin	EJB * +	Yuqi Liu	SAS ** +
Diana Chen	SAS **	Ari Gottesman	SAS	Allison Lynch	SAS * 
Donald Chen	SAS **	Katie Han	EJB ^	Sarena Madray	SAS *
Jessie Chen	SAS ***	Jenna Han	SEBS ^	Omoremi Majekodunmi	SAS *** +
Lin Chen	SAS **	Chloe Han	SAS GHHP	Hannah Makasare	SAS ***
Richard Choque	EJB PHPI	Madelyn Harte	SAS *** HD	Tehreem Malik	SAS *
Karis Choi	SAS +	Marissa Hayton	EJB *** SCL	Nila Manners	SAS *
Jordan Clarida	SEBS *** ESG	Briana Hernandez	SEBS ** HD	Volga Mansur	SAS ** ^
Taylor Clarida	SEBS *** ESG	Catherine Hewitt	SEBS *** GHHP	Karina Martines-Ferreira	SAS ** +
Isaiah Cimafranca	SAS * +	Alyssa Hill	SAS +	Esther Martinez	SEBS ***
Sophia Colon-Marquez	SEBS **	Asher Eunchae Hong	SEBS ***	Fiorela Martinez	SAS **
Arielle Cohen	SAS *** ESG	Precious Honutse	SEBS *** GHHP	Jocelyn Martinovic	SAS **
Sindhu Commuri	SAS *** ESG	Rachel Houston	SAS *** + 	Joseph P. Massari	SEBS *
Evely Condis	SAS ^	Marcela Ishihara	SEBS * ^	Annemarie Nicole Matel	EJB * +
Nour Aliman DanDan	EJB *** SCL	Kiara Isaza	SAS *** HD	Nicole Mascarini	SAS **
Frank Deigh	SEBS ** GHHP	Jennifer Jeon	SEBS *	Justin Matos	SAS **
Tiana Dequattro	SEBS	Eliza Jones	SEBS **	Sara Mehta	SEBS *
Sara Diras	SAS * ESG	Nirali Joshi	SEBS ^	Aleena Mehdi	SAS *
Dinae Dover	SAS	Derna Jean-Jacques	SAS * GHHP HD	Manya Mehta	SAS ** +
Avery Ebert	SEBS **	Vachelyn Jupiter	SEBS +	Joshua Mendoza	EJB *
Ashleigh Drummond	SAS HD	Ilene Joy	SAS	Amay Mehta	SAS ***
Salma Eleissawy	SAS *	Esther Kabutey	SAS	Lucia Mendoza	SAS
Adam Fathalla	SAS *** ^	Zoe Kang	SAS *** + PHEA	Dominic Micalizzi	SEBS
Kalani Foster	SEBS	Madison Kassar	SEBS ***	Maaidah Mohyuddin	EJB **
Alaina Feaster	SAS 	Rachel Kays	SEBS ** GHHP HD	Rabiah Mian	SAS **
Taylor Fox	SEBS	Madison Keebler	SEBS *	Theresa Mousa	SAS ** ESG
Emily Friend	SEBS **	Melissa Kelly	EJB CL +	Erin Mullican	SAS * PHEA
Keyshawn Frizzelle-Williams	SEBS *	Mission Kercher	SEBS **	Jazziel Munoz	SAS * ^
Lara Fougnes	SAS ***  ESG GHHP	Kenneth Kenou	SAS ***	Matthew Murphy	SAS ** ^
Jaanhavi Ganesh	SAS *** + ESG GHHP	Mahwish Khan	SEBS ***	Amira Mustapha	SAS
Karen George	SAS ***	Hira Khan	SAS *	Lyudmyla Muzychak	SAS ** HD
Sara George	SAS **	Thomas Klele	SEBS	Zaib Nageeb	SAS ***
Jenna Gervase	SAS ***	Ciara Kim	SAS ***	Maanya Narain	SAS *

\* January 2023 Graduate  
^ August 2023 Graduate

\* Honors  
\*\* High Honors  
\*\*\* Highest Honors  
 Student-Athlete

ESG Eta Sigma Gamma Honorary  
UPD Upsilon Phi Delta Honorary  
EJB Direct Admit (EJB degree)  
SEBS School of Environmental and Biological Sciences  
SAS School of Arts and Sciences  
☆ Denotes military affiliation

University Honors Designations:  
CL *Cum Laude*  
MCL *Magna Cum Laude*  
SCL *Summa Cum Laude*

 Bloustein Honors Research Program

CS Community Sustainability Certificate  
UP Urban Planning Certificate  
GHHP Global Health & Health Policies Certificate  
HD Health Disparities Certificate  
HP Health Policies Certificate  
PHEA Public Health Advocacy/Education Certificate  
PHM Public Health Management Certificate  
PHP Public Health Preparedness Certificate

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Shanze Nasir SAS *** PHM	Stephanie Pokuah SAS ^	Ivanna S. Starozytnyk SEBS ** ESG
Aparna Natarajan SAS *** ESG	Jailene Quiles SAS	Alisa Stellini SAS *** + ESG
Sebastian Nauta SAS ^ ☆	Hemang Rana SAS **** ESG HP	Rachel-Gifty Stewart SAS ** +
Selina Ngai SEBS	Lucija Rasin SAS ** + PHM PHP	Ahuva Strauss SAS *** +
Eyob Nesga SAS * ^	Chelsey Razveen SEBS ^	Emily Stroud SAS * +
Elise Nisonoff SEBS ** R	Maria Reyes-Santos EJB ** CL	Jenny Sun SEBS ** GHHP HD PHM
Alexis Nguyen SAS ** R	Christopher Rizzo EJB *** MCL +	Ashley Tapia SAS ^
Chiebuka Nnajiolor SAS *** ESG	Jasmin Ross SAS GHHP	Kayla Tennyson SAS ***
Daniella Notghi SAS * ^	Janine Rupinski EJB * CL	Rachel Thompson SEBS **
Heather O'Donnell EJB *** SCL ESG	Ajane Russell-Hopkins SAS ** + ESG PHM	Zoha Tirmizi SAS *
Vivian Okoroanyanwu SEBS	Caitlin Ryan EJB ** CL +	Frida Topuzyan SAS ** +
Kayla Ocasio SAS	Berner Sagastume SEBS ** + ESG	Kaitlyn Tran SAS *
Ifechukwu Ozokpor SAS	Velinda Sagastume SEBS * ^	Jacqueline Vallejo SAS * +
Claudia Palmer SAS *	Harnoor Sandhu SAS ***	Leticia Vizcaino Blanco EJB *** SCL ESG
Kristal Palomino SAS ** ESG GHHP	Emmanuel Sanon-Jules SEBS **	Emily Vogler SEBS * ^
Abigail Panarello SAS *** +	Noelle Mapeso Santos EJB *** SCL	Karolin Wadie SAS ** + ESG GHHP
Jasmine Park SEBS * +	Leslie Sarabia-Ramirez SEBS	Grace Walter SAS * R
Neha Pasupuleti SAS * ESG	Schyler Saroshinsky SAS ***	Yumin Wang SAS
Mansi Patel SEBS * + GHHP	Margaret Schroeder SAS **	Maci Wert SAS *** +
Dhawni Patel EJB *	Dayna Schubert SAS **	Shelby Whetstone SAS HD R
Aria Patel SAS	I'Asia Shabazz SAS ** +	Shayla Whiffin SAS **
Jil Patel SAS **	Fiona Shafer SEBS *** ESG PHEA	Brianna Wilkinson SEBS *
Krima Patel SAS	Rushali Shah SAS ESG HD PHP	Tyler Williams SAS ***
Manav Patel SAS **	Aisha Shahzad SAS	Meagan Wolff SAS *** ☆
Rachel Patel SAS **	Yasmeen Shareef SAS ** +	Joyce Wu SEBS ** ESG PHM
Vishika Patel SAS *** ESG GHHP	Zeinab Shehadeh SAS ***	Daria Wysocka SAS *** +
Salma Pathan SAS * ^	Erica R. Shemper SAS *** +	Calista Xirouhakis SAS
Amanda Peckham SAS *** + ESG HD	Colleen Shenocca EJB ** CL ESG	Ritika Yadav SAS + ESG
Nicholas Pedro SAS ^	Nia Simmons SAS * HD	Simge Yavuz SAS *** ESG
Ananya Penugonda SAS **	Alexandra Skurka SAS *** ESG	Quadjo Yeboah EJB * CL +
Peyton Perez SAS	Burrell Smithen SAS **	Katherine Yoon SAS *** ^ HD
Soleil Perez SAS *** ESG GHHP	Rida Sohail SAS ^	Mira Zakhary SAS **
Rebecca Petillon EJB CL	Nabeeha Soherwardy SAS ***	Betia Zeng SEBS ***
Laurel Peters-Accueus SAS ^	Janelle-Marie Sonsiadek EJB ** CL	Xiaolin Zhang SEBS ^
James Pfeifer SAS ^	Lane Spyrka SAS +	Wiktoia Zieba SEBS ^
Jaime Plumaker SEBS **	L'Oren St.Hilaire SAS ***	Jordyn Zieden-Weber SAS *** R

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## *Undergraduate Awards and Fellowships, 2022-23*

### **Sydney and Mildred Greenberg Memorial Award**

*Presented to a graduating senior, from any Bloustein School major, who has achieved the highest scholastic honors at the Bloustein School.*

**HEATHER O'DONNELL—PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Miriam Barker Endowed Memorial Undergraduate Student Achievement Award**

*Presented to a graduating senior, from any Bloustein School major, who demonstrates exceptional academic and community service achievement and contributions to the greater good.*

**BRIAN DAN-DING—PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Governor James J. Florio Undergraduate Public Service Award**

*The Bloustein School was honored to have on its faculty former New Jersey Governor James J. Florio who—like the namesake of our school, former Rutgers President Edward J. Bloustein—dedicated his life to public service and civic engagement. This award honors an undergraduate who embodies both the school's, and Gov. Florio's, public service ethic and whose contributions and accomplishments—whether seeking to initiate change, improve services to the public, or contribute to the communities in which they live—serve as a model and inspiration for others in their dedication to excellence.*

**FATMA BEYE—PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Mary Ann and Steven J. Allard Fellowship in Planning and Public Health**

*This fellowship is for outstanding non-traditional students, including veterans making the transition from military service to the classroom, returning adults whose formal education has been interrupted and post-baccalaureate students pursuing a public health undergraduate degree or major, who have demonstrated a personal commitment and/or outstanding academic potential in pursuit of studies in public health at the Bloustein School.*

**MARISSA HAYTON, EVA BELTRAN-BUENO**

### **Ralph W. Voorhees Fellowship Program in Public Service**

*The Ralph W. Voorhees Program in Public Service awards fellowships to undergraduate students from any major in any school at Rutgers University. Selected students work on a community based research project during the Fall term as a class in partnership with a community organization. Fellows meet weekly during class time to work on the project, build skills, reflect on community experiences, and meet community leaders from New Jersey and beyond.*

**ARIELLE COHEN, ANAMIKA DESAI, NINA GOHEL, SHREYA GUPTA, TAHA UMAR**

## *Rutgers University and External Student Awards/Fellowships, 2022-23*

### **Chancellor-Provost's Leadership Award**

*Given to graduating students who exemplify excellence and truly embody a commitment to leadership and involvement on campus and/or in the community.*

**LARA FOUGNIES**

### **Rutgers Revolutionary Award**

*Recognizes student leaders or organizations that have demonstrated creativity, originality, ingenuity, and/or resourcefulness in addressing local and global issues.*

**NINA GOHEL**

### **Bridge Builder Award**

*Recognizes individuals/student organizations who have demonstrated collaborative initiatives across a variety of organizations and activities with inspiring leadership that brings together stakeholders from across the university to create positive and substantial impact of change.*

**NEW JERSEY PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

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## *Commencement Pageantry and Color and The Academic Costume*

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 continued to show great diversity in their academic dress. When American universities decided to adopt academic dress, however, they 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 between the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctors, and, at the same time, recognize the university that has conferred the degree.

**Gowns:** The gown for the Bachelor's degree, designed to be worn closed, has pointed sleeves. Graduates of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences traditionally wear green academic robes, symbolizing the agricultural and environmental elements of the college's mission. 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. Cotton poplin or similar material is used for the Master's degree, and rayon or silk ribbed material is used for the Doctor's degree.

**Trimmings:** Gowns for the Bachelor's or Master's degrees are untrimmed. For the Doctor's degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree pertains, thus agreeing in color with the binding or edging of the hood appropriate to the particular doctor's degree in every instance.

**Hoods:** The length of the hood worn for the Bachelor's degree must be three feet, for the Master's degree three and one-half feet, and for the Doctor's degree, four feet. The hood worn for the doctor's degree only shall have panels at the sides. 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.

Below is a list of some of the colors as prescribed by the Intercollegiate Code for the binding of the graduate hood:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	<i>White</i>	Medicine	<i>Green</i>
<b>Business Administration, Health Administration</b>	<b><i>Drab (Tan)</i></b>	Music	<i>Pink</i>
Economics	<i>Copper</i>	Nursing	<i>Apricot</i>
Education	<i>Light Blue</i>	Pharmacy	<i>Olive Green</i>
Engineering	<i>Orange</i>	Philosophy	<i>Blue</i>
<b>Fine Arts, Architecture, Urban Planning</b>	<b><i>Brown</i></b>	Public Health	<i>Salmon Pink</i>
Law	<i>Purple</i>	<b>Public Policy</b>	<b><i>Peacock Blue</i></b>
<b>Public Informatics</b>	<b><i>Gold</i></b>		

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 Doctorate.

**Gonfalon:** The gonfalon is a heraldic flag or banner, often pointed, swallow-tailed, or with several streamers, and suspended from a crossbar. It is displayed at the head of all formal school processions. Founded in 1992 as the School of Planning and Public Policy, the gonfalon represents the Bloustein School's original graduate-level disciplines of urban planning (brown) and public policy (peacock blue). These colors frame a central stripe of Rutgers Scarlet. Displayed at the top, surrounded by the name of the school, is a representation of the Civic Square Building, which was built in 1995 as the home of the Bloustein School. This year (2022) the school has added gold for the informatics graduate discipline. The colors are represented in the celebratory pom poms presented to all members of the graduating class.

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## *Faculty and Staff Recognition*

### **PUBLISHED BOOKS**

*In addition to dozens of journal articles, media mentions, reports, chapters, reviews, and hundreds of presentations, the following books were published by members of the Bloustein School faculty and staff in 2022-23.*

**Shapiro, Stuart (2023).** *Trump and the Bureaucrats: The Fate of Neutral Competence.* Springer Nature.

**Greenberg, Michael (2022).** *Environmental & Social Justice Challenges Near America's Most Popular Museums, Parks, Zoos & Other Heritage Attractions.* Springer.

**Hetling, Andrea** and Rachel Laforest, co-editors (2023). *Section IV: Canada and the United States* of *The Oxford Handbook of Governance and Public Management for Social Policy*, edited by Karen Baehler. Oxford University Press.

**Paul, Mark (2023).** *The Ends of Freedom: Reclaiming America's Lost Promise of Economic Rights.* University of Chicago Press.

### **GRANTS**

*Members of the Bloustein School faculty and staff have been the recipients of prestigious awards and research grants totaling more than \$25 million in 2022-23.*

**David Aimen** is the recipient of an award of \$38,491 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Development of *Bluebeam Training Materials and Delivery.*

**Clinton Andrews** is the recipient of an award of \$50,000 from the National Science Foundation for the project *CIVIC Planning Grants Track A: Smart Kids and Cool Seniors.*

**Catherine Bull** is the recipient of an awards of \$48,011 and \$54,132 from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Highway Traffic Safety for the project *Mature Driver Education and Training Best Practice Report* and the *New Jersey Crossing Guard Training and Resources Program.*

**Jon Carnegie** is the recipient of several awards including: \$498,041 from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority for the *NJ Zero Emission Incentive Program (NJ ZIP)*; \$225,000 from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the continuation of *Together North Jersey*; \$190,000 from New Jersey Transit Corporation for the *New Jersey Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Customer Survey*; \$125,000 from the New Jersey County of Cumberland for the *Cumberland County Area Transit System: Future of Mobility Study*; among others.

**Yen-Tyng Chen** is the recipient of two awards of \$46,414 and \$21,590 from the University of Chicago for the project *PrEP Intervention Models for Young Black MSM: A Place-based Affiliation Network Approach* and the project *MAARC- Methodology and Advanced Analytics Resource Center.*

**Barbara Faga** is the recipient of an award of \$100,000 from State of New Jersey Department of Health, Division of HIV, STD, and TB Services for the project *Location of Harm Reduction Vending Machines and Zoning in the State of New Jersey.*

**Laurie Harrington** is the recipient of an award of \$74,677 from the New Jersey Department of Labor for *A Research Study on Integrated Education and Training (IET) Programs funded by WIOA in New Jersey.*

**Jeanne Herb** is the recipient of several awards including: \$1,390,460 from the New Jersey Division of Law and Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management for the project *Building User-friendly, data and science-driven web-based decision-support tools to support incorporation of climate elements into Hazard Mitigation Planning in New Jersey*; \$225,000 from the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation for the *Advancing Sustainable Organic Material Management Community Composting and Food Recovery Project*;

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## *Faculty and Staff Recognition*

### GRANTS

\$325,927 from Florida State University for the project *Advancing US Adoption of Innovative & Strategies to Health & Equity with Climate Change Action*; \$304,524 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the project *Better Buy-outs: A Rutgers-RPA Collaborative Research Effort with NJDEP to Inform NJDEP's Development of a Blue Acres 3.0 Framework*, among others.

**Andrea Hetling** is the recipient of an award of \$128,571 from the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development for the project *Building and Analyzing Longitudinal Data: A Collaborative Project* and an award of \$99,088 from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families for the project *Family and Economic Stability: Examining TANF as a Supportive Program*.

**Louis Hoffman** is the recipient of an award of \$23,145 from Union County Educational Services Commission for the *Union County Educational Services Commission FY23*.

**Ellen Kurtzman** is the recipient of an award of \$20,000 from The Ohio State University for the project *The Impact of Recreational Marijuana Laws on Marijuana Use Disorder during Treat and Release Visits to Hospital Emergency Departments*.

**David Listokin** is the recipient of an award of \$70,000 from the Community Foundation of South Jersey Aging Innovation Fund for the project *Transfer of Wealth Development for South New Jersey* and \$20,000 from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service for the project *Economic Impact of the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit-FY20-FY21*.

**Miriam Salerno** is the recipient of an award of \$249,999 from New York Metropolitan Transportation Council for the *New York Metropolitan Transportation Council Moving Forward Community Planning Workshops* and an award of \$100,000 from the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority for the project *Innovative Public Outreach Support Continuation*.

**Jennifer Senick** is the recipient of an award of \$5,370,898 from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities for the project *Clean Energy Evaluation and Market Assessment*.

**Stuart Shapiro** is the recipient of an award of \$1,000,000 from the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education for the *New Jersey State Policy Lab*.

**Michael Smart** is the recipient of an award of \$199,196 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the project *Transit Usage Impacts of NJ Transit- Oriented Developments (NJTOD)* and an award of \$35,874 from New Jersey Transit Corporation for the project *Assessing Options for Ethically Addressing Homelessness and Food Access at the Walter Rand Transportation Center and the Newark Penn Station, and Development of Statewide Guidelines*.

**William Terry III** is the recipient two awards of \$5,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration for the continued operation of the *National Transit Institute*.

**Leigh Ann Von Hagen** is the recipient of two awards of \$1,500,000 each from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the continued management of the *NJDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center* and the *New Jersey Safe Routes to School Support Program*.

**Nancy Wolff** is the recipient of several awards including: \$663,623 from the District of Columbia - Department of Health for the *District of Columbia Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Study*; \$568,463 from the New Jersey Department of Human Services for the *Developmental Disabilities Planning Institute (DDPI) - 2022-2023*; \$305,646 from the New Jersey Department of Education for the *NJDOE Post School Outcomes Study 2022-2025*; \$98,541 from the Arkansas Department of Health & Human Services for the *Arkansas Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Study*; among others.

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## *Faculty and Staff Recognition*

### **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

*The Bloustein School appointed the following new faculty in 2022-23 academic year:*

**Bernadette Baird-Zars, Ph.D.** as Assistant Professor (urban planning)

**Yen Tyng Chen, Ph.D.** as Assistant Professor (undergraduate public health)

**Ceu Cirne-Neves, FACHE** as Assistant Teaching Professor (health administration)

**Derek DeLia, Ph.D.** as Associate Professor (undergraduate public health).

**Ellen T. Kurtzman, Ph.D., MPH, RN, FAAN** as Professor with Tenure and Executive Director, Health Administration Program

**Emily Parker, Ph.D.** as Assistant Professor (undergraduate public health)

**Mark Paul, Ph.D.** as Assistant Professor (public policy)

**Andrea Restrepo-Mieth, Ph.D.** as Assistant Professor (urban planning)

**Sharifa Williams, Ph.D.** as Assistant Professor (undergraduate public health)

**Ruth Winecoff, Ph.D.** as Assistant Professor (public policy)

### **PROMOTIONS, AWARDS AND HONORS**

Professor **Stuart Shapiro** was named Dean of the Bloustein School in April, 2023. He has been serving as the school's Interim Dean since January, 2022.

Part-time lecturers **Leah Apgar** (public policy), **Robert Ashmun** (planning), **Sophia Jones** (public health), and **Jill Korseta-Anderson** (health administration) are the recipients of the Bloustein School Lecturer Awards. These awards are nominated and selected by full-time faculty of their respective programs.

**Derek Delia** was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in April 2023. His research focuses on healthcare payment and delivery reform; the economics of hospitals and health centers; emergency medical care; healthcare access among the poor, uninsured, and minorities; social determinants of health; childhood obesity and the built environment; and healthcare markets.

The inaugural Dorothea Berkhout Staff Development Awards were presented to **Keri Ferreira**, Business Department Administrator; **Karyn Olsen**, Assistant Director of Communications, Marketing, and Public Relations; and **Tamara Swedberg**, Communications, Social Media, and Website Specialist.

Professor **Andrea Hetling** was named one of three Provost Research Leadership Fellows in the Office of the Chancellor-Provost for 2023. Andrea was also appointed as the Associate Director of the School's Heldrich Center for Workforce Development.

**Jane Kaye**, Assistant Teaching Professor, is the recipient of the Bloustein School's Jerome G. Rose Excellence in Teaching Award. The award is presented annually to a full-time faculty member committed to quality teaching. Faculty are nominated by graduate students and fellow faculty members. **Susan Krum**, Associate Teaching Professor and **Will Payne**, Assistant Professor, received honorable mentions.

Professor **Ellen T. Kurtzman** was named the 2022-2023 Chair of the Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues (IRGNI), an interest group of AcademyHealth. She was also named the 2022-2023 Chair of the Health Policy Conference Planning Committee of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN).

Executive-in-Residence **Russ Molloy** received the 2023 Distinguished Legislative Service Award from the New Jersey Bar Association. The award is the highest recognition available to an NJSBA member to acknowledge noteworthy legislative service.

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## *Faculty and Staff Recognition*

### PROMOTIONS, AWARDS AND HONORS

**Patricia O'Brien Richardson**, Associate Teaching Professor is the recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching from Rutgers University. It is awarded to a non-tenure-track, full-time faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding teaching skills in classroom instruction, clinical instruction, curriculum development, and/or mentoring.

Assistant Professor **Mark Paul** was named to the executive editorial board of the new open-access journal *Environmental Research: Energy*, published by the Institute of Physics.

Professor **Hal Salzman** co-authored, with Leonard Lynn the chapters "Technology globalization and technonationalism: a brief introduction" (2022) and "Science and technology in a global commons: the end of techno-nationalism?" (2023) in *Pathways to Research in Business & Economics* (Salem Press/EBSCO); the chapter "STEM education and workforce policy: its history and politics," (2023) in *EBSCO Pathways to Research* (Salem Press/EBSCO); and the chapter "STEM education and workforce development: the history, politics, and evidence" (2023) with Daniel Douglas in the *International Encyclopedia of Education*, (Elsevier Ltd, Fourth Edition).

**Jim Samuel**, Associate Professor and Executive Director, Informatics program, has been appointed as the Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Big Data: Theory and Practice*. The flagship journal of the New Jersey Big Data Alliance, it is an open access peer-reviewed journal devoted to the publication of high-quality papers on theoretical and practical aspects of big data, AI and machine learning.

**Anne Strauss-Wieder**, Instructor and Director of Freight Planning for the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority was appointed to the organizing committee and moderated a session at the 2023 Transportation Research Board National Workshop, "Building More Resilient Supply Chains."

**Billy Terry**, Executive Director of the National Transit Institute (NTI) is the recipient of the Wilbur E. Smith Friend Award from the Eno Center for Transportation. The organization provides government and industry leaders with timely research and an independent voice on policy issues.

**Piyushimita (Vonu) Thakuriah**, Distinguished Professor and former Dean of the Bloustein School, is the recipient of the National Institute of Statistical Sciences (NISS) Distinguished Alumni Award for contributions to cross-disciplinary research in statistics and data science in the areas of urban informatics, smart cities, mobility analytics, and data justice.

Assistant Professor **Jermaine Toney** is the recipient of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Fellowship on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Economic Outcomes. He will spend the 2023-24 academic year conducting research at the NBER's Cambridge office.

Distinguished Professor **Carl Van Horn** was named Visiting Non-resident Scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 2022-2023. He was also appointed to the Advisory Committee, Center for Intergovernmental Partnerships, National Academy of Public Administration, 2022-2023. He is a continuing member of New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy's Jobs and Economic Opportunity Council.

A graduate student studio led by the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center's **Leigh Ann Von Hagen**, Managing Director; **Sean Meehan**, Senior Research Specialist and post-doctoral research associate **Hannah Younes** was the recipient of the 2022 New Jersey Planning Excellence Outstanding Student Project Award for their work exploring micromobility and active transportation options and infrastructure in Asbury Park, NJ.

Assistant Professor **Ruth Winecoff** won the 2022 Association of Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) Michael Curro Award Graduate Student Paper Award for "The Dodd-Frank Act and Municipal Borrowing Costs: Evidence from Nationwide Data."

**Wenwen Zhang** has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. Her research focuses on the social and policy impacts of emerging transportation technologies, such as automated vehicles, ride-hailing services, and micro-mobility, and leveraging data science and visualization techniques to address critical urban planning issues.

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## *Faculty and Staff Recognition*

*The following Bloustein School faculty members retired during the 2022-23 academic year. We acknowledge the many wonderful contributions they have made to the school, the university, and their professions.*

Distinguished Research Professor **Michael L. Lahr** is also the former Director of Rutgers Economic Advisory Service (R/ECON™). He holds a Ph.D. in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania. At the Bloustein School Dr. Lahr taught courses on Global Analytics and occasionally an advanced course on applied statistical methods and economic modeling that is designed for PhD students. Since 1995, Dr. Lahr supervised R/ECON™ research on a broad array of public policy issues in the fields of housing, economic development, program evaluation, and fiscal and economic impact analysis. He has published over 50 articles in journals and edited volumes on economic modeling techniques; development economics; and the economics of various planning and fiscal issues. In addition to being Editor of the journal Economic Systems Research, Lahr sits on the editorial board of Papers in Regional Science, Journal of Economic Structures, and the Brazilian Review of Regional Studies, He has co-edited four books and two journal special issues. He is presently Treasurer of the Benjamin H. Stevens Graduate Fellowship of the North American Regional Science Council. Lahr also has been Vice President of the International-Input Output Association, Chair of the North American Regional Council, and President of the Southern Regional Science Association, and sat on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Regional Science and Economic Systems Research. He has received service awards from the North American Regional Science Association International and the Southern Regional Science Association. He has also been proclaimed a Research Fellow of the Southern Regional Science Association.

Associate Research Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Administration **Marc D. Weiner** started his career with the Bloustein School June 2006. He also served as the school's Faculty Director of Undergraduate Education. Dr. Weiner was appointed by the Chancellor's Selection Committee as a Fellow for the 2020-2021 convening of the Big Ten Academic Alliance Department Executive Officers Seminar and was a 2019-2020 Fellow of the Rutgers Leadership Academy. He was an Affiliate of Rutgers, New Brunswick's School of Arts and Sciences. He also previously served as Associate Director of the Bloustein Center for Survey Research, as well as Project Director for the Office of Population Research, and Assistant Director for the Survey Research Center, both at Princeton University. Dr. Weiner was the founding President of the New Jersey-Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Association for Public Opinion Research and served on the Executive Council of the Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations. He is the recipient of the Bloustein School's Jerome G. Rose Excellence in Teaching Award, the Graduate Faculty Teaching Award from the Rutgers School of Graduate Studies; and was profiled for excellence in teaching by the American Political Science Association's Campus Teaching Award Interview Series in PSNow. Dr. Weiner earned his doctorate in political science from Rutgers, New Brunswick in May 2005; he studied political methodology at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan and at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs (1998), has a juris doctor from Widener University (1986) and a bachelor's degree in political philosophy from Syracuse University (1982). Before returning to the academy, from 1986 through 1996, he practiced trial law in the New Jersey state and federal courts. During that time, he served as a law clerk in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, was certified as a New Jersey Department of Public Advocacy special mediator, and as a special hearing officer for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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## *In Memoriam*

Senior Policy Fellow James J. Florio, former Governor of New Jersey and an eight-term congressman, passed away on September 25, 2022. Gov. Florio joined the Bloustein School as a Senior Policy Fellow shortly after the conclusion of his gubernatorial term in 1994, teaching graduate students for decades. Public policy development, like everything else, changed significantly over the past few decades. Noting that state and federal governments were in a period of transformational change of policy, he impressed upon his students that rather than marginal modifications — which could be disruptive and dislocating — systemic change was needed to meet citizen expectations. In his classes, he reviewed how current administrations were coping with change using traditional policy analysis as well as extensive comparative review of current events and policy developments over the past three decades.

“Governor Florio was a principled and effective policy advocate. During his long career — as a community organizer, state legislator, member of Congress, and Governor — he held firm to core values. He believed deeply in the power of government to transform the lives of those most in need and the courage to fight for policies even at the risk of his political career,” said Carl Van Horn, Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and director of the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University, who served as Governor Florio’s Director of Policy from 1990 to 1992. “His leadership provides inspiration and a role model for public servants and for future leaders graduating from the Bloustein School.”

*The Bloustein School was saddened to lose two former students from its close-knit community in 2022-23. Both were bright and vibrant members of the Bloustein School and Rutgers University during their time here and will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences go to their family and friends. Both alumni are being recognized with their degrees today.*

Master’s student and alumnae **Jennifer H. Elliott** passed away in April 2023. Fueled by a constantly questioning mind, a passion for music, advocacy, teaching, and research, and possessing a unique ability to creatively problem solve, Jenn graduated *magna cum laude* from Rider University with a Bachelor of Arts in both Music and Elementary Education before joining Rutgers in the Fall of 2019. At Rutgers, Jenn completed her Master of Public Affairs and Politics (MPAP) degree at the Bloustein School in 2022. An advocate for social justice and for developing public policies to help those with severe health problems, Jenn is being remembered today.

**Andrew J. Wainwright**, master’s student, and alumnus passed away in April of 2022. A graduate of the Master of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) in 2019, the loss was felt greatly throughout his cohort, especially by those crossing the stage at the Jersey Mike’s Arena that May. A stellar student in the program, Andrew’s focus on transportation planning and policy led him to start the career he envisioned. With great sadness but remembrances, his cohort of fellow students put this greeting together to remember him by as we all do here today: <https://go.rutgers.edu/andrewwainwright>

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## EDWARD J. BLOUSTEIN: THE MAN BEHIND THE NAME

Thirty years since the school was founded and named and 33 years since his death, many of our students, staff, and faculty are far removed from why we were named after Dr. Edward J. Bloustein.

In his honor, the school created a video as not just a testament to Dr. Bloustein, but also to how we, at the Bloustein School, have memorialized his ethic. By capturing the essence of Ed Bloustein, we are able to show the meaning behind our mission: **to create just, socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable and healthy local, national and global communities.**

Special thanks to Ed's daughters Lori and Elise. This project was spearheaded by Janet Cole, Director of Development, and Madison Welch, Alumni and Development Specialist. The video was created by Bloustein alumnus Tatiana Rodriguez, MPH, BS (Public Health) '99.

Watch the video at <https://go.rutgers.edu/blousteinvideo>

## GRADUATE PHOTOS

A professional photographer will take photographs of each graduate immediately after diplomas are presented; consequently, the audience is requested to remain seated. *Please do not enter the floor area and do not block the aisles/view of other guests.* Arena staff will you to return to your seat. **Photographs will be available at no charge** on the Bloustein School website approximately 1 week following the event. Scan the QR code at the right or visit [go.rutgers.edu/ejbgradphotos](https://go.rutgers.edu/ejbgradphotos). The webcast of the ceremony will also be provided at the same website location.



## END OF CEREMONY EXIT PROCEDURES

The Bloustein School Convocation is the first of several Rutgers University Convocations occurring at the Jersey Mike's Arena. **Guests should plan to meet their graduates at the tent outside the arena.** *At the end of the ceremony guests should refrain from entering the floor of the arena.* Guests should exit the seating area via the side concourses and proceed directly to the exits located at the front of the building (to the left and right of the Ticket Office.) The Bloustein School is hosting a light reception of cookies and coffee for faculty, students, family and friends to gather immediately following the Convocation Ceremony. The tent is a short walk from the front entrance. Please follow the instructions from the Event Staff. Graduates will exit the floor and will then process to the front exits of Jersey Mike's Arena and go directly outside.

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## *Alma Mater*

### 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.

Her ardent spirit stirred and cheered me  
From the day me college years began;  
    Gracious Alma Mater mine;  
Learning's fair and honored shrine;  
On the banks of the old Raritan.

I love her flaming far-flung banner  
I love her triumphs proud to scan,  
    And I glory in her fame  
    That's immortalized her name.  
On the banks of the old Raritan.

My heart clings closer than the ivy  
As life runs out its fleeting span,  
    To the stately, ancient walls  
    Of her hallowed, classic halls  
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.

*As a courtesy to our graduates and other guests, we request that cell phones be turned off during the ceremony.*

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Congratulations Graduates!

Visit [alumni.rutgers.edu](https://alumni.rutgers.edu) to register as an alumnus of Rutgers and find out the many benefits of registration!



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