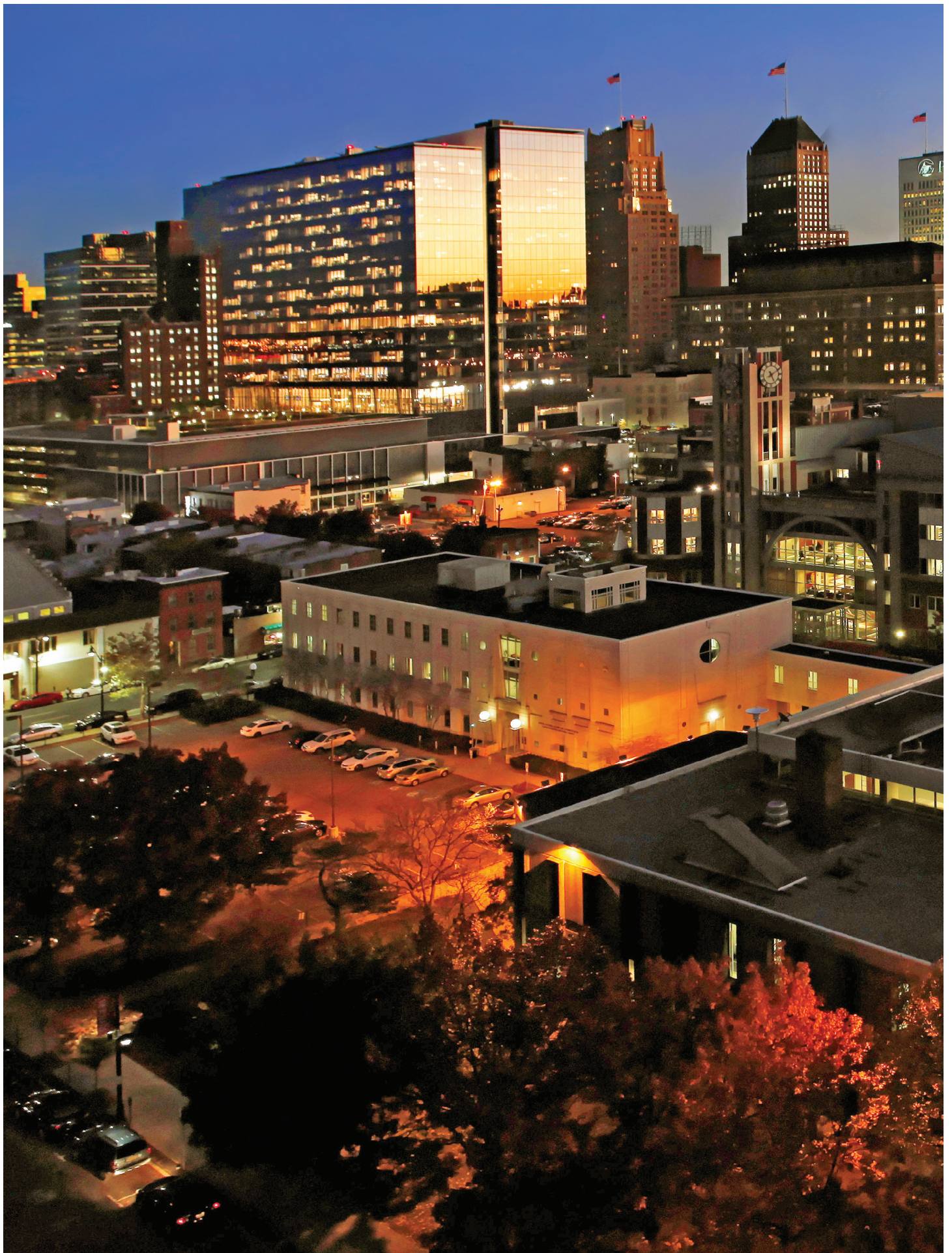




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May 22, 2025



Chancellor's Message

Welcome, families, extended families, chosen families, friends, faculty, staff, treasured community partners, and, most of all, graduates. We are overjoyed that each of you could join us to celebrate this momentous occasion. You can feel the incredible energy and buzz in the air; the anticipation of knowing that the culmination of years of hard work and sacrifice is about to be acknowledged.

As you will hear repeatedly today, our graduating scholars are truly inspirational. During today's ceremony, you will hear from a handful of graduates who will provide some small insights into their incredible accomplishments. Yet, the limited videos and remarks will never truly capture their talents and scholarship. Graduates were gracious and generous in bringing their authentic selves into our campus community. Students shared their lived experiences in the classrooms, student organizations, internships, community engagement events, and so many other aspects within Rutgers-Newark. The graduates' openness to engage and learn from each other while enrolled at Rutgers-Newark is what makes this a very special place. Rutgers University-Newark community members are humbled to have been part of that journey; faculty and staff consider themselves privileged to work at one of the most diverse campuses in the U.S.

Many of the graduates today are first-generation students, meaning they are the first in their family to earn a college degree. As first-generation college students ourselves, many on our Rutgers University-Newark leadership team, faculty, and staff, fondly remember the awe of commencement day, pride and joy of doing our families proud. We hope that you all take the time to reflect on the significance of this milestone.

We are confident that Rutgers-Newark graduates will be the change makers in their chosen career and disciplines. As names are called and individuals walk across the stage, we invite you to pay close attention because the names you hear today will be the leaders forging new paths in government, research, business, non-profits, education, climate change, policy making, and law – just to name a few.

Our community is wishing the graduates and soon-to-be Rutgers-Newark alumni all the best. We cannot wait to see and hear what you do next!

Congratulations!

In Community,

Jeffrey A. Robinson, PhD
Interim Chancellor



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Brian Phillips Murphy, *Associate Professor, School of Arts & Sciences-Newark
and Chair of the Newark Faculty Council*

Marshal

Clarity Brass

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Allyson Carvajal, *Newark College of Arts and Sciences '03*

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Jeffrey Robinson, *Interim Chancellor*

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Prabhas V. Moghe, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
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INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKERS

Erica Williams, *Acting Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

Nasheedah Singleton, *Master of Public Administration
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AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREES

Lobsang Tenzin Negi, *Honorary Doctor of Science*

Ramy Youssef, *Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts*

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Ramy Youssef, *Award-winning creator, actor, producer, director, and comedian*

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Talib Morgan, *Vice Chair, Rutgers University Alumni Association Newark College Arts & Sciences '96, Rutgers Business School '98*

CLOSING REMARKS

Bonita Veysey, *Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor*

RECESSIONAL

Members of the audience are requested to remain seated until the recessional has concluded.

The graduation ceremony for Rutgers Law School is being conducted on May 23, 10 a.m., at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Lists of graduates are correct as of May 8, 2025. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in compiling the lists in this program.

Commencement Speaker



RAMY YOUSSEF

Honorary Doctor of Fine Arts

Rutgers University-Newark is pleased to present an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree to **Ramy Youssef**.

Ramy Youssef is an award-winning Egyptian-American creator, actor, producer, director, and comedian, whose vibrant voice and unique perspective in storytelling have led him to become a leading artist of his generation. Youssef attended Rutgers-Newark from 2009 to 2011 and majored in Political Science before embarking on his career as an actor and comedian.

Youssef is perhaps best known for Hulu's Peabody Award-winning comedy and Emmy-nominated series, *Ramy*, which he created, produces, directs and stars in. Inspired by his own experiences, it centers around a first-generation Egyptian-American Muslim on a spiritual journey in the politically divided New Jersey neighborhood of Rutherford, where Youssef was raised. Youssef, who won a Golden Globe for his performance in *Ramy*, is also the co-creator and executive producer of Netflix's *Mo*, a semi-autobiographical series inspired by Mo Amer's life as a Palestinian refugee growing up in Houston. The series has won numerous accolades, including a Peabody Award.

Youssef's latest project, which had its April 17 premiere on Prime Video, is the adult-animated series, *#1 Happy Family USA*, which was ordered for two seasons. The series follows the maniacally upbeat Husseins — the most patriotic, most peaceful, and most definitely-not-suspicious Muslim family in post-9/11 "Amreeka." With satire and absurdity, it redefines finding humor in hardship as the Husseins navigate the early 2000s under the watchful eyes of their terrified neighbors. Youssef lends his voice to father "Hussein" and son "Rumi", alongside Alia Shawkat, Salma Hindy, Randa Jarrar, Mandy Moore, Timothy Olyphant, Chris Redd, Akaash Singh, Whitmer Thomas, Kieran Culkin, among others.

Recently, Youssef released his second critically acclaimed HBO comedy special, *Ramy Youssef: More Feelings* produced by A24 and Youssef's production company, Cairo Cowboy. The special was nominated for a 2025 Golden Globe, Critics' Choice Award, and Writers Guild of America Award in the Best Comedy/Stand-up Special category, and recently was nominated for a Peabody Award in the Entertainment category. *More Feelings* is the follow-up to *Ramy Youssef: Feelings*, which also earned him Critics' Choice Award and a Writers Guild Award nomination in 2020.

On the big screen, Youssef made his feature performance debut in Yorgos Lanthimos' critically acclaimed "Poor Things" opposite Emma Stone, Willem Dafoe, and Mark Ruffalo. The film, released in 2023, was awarded the Venice Film Festival's highest honor, the Golden Lion, before screening at prestigious film festivals around the world including New York, Telluride, London, and others. "Poor Things" went on to win four Academy Awards, five BAFTA Awards, a Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy, and was named one of the top films of 2023 by the American Film Institute and the National Board of Review.

Behind the camera, Youssef was nominated for an Emmy Award for Outstanding Directing in a Comedy Series for his work on the highly praised episode of FX's Emmy-winning series *The Bear*, titled "Honeydew," in which pastry chef Marcus (Lionel Boyce) travels to Copenhagen on a journey of personal and professional discovery while interning at one of the world's most renowned fine dining restaurants. Youssef received his first DGA Award nomination for this episode, continuing to garner recognition for his directorial prowess.

This spring, he also stars in "Mountainhead", an HBO Original feature by Jesse Armstrong, director of *Succession*. Youssef stars as the co-lead alongside Steve Carell, Jason Schwartzman, and Cory Michael Smith. The film, which is written by Armstrong and marks his feature directorial debut, follows a group of billionaire friends who get together against the backdrop of a rolling international crisis. It is slated to premiere May 31.

Honorary Degree Recipient



LOBSANG TENZIN NEGI, PhD

Honorary Doctor of Science

Rutgers University - Newark is pleased to present an Honorary Doctor of Science to **Lobsang Tenzin Negi, PhD**.

Lobsang Tenzin Negi, PhD is Executive Director of the Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion-Based Ethics at Emory University, formerly the Emory-Tibet Partnership. In this capacity, he has facilitated the academic endeavors undertaken by Emory in collaboration with His Holiness the Dalai Lama since 1998. Dr. Negi is also a Professor of Pedagogy in Emory University's Department of

Religion and the founder and spiritual director of Drepung Loseling Monastery, Inc., in Atlanta.

In 2004, Dr. Negi developed CBCT® (Cognitively-Based Compassion Training), a secularized contemplative program based on Tibetan Buddhist mind training practices that deliberately and systematically work to cultivate compassion. He has been at the forefront of compassion science, collaborating with numerous researchers from multiple disciplines examining the mechanisms behind compassion and its effects on the mind and body.

At the invitation of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Dr. Negi led the creation of the SEE Learning™ (Social, Emotional and Ethical Learning) framework and now oversees the development and implementation of SEE Learning curricula for kindergarten through university-level education. Additionally, he directs the Robert A. Paul Emory-Tibet Science Initiative (ETSI), a program that has developed, and is now implementing, a comprehensive modern science curriculum specifically for Tibetan monastics.

Dr. Negi was born in Kinnaur, a remote Himalayan region adjoining Tibet. A former monk, he began his monastic training at the Institute of Buddhist Dialectics in Dharamsala, India, and continued his education at Drepung Loseling Monastery in south India, where in 1994 he received the Geshe Lharampa degree. He completed his PhD at Emory University in 1999. His research has concentrated on the mind-body connection, with a particular focus on how emotions influence wellbeing. Dr. Negi is the recipient of two special awards at Emory, Faculty Advisor of the Year, and in 2024, the Jefferson Award which honors individuals who have significantly enriched the intellectual and civic life of the Emory community.





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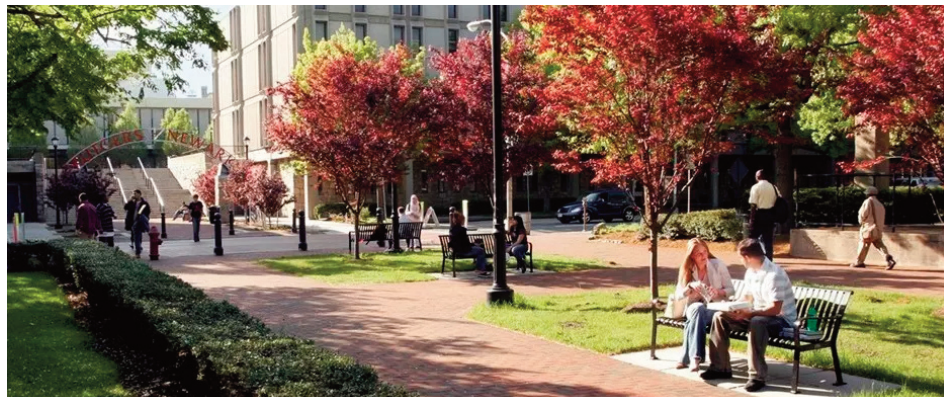
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*On the slopes of the academic hill, my friends
Where Rutgers stands and ever will
Standing proud and standing tall
Here for one and here for all
On the slopes of the academic hill*

*John Dana's dream for this old Newark
Of an educated human will
Lives on in sturdy walls
Of Rutgers' urban halls
On the slopes of the academic hill*

*On the slopes of the academic hill, my friends
Where Rutgers stands and ever will
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Here for one and here for all
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The Carr Scholarship is named for James Dickson Carr, the first African-American graduate of Rutgers University. He was a Phi Beta Kappa inductee in 1891. He graduated from Columbia Law School in 1896 and became a member of the New York Bar. He later was appointed assistant district attorney of New York County. The scholarship has been in existence within the university since 1985. It is awarded to deserving incoming first-year and transfer students who demonstrate academic promise and who score well on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT).

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Golden Key is an international honor society founded in 1977 at Georgia State University to recognize academic achievement among undergraduate and graduate students at the collegiate level. The mission of the Golden Key Honor Society is to enable students to realize their potential through the advancement of academic, leadership, and services. On April 26, 1999, the Rutgers University-Newark chapter of Golden Key was chartered and honored students who achieved a GPA of a 3.5 or higher and within the top 15% of their academic class.

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Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) is an International Honor Society in Education focused on empowering educators with the tools they need to succeed. Through professional development and community engagement, KDP fosters lifelong connections and supports growth, while promoting equitable inclusion for all members.

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Omicron Delta Epsilon is the International Honor Society for Economics, founded at Harvard and the University of Wisconsin in 1915. The Rutgers University-Newark chapter was chartered in 1966. It is the sixth oldest chapter in the state of New Jersey and the oldest of the three chapters at Rutgers University.

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PHI ALPHA THETA, THE HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY

Phi Alpha Theta (PAT) is a national honorary society for history, and has long had a chapter at Rutgers University-Newark. PAT is a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians.

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Phi Alpha is a national Social Work Honor Society that was founded in 1960 at Michigan State University to honor the academic excellence of undergraduate students pursuing the social work major. The purpose of Phi Alpha Honor Society is to provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideas. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work. The Nu Mu Xi chapter was founded at Rutgers University-Newark in 2019 and its members represent students in the top 35% of the Social Work major.

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Phi Beta Kappa, founded by William & Mary College students in Williamsburg, Va., in 1776, is the oldest and most prestigious honorary society in America. The Rutgers College Chapter is the Alpha Chapter in the state of New Jersey. In 1958, the National Council authorized the establishment of the Rutgers University-Newark college section of the Alpha Chapter. Its members are elected on the basis of a distinguished scholastic record in a curriculum that displays breadth and depth in the liberal arts at the College of Arts and Sciences and University College.

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Psi Chi is the international honor society of psychology, designed to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship of the individual members in all fields, particularly in psychology. Psi Chi was founded in 1929 with a mission to encourage excellence in scholarship and advance the science of psychology. The Rutgers University-Newark Chapter of Psi Chi requires that students achieve a 3.0 GPA within psychology and be within the top 35% of their academic class. Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science.

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Sigma Delta Pi, The National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society (La Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica), was established on Nov. 14, 1919, at the University of California Berkeley. A student majoring or minoring in Spanish with at least a minimum average of 3.5 and a 3.2 cumulative average may be eligible for election to Chi Epsilon #532, the Newark Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi. Chi Epsilon #532 was established at Rutgers in 2005-06.

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TAU SIGMA NATIONAL TRANSFER HONOR SOCIETY

Tau Sigma is an academic honor society designed specifically to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students. The Rutgers University-Newark chapter was chartered and founded in 2011 to honor transfer students who transferred into the Newark College of Arts and Sciences, University College-Newark, the Rutgers School of Business-Newark, the School of Criminal Justice, and the School of Public Affairs and Administration and achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher after the completion of their first semester at Rutgers University-Newark.

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DEPARTMENT MARKETING LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given by the faculty of the Department of Marketing to the undergraduate student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and achievement in the study of marketing and made major contributions to the department.

Nalahjia Gittens
Guadalupe Romero Carrera

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY CHAIN AWARD

This award is given by the faculty of the Department of Supply Chain to the students demonstrating outstanding achievement in the study of supply chain.

Samantha Freire

DR. ROSA OPPENHEIM LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award honors Executive Vice Dean Dr. Rosa Oppenheim's extraordinary commitment to Rutgers Business School and the leadership she has exhibited throughout her career, including two stints as interim dean. This award recognizes students who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to positive leadership.

Chinonso Anyanwu
Justin Vahalla

JAMES BICKSLER LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given by former Professor James Bicksler to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, as well as providing leadership in advancing other students.

Petra Ghaly

JOHN R.H. GILMOUR PUBLIC ACCOUNTING AWARD

This award, named for a long-time faculty member and first director of the undergraduate accounting program, is given to the most promising graduating student who has chosen a career in professional accounting.

Kyoko McNeil

LEE PAPAYANOPOULOS MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given in memory of the late Professor Lee Papayanopoulos, whose service to Rutgers and the academic community was distinguished by an unwavering commitment to excellence. The Lee Papayanopoulos Memorial Award recognizes an undergraduate student with a major or concentration in management information systems who exemplifies excellence in academic and extracurricular activities.

Noam Zilca

Awards & Honors

RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

LOUIS GLUCK MEMORIAL AWARD IN MANAGEMENT

This award, named in memory of and endowed by the late Louis Gluck, is given each year to the graduating student demonstrating outstanding scholarship and service to the school.

Simral Sajid

NEWARK UNDERGRADUATE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Newark Undergraduate 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.

Suvrat Dwivedi

RONALD ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL AWARD

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Marco Alvarado

RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRIZE NEWARK UNDERGRADUATE

This prize is given each year to a member of the full-time day program who has shown the greatest achievement in both scholastic and extracurricular activities.

Fatema Ahmed

RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL, UNDERGRADUATE-NEWARK DEAN'S AWARD

This award is given by the dean of the Rutgers Business School to the graduating student who is judged by the faculty to demonstrate the most outstanding overall excellence.

Goodness Ifesanya
Alexandra Ramirez

ZACHARY STOUMBOS MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given in memory of the late Professor Zachary Stoumbos, chair of the Management Science and Information Systems Department, whose service to Rutgers and the academic community was distinguished by an unwavering commitment to excellence. The Zachary Stoumbos Memorial Award recognizes an undergraduate student with a major or concentration in management information systems who exemplifies excellence in academic and extracurricular activities.

Donald Hamilton

RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL, PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE AWARD

To recognize a student or students who have demonstrated exceptional professionalism and service to the Rutgers Business School and the Rutgers-Newark communities, and embody and facilitate in others the RBS virtues of resilience, resourcefulness, and responsibility.

Anatolia McRoberts
Wardah Samad
Maximilian Wang

The University



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The School of Arts and Sciences-Newark, the largest school on the campus, is made up of two degree-granting colleges, the College of Arts and Sciences and University College.

The College of Arts and Sciences offers a curriculum that combines the advantages of a liberal arts foundation with the specialized training necessary for a specific career. The school offers B.A., B.S., and B.F.A. degrees in the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences, and social work. Students learn in small classes taught by leading scholars, scientists, and creative artists, with intensive interaction between students and faculty, and extensive opportunities for internships, experiential learning, and research in faculty laboratories. The Honors College provides unique learning opportunities through special seminars, cultural programs, and social activities.

University College has a long tradition of making undergraduate education available to working adults who cannot attend college during the workday. However, when schedules permit, University College students can take day classes as well. University College students, like those in the College of Arts and Sciences, are taught by faculty who are leaders in their fields of expertise. University College also offers an Honors College program with special seminars and an emphasis on original research. Degrees awarded include the B.A. and the B.S.

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The University

Rutgers Business School-Newark and New Brunswick stands on the principles of academic excellence, cutting-edge research, and public service that have defined Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey for more than 250 years. Today, Rutgers Business School is educating more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students at two main campuses in New Jersey as well as satellite locations in Jersey City and Singapore. Steeped in academic excellence, with a distinguished faculty and a corps of more than 60,000 successful alumni, Rutgers Business School is highly ranked by *The Wall Street Journal*, *U.S. News & World Report*, and *Poets&Quants*.

The School of Criminal Justice, founded in 1974 by an act of the New Jersey Legislature, is committed to advancing education and scholarship on crime and justice at the highest level. Our mission is to prepare graduates to become thoughtful, effective, and respected professionals in the field. Our faculty are leaders in shaping criminal justice policy and advancing criminological theory, while our alumni rank among the most productive and influential scholars and professionals nationwide. Driven by a deep concern for public safety and social justice, we employ rigorous methodologies and diverse theoretical perspectives to address complex issues that impact people's lives. This commitment fosters meaningful engagement with communities, professionals, and policymakers, all in service of shaping both the understanding and the practice of justice.

Rutgers Law School, New Jersey's flagship public law school, is dedicated to providing educational experiences of exceptional quality and value to a diverse student population. With campuses in Newark and Camden, Rutgers Law is the largest law school in the Northeast. Internationally recognized faculty, dedicated staff, and its diverse student body shape a more equitable legal system in surrounding communities, across New Jersey, and beyond. The Rutgers Law community shares a vision: A compassionate justice served by professionals who understand how the law affects people and society. Rutgers Law is known for social impact, but its 20,000+ alumni practice in every branch of the law.

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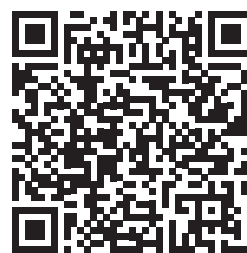
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The Academic Costume

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..."

American universities established a code of regulations which today is followed by almost all American institutions. The establishment of this code has made it possible to distinguish the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree recipients, and at the same time, to recognize the university awarding the degree.

The colors of the lining of the hoods for the nine original colonial colleges are: scarlet, Rutgers; crimson, Harvard; green-gold-silver, William and Mary; blue, Yale; red and blue, Pennsylvania; orange and black, Princeton; light blue and white, Columbia; brown, Brown; and green and white, Dartmouth. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. The master's gown has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist. The rear part of its oblong shape is square-cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. It is worn open or closed.

The hoods vary in size: 48 inches for the doctoral degree, 42 inches for the master's, and 36 inches for the bachelor's. All hoods are lined 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. Black mortarboards are worn for all degrees.

Some of the colors in the bindings of the hoods are: white, Arts and Letters; drab, Business Administration; violet, Criminal Justice; light blue, Education; purple, Law; apricot, Nursing; peacock blue, Public Administration; blue, Philosophy; gold, Science; and citron, Social Work.



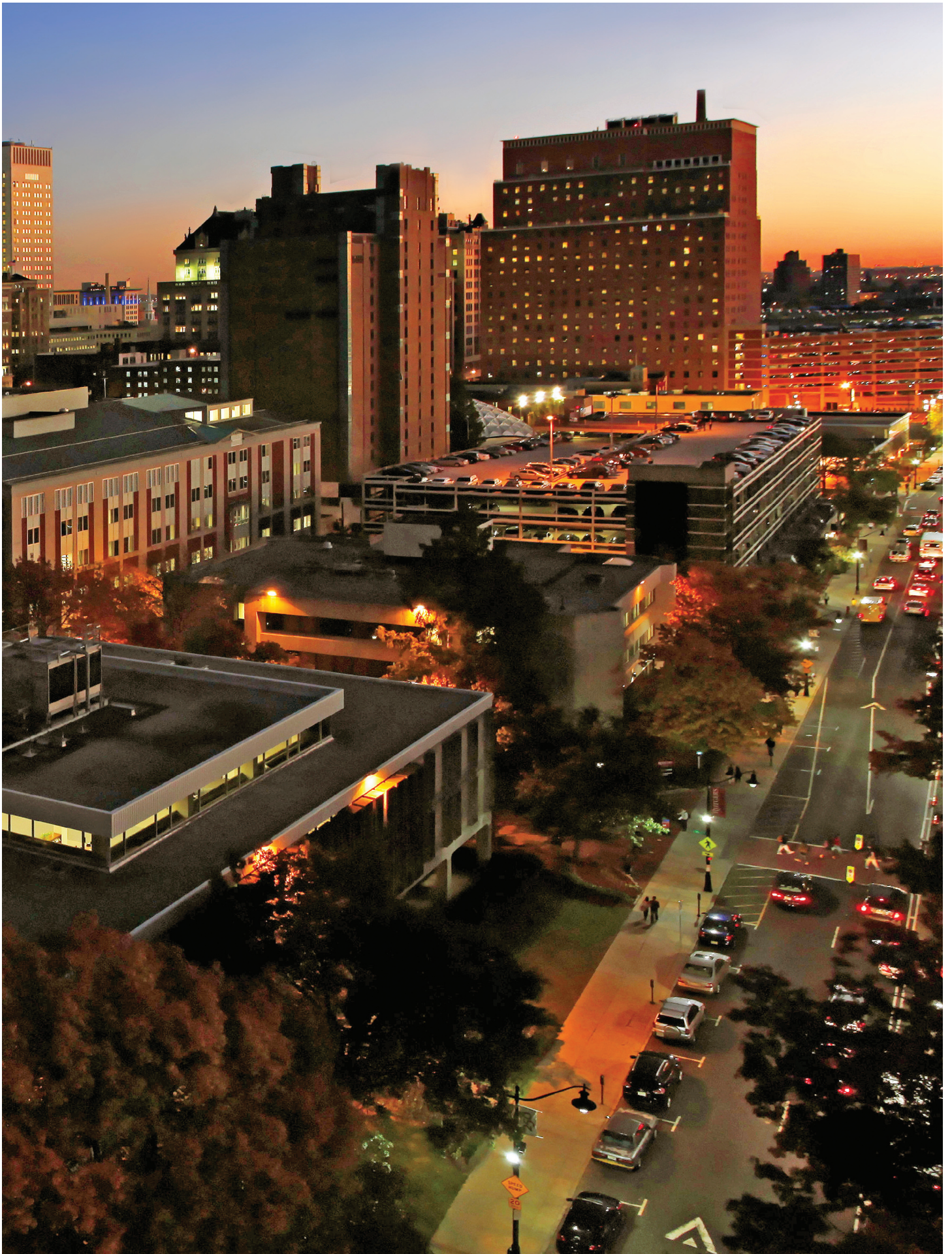
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