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*Commencement*

**Thursday, May 21**

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(COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL-UNDERGRADUATE

May 21, 2026



## *Chancellor's Message*

**Welcome graduates**, families, chosen families, friends, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and community partners.

Today, we gather to celebrate an extraordinary achievement. Commencement marks the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance, and growth, and it is a moment of great pride for our graduates and for the entire Rutgers University–Newark community. Each of you has reached this milestone through your own path, shaped by curiosity, determination, and a commitment to learning that will continue long after today.

Our graduates leave Rutgers–Newark at a pivotal moment in our world. You have pursued your education amid complexity and change, and in doing so, you have demonstrated resilience, creativity, and resolve. In classrooms, laboratories, studios, and community spaces, you have engaged deeply with ideas, challenged assumptions, and contributed meaningfully to our shared intellectual life. These experiences have prepared you not only for careers but for lives of purpose and impact.

Many of today's graduates are the first in their families to earn a college degree. Others bring with them stories shaped by sacrifice, responsibility, and hope. What unites you is your determination to move forward, to lead, to serve, and to make a difference. As Raiders, you are part of a proud Rutgers–Newark tradition grounded in access, excellence, and community engagement. That spirit, the conviction that together we rise stronger, will continue to connect you to this institution and to one another wherever your journey leads.

As your names are called and you cross the stage, know that you carry with you the strength and pride of this community. Faculty mentors, staff members, advisors, friends, and loved ones have walked alongside you, offering guidance and encouragement. We are grateful for their support and for the role they have played in helping you reach this day.

Graduates, wherever your path takes you into public service, research, industry, education, entrepreneurship, the arts, or further study, you leave here well prepared to lead with integrity, empathy, and courage. The world needs your talents, voices, ideas, and your commitment to justice, opportunity, and innovation. As you step forward, carry your Raider pride with confidence and remember that you will always have a home at Rutgers–Newark.

Congratulations, Class of 2026. RU Raiders! RU Raiders! RU Raiders!

In Community,

Tonya Smith-Jackson, PhD, CPE  
Chancellor, Rutgers University–Newark



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# *Order of Exercises*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

*Mayte Green-Mercado, Associate Professor of History*

*Marshal*

*Clarity Brass*

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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

## **CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

*Tonya Smith-Jackson, Chancellor*

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

*Ras J. Baraka, Mayor of Newark*

## **REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

*Keena Arbuthnot, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs  
and Chief Academic Officer*

## **CLASS OF 2026 ADDRESSES**

### **INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER**

*Corlisse Thomas, Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
and Senior Advisor to the Chancellor*

### **GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER**

*Tiffany Olivera, PhD in Chemistry, Graduate School - Newark '26*

### **INTRODUCTION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER**

*Adrian Henry, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences '26  
and Student Governing Association President*

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER**

*Victor Agbara, Bachelor of Science, College of Arts & Sciences '26*

## **INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT**

*Bil Leipold, Interim Vice Dean and Special Advisor to the Provost  
School of Criminal Justice and Office of the Chancellor*

# *Order of Exercises*

## AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE AND COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

**Jonathan T. Capehart**, *Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, author,  
and co-anchor of "The Weekend"*

*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*

## CONFERRING OF DEGREES

### GRADUATE SCHOOL

**Gregg G. Van Ryzin**, *Interim Dean*

### SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION

**Kaifeng Yang**, *Dean*

### SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Nancy La Vigne**, *Dean*

### SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES-NEWARK

**(COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES AND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)**

**Jacqueline Mattis**, *Dean*

### RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL

**Lei Lei**, *Dean*

## RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REMARKS

**Brittany S. Hale, Esq.**, *Alumni Group Liaison, Rutgers University Alumni Association*

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Jeffrey A. Robinson**, *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 22, 10 a.m., at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.*

*Lists of graduates are correct as of May 7, 2026. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in compiling the lists in this program.*

## Commencement Speaker



**JONATHAN T. CAPEHART**  
*Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters*

Rutgers University-Newark is pleased to present an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to **Jonathan T. Capehart**.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jonathan Capehart is the co-anchor of “The Weekend,” airing Saturdays and Sundays from 7 to 10 a.m. ET on MS NOW. A longtime MS NOW anchor, he also serves as a political analyst on “PBS NewsHour” and is featured on the popular Friday segment, “Brooks and Capehart.”

Capehart has also hosted several MS NOW specials. In 2021, his MS NOW special “A Promised Land: A Conversation with Barack Obama” was nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding News Discussion & Analysis. Additional specials include the “Pride of Stage and Screen” and “Pride of the White House,” the latter earning him a GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding TV Journalism—Long Form in 2022.

Capehart was the deputy editorial page editor of the *New York Daily News* (2002 to 2004) and served on its editorial board from 1993 to 2000. In 1999, his editorial campaign to save the Apollo Theater earned him and the board the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing. Capehart left the *Daily News* in July 2000 to become the national affairs columnist at *Bloomberg News*, and took leave from this position in February 2001 to serve as a policy adviser to Michael Bloomberg in his first successful campaign for New York City Mayor. Capehart was also previously an associate editor and columnist for *The Washington Post*.

His *New York Times* best-selling memoir, *Yet Here I Am: Lessons from a Black Man's Search for Home*, was published by Grand Central Publishing in 2025. Capehart grew up in Newark, New Jersey where he attended St. Rose of Lima and St. Benedict's Preparatory School.



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**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-NEWARK ALMA MATER**

*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  
Standing proud and standing tall  
Here for one and here for all  
On the slopes of the academic hill*



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## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

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**Shelley Kurland**  
*Assistant Dean for Professional Development and Special Initiatives*

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*Program Coordinator*

**Terri Kupersmit**  
*Senior Program Coordinator*

**Alicia M. Picone**  
*Senior Academic Program Coordinator*

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**Reena Patel**  
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**Alyssa Sofman**  
*Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs*

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**Christal M. Harry**  
*Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Programs and Enrollment Services*

**Dennis Ng**  
*Business Manager*

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*Dean*

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*Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs and Research*

**Yaw Mensah**  
*Professor and Vice Dean for Strategic Partnerships*

**Melissa Rivera**  
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**Shen Yeniyurt**  
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**Lucas Greeley**  
*Associate Dean, Undergraduate Program-Newark*

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**Elizabeth Rowe**  
*Associate Dean of Academic Services*

**Mirela Ngjela**  
*Associate Dean of Budget and Administration*



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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### AMERICAN STUDIES

Jarretia Nadine Adams ☞  
Advisor: Frances Bartkowski, PhD  
*The Crime Without a Name: Genocide and the Black Radical Tradition*

Anne Margaret Anderson  
Advisor: Ruth Feldstein, PhD  
*Quaker City Surveillance: Vice, Vigilance, and Policing in Progressive-Era Philadelphia*

Sydney Alexandra Johnson  
Advisor: Melissa L. Cooper, PhD  
*"Montclair the Beautiful?": The Narrative Erosion of Black Women's Labors and Subjectivity within the Authorized Heritage Discourse of Suburban Montclair, New Jersey, 1806-1952*

Soili Eva Smith ☞  
Advisor: Mark Krasovic, PhD  
*Imagining Canaan: Anglo-Canadian Nationalism and the Discourse of Refuge*

### CHEMISTRY

Xu Chang ☞  
Advisor: Fei Zhang, PhD  
*Self-Assembly of DNA Origami Based Nanostructure and Co-Transcriptionally Folded RNA Tiles*

Oguz Kaan Kucukosman  
Advisor: Huixin He, PhD  
*Modification of the Defect and Crystal Chemistry of WO<sub>3</sub> for Selective Hydrogen Atom Electrocatalysis and Ion-Storage Applications*

Lirong Lin ☞  
Advisor: Demyan Prokopchuk, PhD  
*Using Diamondoid Pincer Ligands as C(sp<sup>3</sup>)-H Bond Activation Models at Group 10 Transition Metals*

Katherine Alexandria Lloyd ☞  
Advisor: Elena Galoppini, PhD  
*Modulating Energy Alignment and Electronic Properties on Semiconductors Through Bridge Design in Organic Sensitizers*

Conor Laurence Long  
Advisor: Jenny V. Lockard, PhD  
*Probing Electronic Structure and Reactivity in Ti-based Metal Organic Frameworks*

Jessica Andrea Martinez Bernal ☞  
Advisor: Michele Pavanello, PhD  
*Density Embedding and Other Electronic Structure Methods for Condensed Phase Chemistry*

Tiffany Rocio Olivera  
Advisor: Fei Zhang, PhD  
*Self-Assembly of DNA Origami for Templating Hybrid Materials and Creating Dynamic Rotary Nanodevices*

Ashutosh Sahoo  
Advisor: Frieder Jaekle, PhD  
*B-N Lewis Pair-Functionalized Dihydrophenazines*

Yuzhuo Sha ☞  
Advisor: Michal Szostak, PhD  
*Development of N-Heterocyclic Carbene Ligands for Transition-Metal-Catalysis*

David S. Tresp ☞  
Advisor: Demyan Prokopchuk, PhD  
*Manganese and Iron Carbonyl Complexes with Amine-Rich Cyclopentadienyl and Dicarbene Ligands: Synthesis, Reactivity, Redox, and N-H Bond Thermochemistry*

Qi Yang ☞  
Advisor: Fei Zhang, PhD  
*Self-Assembly of Nucleic Acid Tiles for 2D Tessellation, Dynamic Reconfiguration, and RNA Sensing*

Shiyi Yang ☞  
Advisor: Michal Szostak, PhD  
*Selective Activation of C-O and C-S Bonds by Highly Reactive Air- and Moisture-Stable, Well-Defined Palladium (II) - N - Heterocyclic Carbene (NHC) Catalysis*

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Julia Chresso Bowling  
Advisor: Robert Apel, PhD  
*Prison Industries: Purpose and Practices*

Rosheka N. Faulkner  
Advisor: Ebony Ruhland, PhD  
*Restorative Justice and Religion: The Intersection of Black-Faith Practice and Restorative Justice*

Tyler Nicholas Keller ☞  
Advisor: Joel Caplan, PhD  
*Place, Police Force, and Underreporting*

Carolina Ribeiro Caliman  
Advisor: Colleen M. Berryessa, PhD  
*Bridging the Gap: Navigating Autism Spectrum Disorder and the Criminal Justice System*

Sandy Shengyi Xie ☞  
Advisor: Colleen M. Berryessa, PhD  
*Perceptions of Neuroscience and Mental Health in Courts: Implications of Bias, Stigma, and Other Factors on Defendant Outcomes*

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Henry Emerson Moore ☞  
Advisor: Lee D. Slater, PhD  
*Do Minerogenous Groundwater Discharges from Post-Glacial Structures Influence Pool Hydromorphology in Raised Northern Peat Bogs?*

Khondaker Md Nur Alam ☞  
Advisor: Evert Elzinga, PhD  
*A Detailed Investigation of Divalent Trace Metal Sorption onto Green Rust*

Joshua Howard Thompson ☞  
Advisor: Lee D. Slater, PhD  
*Hydrogeophysical Investigations of Subsurface Nutrient Transport Pathways in Low-Relief Agricultural Landscapes on the Delmarva Peninsula*

Ying Yao  
Advisor: Yuan Gao, PhD  
*Airborne Microplastics and PFAS: Distribution and Interactions in the Urban Atmosphere*

### GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Abdullah Azizi  
Advisor: Gregg G. Van Ryzin, PhD  
*Capabilities and Government Effectiveness: A Study of Large-Scale Reform in Afghanistan*

Hanaa Fawzy ☞  
Advisor: John Cantwell, PhD  
*International Business Strategies For Governance In International Branch Campuses: Ethics, Diplomacy, and Reputation Management*

Dina M. Nehme  
Advisors: Mary Curran, PhD and Timothy Eatman, PhD  
*Perceptions, Stigma and Help-Seeking Intentions Surrounding Mental Health Among Middle Eastern International Students in Universities in the United States*

Tania S. Quinones ☞  
Advisor: John Cantwell, PhD  
*Analyzing the Effects of Weak Intellectual Property Rights, Reciprocity, and Proximity Across Various Dimensions, on a Country's Innovativeness*

Ene Christabel Unobe  
Advisor: Alex Hinton, PhD  
*Gendered Multilateralism: Centering Localization in Transitional Justice*

### MANAGEMENT

Guo Chen  
Advisor: Priyank Gandhi, PhD  
*Two Essays on Credit Default Swaps and Corporate Policies*

Berkay Kaplan  
Advisor: Michael Katehakis, PhD  
*The Transformative Potential of Networked Technologies in Firefighter Safety, Internet Diagnostics, and Explorations in Public Health*

Andrea Karayianni Tsentides ☞  
Advisor: Helen Brown-Libur, PhD  
*ESG Assurance in an Evolving Landscape: Navigating its Impact on Performance and Stakeholder Perceptions*

Meehyun Kim ☞  
Advisor: Helen Brown-Libur, PhD  
*Faces of Sustainability: Visual Cues in Disclosure and Their Impact on Perception*

Maksym Orest Lazirko ☞  
Advisor: Miklos A. Vasarhelyi, PhD  
*Cryptocurrency Chronicles: Innovations in Financial Integrity & Regulatory Compliance Using Web 3.0 Technologies*

Peng Li ☞  
Advisors: Yao Zhao, PhD and Lian Qi, PhD  
*Optimization and Strategic Design of Service Systems: Queueing Models, Digital Platforms, and Two-Sided Markets*

Zeyao Luan  
Advisor: Sophia Zhengzi Li, PhD  
*The Power of Information in Trading and Return Dynamics*

Sitao Min  
Advisor: Jaideep Vaidya, PhD  
*Advances in Missing Data Imputation over Federated Data Networks*

Jiahui Xu ☞  
Advisor: Miklos A. Vasarhelyi, PhD  
*Advancing Continuous Monitoring and Auditing: Integrating Emerging Technologies for Enhanced Business Risk Management and Financial Integrity*

Zheng Zeng ☞  
Advisors: Xiaowei Xu, PhD and Lian Qi, PhD  
*Three Essays on Operational Strategies and Performance Improvement*

Guangyue Zhang  
Advisor: Miklos A. Vasarhelyi, PhD  
*Three Essays on Data-Driven Assurance*

Chenhao Zhou  
Advisor: Lei Lei, PhD  
*Toward a Contingency Theory of Healthcare Operations: How Context, Configuration, and Coordination Shape Performance*

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Jaeyun Bae ☞  
Advisor: Anastasiia Tsvietkova, PhD  
*Diagrammatic Unknotting Number is NP-Hard and Computational Link Problems*

Samantha Artemis Pease  
Advisor: Chen Wan, PhD  
*The Local Gan-Gross-Prasad Conjecture for General Spin Groups*

### NEUROSCIENCE

Orhan Batuhan Erkat ☞  
Advisor: Pierre-Olivier Polack, PhD  
*Disentangling the Effects of Passive Exposure and Behavioral Training on Representation of Oriented Visual Stimuli In the Primary Visual Cortex of Mice*

Elif Beyza Guven ☞  
Advisors: James M. Tepper, PhD and Maxime Assous, PhD  
*The Role of  $\beta 2$ -Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors in Striatal Microcircuits and Striatum-Dependent Behaviors*

Beenish Mahmood ☞  
Advisor: April A. Benasich, PhD  
*The Effects of Early Acoustic Experience on the Developing Brain and its Relationship with Infant Language Development*

Jaleesa Sarah Stringfellow ☞  
Advisor: Travis E. Baker, PhD  
*Neural and Behavioral Correlates of the Reward Positivity*

### NURSING

Annmarie Azepeha Johnson-Rowe ☞  
Advisor: Rula Btoush, PhD  
*Job Satisfaction and Intent to Leave Among Primary Care Nurse Practitioners*

Jacqueline Therese Norrell ☞  
Advisor: Olga F. Jarrin Montaner, PhD  
*Examining Racial Disparities in GVHD and Mortality After Cell Therapy for Hematologic Cancers*

Leslie Wright-Brown ☞  
Advisor: Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins, PhD, RN, FAAN  
*An Investigation of Healthcare Encounter Experiences of African Americans with Hypertension or Diabetes in Acute and Ambulatory Care Settings: A Mixed-Methods Study*

### PHYSICS, APPLIED

Armin Kalita ☞  
Advisor: Claudiu A. Stan, PhD  
*Studying Freezing, Cavitation and Ablation in Water Drops with X-ray Lasers, Optical Imaging, and Numerical Modeling*

Rishi Vivek Rao  
Advisor: Li Zhu, PhD  
*Design and Exploration of Strongly Correlated Systems Through Machine Learning Computational Acceleration*

### PSYCHOLOGY

Wesley Ameden ☞  
Advisor: Elizabeth Tricomi, PhD  
*The Influence of Social Factors on Willingness to Exert Effort*

Chénqí Gāo ❖ *Management*  
Advisor: Luis M. Rivera, PhD and Oliver J. Sheldon, PhD  
*A Dynamic Interactive Account of Attractiveness-Based Bias in Impression Formation of Women in Masculine-Typed Jobs*

Elif Sümeýra Ulutaş  
Advisor: Samantha Heintzelman, PhD  
*The Psychological Experience of Parasocial Friendships*

### PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Monica Paz Aldea Espinoza  
Advisor: Norma M. Riccucci, PhD  
*Meritocracy in Practice: Social Equity and Senior Executive Recruitment in Chile*

Tong Chen  
Advisor: Yahong Zhang, PhD  
*The Portrait of Public Corruption in the U.S.: What Does Big Data Reveal?*

Zachary Curinga  
Advisor: Lindsey McDougale, PhD  
*Tales of Nonprofit Change and Disruption: Institutional Work in Voluntary Associations*

Nicolás Francisco Lagos Machuca Sr.  
Advisor: Yahong Zhang, PhD  
*Exploring the Challenges of Artificial Intelligence in Public Administration: Insights from Public Officials*

Valentine Akinyi Lamar  
Advisor: Yahong Zhang, PhD  
*Three Essays on Citizens' Corruption Perceptions*

Ying Liu  
Advisor: Norma M. Riccucci, PhD  
*Essays on Women's Representation and Its Bureaucratic Outcomes*

Vishal Trehan  
Advisor: Gregory A. Porumbescu, PhD  
*Citizen Motivations, Digital Skills, and Government Responsiveness: Three Essays on Digital Equity in Public Service Delivery*

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**URBAN SYSTEMS**

Ang Liu

Advisor: Jason Barr, PhD

*The Hidden Leveraged City: Financialized  
Housing, Urbanism, and Governance in  
China*

Mary Flora Malyska

Advisor: Laura Krystal Porterfield, PhD

*Embedded Versus Standalone Digital  
Literacy Curriculum Design - Impact on  
Elementary School Academic Outcomes for  
Economically Disadvantaged Student  
Populations*

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☞ *January 2026 Graduate*

❖ *Dual Degree*

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

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Lisbeth Marie Abreu ☒  
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Nicholas Sullivan Duva  
Pierfrancesco Giannini  
Manuela Gomez ☒  
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Dianniris Lorenzo  
Anjali Madgula

Moujan Moghimi  
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Gregory Ferbrache  
Maya Elizabeth Garcia Fisher

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Ariadne Herrera  
Ruby Hogue  
Anthony Yunsung Kang  
Quincy Kitson

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Noel Munguia-Moreno  
Steven Porrello  
Maggie Zhu

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Tiago Pires Neto  
Nuray Öncül ☒  
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Keyri D. Villegas  
Meiyan Wang  
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# *Awards & Honors*

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

### 2026 DEAN'S OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD

For outstanding doctoral dissertation.

Rishi Vivek Rao *Physics, Applied*

### DANIEL S. LEHRMAN FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship in memory of Daniel S. Lehrman, a leading psychobiologist, member of the National Academy of Sciences and founder of the Institute of Animal Behavior.

Wesley Ameden, *Psychology*

Elif Sümeýra Ulutaş, *Psychology*

### DEAN'S DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Highly competitive dissertation completion fellowship.

Anne Margaret Anderson, *American Studies*

Julia Chresso Bowling, *Criminal Justice*

Xu Chang, *Chemistry*

Tong Chen, *Public Administration*

Orhan Batuhan Erkat, *Neuroscience*

Chénqí Gāo, *Psychology*

Sydney Alexandra Johnson, *American Studies*

Armin Kalita, *Physics, Applied*

Nicolás Francisco Lagos Machuca Sr., *Public Administration*

Valentine Akinyi Lamar, *Public Administration*

Lirong Lin, *Chemistry*

Ying Liu, *Public Administration*

Ang Liu, *Urban Systems*

Zeyao Luan, *Management*

Jessica Andrea Martinez Bernal, *Chemistry*

Dina M. Nehme, *Global Affairs*

Joshua Howard Thompson, *Environmental Sciences*

Qi Yang, *Chemistry*

Shiyi Yang, *Chemistry*

### GLASSER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to graduate students in the Master's Program in Peace and Conflict Studies.

Manuela Gomez, *Peace and Conflict Studies*

### GRADUATE SCHOOL-NEWARK ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Awarded to graduate students based upon academic merit and financial need.

Samuel M. Arkin, *Business & Science*

Zahra Booyavi, *Management*

Ene Christabel, *Global Affairs*

Sydney Alexandra Johnson, *American Studies*

Rutva J. Joshi, *Chemistry*

Meehyun Kim, *Management*

Valentine Akinyi Lamar, *Public Administration*

Rani Maline Persaud, *Political Science*

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# *Awards & Honors*

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL**

### **GRADUATE SCHOOL-NEWARK DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP**

Awarded to graduate students based upon academic merit and financial need.

Tong Chen, *Public Administration*  
Maria Davradou, *Biology*  
Meehyun Kim, *Management*  
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### **HAROLD I. SIEGEL FELLOWSHIP**

Awarded to doctoral students in Psychology based upon academic promise and financial need.

Elif Sümeýra Ulutaş, *Psychology*

### **HAZEL VERA DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP**

Fellowship in memory of Hazel Vera Dean to provide financial assistance to graduate students who are from New Jersey.

John Michael Carroll, *Business & Science*

### **INGE GAMBE SCHOLARSHIP**

Awarded to graduate students based upon academic merit and financial need.

Valentine Akinyi Lamar, *Public Administration*  
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### **MASTER'S TUITION SCHOLARSHIP**

In recognition of outstanding achievement and potential for graduate study.

Lisbeth Marie Abreu, *Political Science*  
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# *Awards & Honors*

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL**

### **NIH – GRADUATE RESEARCH TRAINING INITIATIVE FOR STUDENT ENHANCEMENT (G-RISE)**

Competitive program to develop a diverse pool of scientists earning a PhD for careers in the biomedical research workforce.

Mary S. Mousa, *Psychology*

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### **NORMAN SAMUELS FELLOWSHIP**

Fellowship established to honor Provost Emeritus Norman Samuels. It is a highly competitive award given to only one outstanding applicant to a doctoral program at Rutgers University-Newark as an incentive to attend.

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### **NSF - BRIDGE TO THE DOCTORATE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP – LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION (LSAMP)**

Competitive program to diversify the STEM workforce through the development of highly competitive students from groups historically underrepresented in STEM disciplines.

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### **PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP**

Competitive award for newly admitted students who have demonstrated outstanding academic accomplishments and exceptional promise for success in research in their chosen discipline.

Julia Chresso Bowling, *Criminal Justice*

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# *School of Public Affairs and Administration*

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- ☼ *January 2026 Graduate*
- \* *cum laude (3.5-3.699 GPA)*
- ✦ *magna cum laude (3.7-3.849 GPA)*
- ◇ *summa cum laude (3.850-4.0 GPA)*
- π *Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society*
- ☼ *Honors College Graduate*

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☞ October 2025 Graduate

☞ January 2026 Graduate

π Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society

# *Awards & Honors*

## **SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **PI ALPHA ALPHA**

Pi Alpha Alpha is the Global Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration. There are more than 160 chapters located around the world at Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration member schools.

The purpose of Pi Alpha Alpha is to encourage and recognize outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration. Its objectives, such as fostering integrity, professionalism, and effective performance, promote the advancement of quality in the education and practice of the art and science of public affairs and administration.

#### **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION HONOR SOCIETY CRITERIA**

Undergraduates – GPA of 3.5 or higher in public affairs, administration, policy, or related academic major effective Fall 2015  
Master Students – GPA of 3.85 or higher effective Fall 2016

#### **PI ALPHA ALPHA OATH**

I pledge my support for the intellectual and professional advancement of the art and science of public administration and public affairs. I shall honor and respect the virtues and values of public service and those who serve.

I shall uphold the eternal need for education that imbues public administrators with traditions of democratic governance. Moreover, as a member of Pi Alpha Alpha, I shall uphold the highest ethical standards applying to public service and will endeavor to encourage and engage in meaningful interaction with other members.

### **E. DREXEL GODFREY AWARD**

Jill Segulin  
George Zapata

### **FACULTY SERVICE AWARD**

Diego Galego

### **FACULTY TEACHING AWARD**

Suzanne Piotrowski

### **OUTSTANDING BACHELOR OF ARTS STUDENT AWARD**

Karen Perez

### **OUTSTANDING MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STUDENT AWARD**

Michael McCarty  
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### **OUTSTANDING DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY STUDENT AWARD**

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# School of Criminal Justice

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## MA CERTIFICATES

### DATA ANALYSIS AND STATISTICS CERTIFICATE

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### SPATIAL ANALYSIS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY CERTIFICATE

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- ☒ January 2026 Graduate
- π Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society
- ☒ Honors College Graduate
- ☒ Military Connected

# *Awards & Honors*

## **SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

### **ALPHA PHI SIGMA**

Criminal Justice National Honor Society

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### **DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL AND PRACTICAL EXCELLENCE**

This award is presented to recognize outstanding contributions by a graduate student who influences or contributes to the field or profession of criminal justice while earning a Master's degree.

Kayla Nicole Blass

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### **DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT**

This award is presented to a graduating MA student who has achieved the highest academic standing in the Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice Program and who has demonstrated an applied understanding of course materials through their written work completed during their time in the MA Program that they believe exemplifies their strongest academic performance.

Deborah C. Regan

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

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### CARR SCHOLARS

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 HONOR SOCIETY

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, THE EDUCATION HONOR SOCIETY

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, THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR ECONOMICS

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, THE SOCIAL WORK HONOR SOCIETY

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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Maria Coates	Irina Ragulina
Arielle A. Estes	Jerrell A. Sablan
Angalina Ferrer	Jessica Sanchez
Brilliza Jimenez	Martha Santana
Lauren T. Lueddeke	Julie Sevenny

### PHI BETA KAPPA

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

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 (CHI EPSILON 532) NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HISPANIC HONOR SOCIETY

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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## **RUTGERS BUSINESS SCHOOL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS AWARD**

This award is given each year by the faculty of the Department of Accounting to the student demonstrating outstanding achievement in the study of accounting, as well as major contributions to the department.

**Jethro Rajendram**

### **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS AWARD**

This award is given each year by the faculty of the Department of Finance to the student demonstrating outstanding achievement in the study of finance, as well as major contributions to the department.

**Jack France**

### **DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND GLOBAL BUSINESS AWARD**

This award is given by the faculty of the Department of Global Management to the student demonstrating outstanding achievement in the study of management.

**Cecelia Jelvani**

### **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.

**Juan Lopez  
Stephen Sullivan  
Stephanie Turcios**

### **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.

**Elizabeth Boyle**

### **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.

**Eron Holder  
Nicholas Khan**

### **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.

**Jasmine Gandhok**

### **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.

**Cyprian Ucinski**

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## **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.

Mariangel Menendez Macias

### **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.

Yenifer Cruz Hernandez

### **RONALD ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL AWARD**

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

Kejdi Lleshi

### **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.

Kevin Soza

### **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.

Aryan Patel

### **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.

Cecelia Jelvani

### **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.

Kendra Benoit  
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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.

# The University



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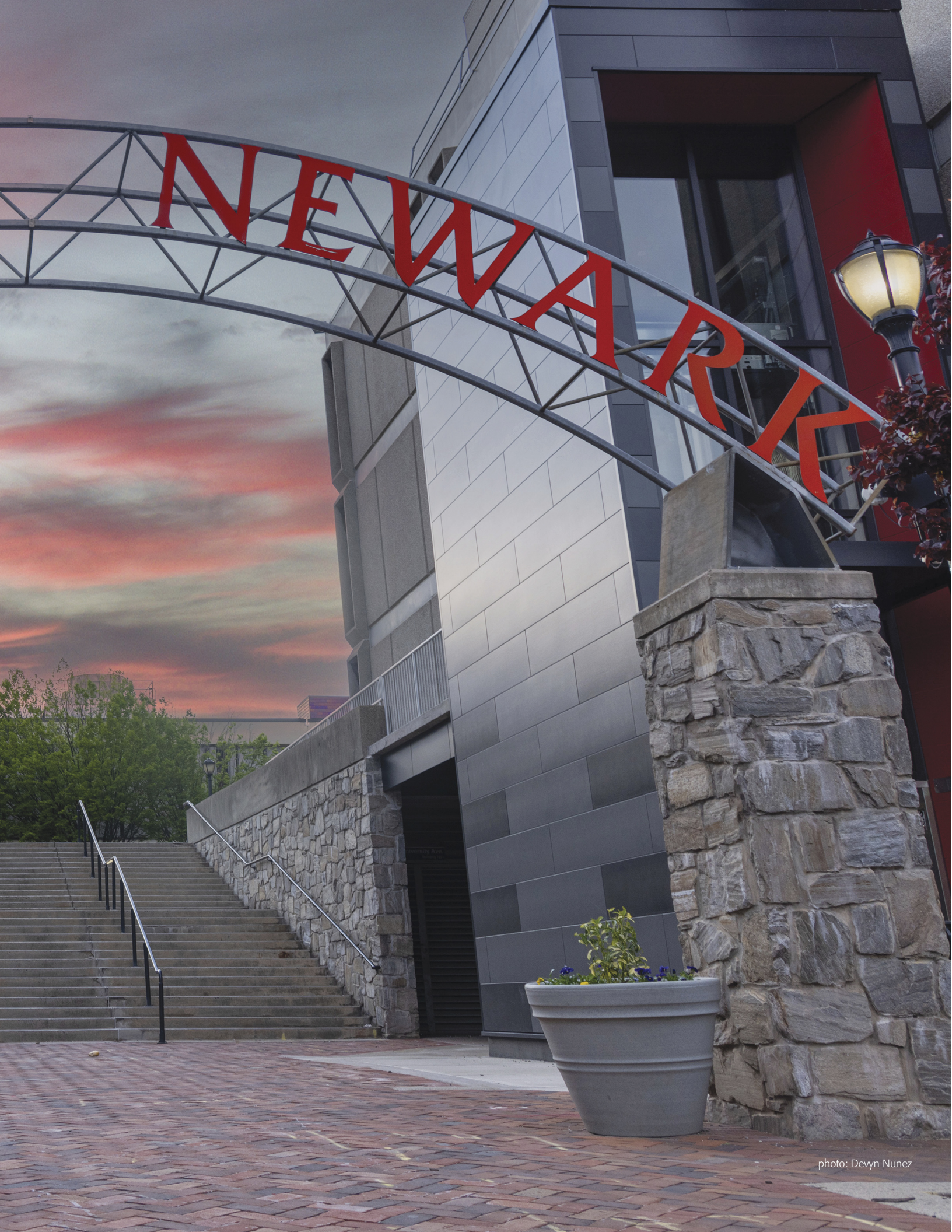


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