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Message from the Dean
May 16, 2022

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Class of 2022! Graduation is an amazing achievement to celebrate, both for all you have accomplished as well as for all you will do with what you have learned. You’ve worked hard and persevered through both the expected challenges of college and the unexpected surprises brought by the pandemic, from remote instruction to social distancing. You’ve shown great resiliency and fortitude in forging ahead to complete your degree. The focus, tenacity, and creative thinking that you applied to your studies are now resources for the next chapter in your lives.

Graduation is also an opportunity to acknowledge all those who supported your achievements – your family, friends, and peers. I extend a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to your support team, as well.

While at SEBS, you learned a great deal about the enormous challenges facing humanity and the planet. As you move forward in your career and life plans, you have a solid grounding in science-based knowledge and an education that has emphasized hands-on learning, global perspectives, accessibility, and service. More specifically, your education at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences has prepared you for a lifetime of learning, growing, and serving.

Remember that you will always be a part of the Rutgers community. I encourage you to remain involved in alumni affairs. Wherever your journeys may take you, please know that you will always have a home on the George H. Cook Campus of Rutgers—your alma mater for life.

Sincerely,

Laura Lawson
Interim Executive Dean
School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
**Dedication**

We, the graduating class of 2022, proudly dedicate this School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Convocation Ceremony to our families, classmates, and friends.

Over the past four years, the interactions with our peers and the experiences we have shared, including the highs and lows, have highlighted our school careers. We have been able to reach this milestone, the first of many in our lives, due to the dedication of the faculty and staff of the School, and the support we have received from one another.

We also cannot forget our families and the instrumental role they have played in our development. Their constant guidance and support nurtured our growth, preparing us to be responsible and mature individuals as we take on our new roles in society.

We graduate today as a result of the efforts of all those who have helped us achieve excellence in education, and we carry with us a sincere gratitude.
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Monday, May 16, 2022
10:00 am

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Jennifer Obrizan

Rutgers Glee Club Recording
“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Master of Ceremonies
Thomas Leustek
Dean of Academic Programs

Chancellor-Provost Remarks
Francine Conway
Chancellor-Provost of Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Interim Executive Dean’s Address
Laura J. Lawson
Interim Executive Dean of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Interim Executive Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

Rutgers Glee Club Recording
“The Bells Must Ring”

Presentation of Summa Cum Laude Awards
Thomas Leustek

Presentation of Outstanding Senior Awards
Amanda Dougherty, President, Cook Community Alumni Association
Mary Nucci, Assistant Dean for Campus Engagement
Program

Recognition of the Dr. Barbara Munson Goff Teacher of the Year Award
Xenia Morin

Class Representative Remarks
Juhi Patel

Rutgers Glee Club Recording
“Nobody Ever Died for Dear Old Rutgers”

Distribution of Degrees
Julie Traxler, Associate Dean of Academic Programs
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Richard Ludescher, Professor, Department of Food Science

Rutgers Glee Club Recording
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Closing Remarks
Laura J. Lawson, Interim Executive Dean

Recessional
Red Oak (Quercus rubra)  
New Jersey State Tree

Red oak seedlings have been presented to graduating seniors at the School Convocation Ceremony since 1982 (with the exception of 2020 and 2021). Instrumental in starting this presentation was Otto V. Kunkel, College of Agriculture, Class of 1940, and former District Forester for the New Jersey Bureau of Forest Management, who personally helped to grow the first seedlings. The School is pleased to present them to the graduates as a living memorial to an outstanding graduate and a good citizen of the State of New Jersey. Graduates will take the seedlings with them, to grow tall and strong, as they, too, grow in their personal and professional lives.

The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences  
General Honors Program

The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences General Honors Program provides outstanding entering students the opportunity to participate in interdisciplinary seminars and independent research projects throughout their undergraduate careers at the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. Students in the program have maintained a cumulative average of 3.4.

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The Honors College

The Honors College, built on a legacy of honors education at Rutgers University–New Brunswick, redefines interdisciplinary education by inviting students from across the liberal arts and professional schools to live and work together to address global issues through social innovation and transform their ideas into action. Curiosity. Knowledge. Purpose.

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Somer Abdelfattah  The Mechanisms by Which Lung Cancer Tumors with High Mutational Burden Respond to Immunotherapy Involving Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors With Eileen White SAS MOLECULAR BIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY

Vita M. Bankauskas Yeast Phosphatidylinositol Synthase With George Carman FOOD SCIENCE

Kiernan A. Bates Investigating the Drivers of Fish and Crab Abundance and Richness in Barnegat Bay, New Jersey With Grace Saba MARINE & COASTAL SCIENCES

Jessica Bixha Changes in Food Pantry Services During COVID-19 With Nurgul Fitzgerald NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

Ethan J. Black Addressing the Role of MTOC-Related Genes in Extracellular Trash Extrusion Mechanism With Monica Driscoll SAS MOLECULAR BIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY

Julia R. Brennan Effects of Forest Thinning on Tick Populations and Prevalence of Tick-borne Pathogens in the New Jersey Pinelands Reserve With Dina Fonseca ENTOMOLOGY

Francesca Buchalski The Effects of an External Nasal Strip on Equine Thermoregulation During Exercise With Kenneth McKeever ANIMAL SCIENCE
George H. Cook Scholars (continued)

Gabriella Cano  
Increasing Rutgers Forest Carbon Stock through Afforestation and Reforestation
With Richard Lathrop
ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION & NATURAL RESOURCES

Anthony T. Darrow  
Survival of Northern Diamondback Terrapins in The Lower Great Bay
With Brooke Maslo
ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION & NATURAL RESOURCES

Divya Dubey  
Genealogies of Movement Protein and Nuclear Shuttle Protein Encoded on Begomovirus DNA-Bs
With Siobain Duffy
ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION & NATURAL RESOURCES

Max Dvinskikh  
Isolation and Identification of Debrominating Anaerobic Bacteria from Sponge Samples
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Carly A. Dykeman  
Impact of New Jersey Stormwater Regulations
With Christopher Obropta ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Katelynn M. Eick  
Equine Nutrition Evaluating Forage Particle Size Measurement Protocols
With Carey Williams ANIMAL SCIENCE

Nolan F. Fehon  
Identifying Nuclear Genes Responsible for Photoacclimation in a Marine Diatom
With Paul Falkowski MARINE & COASTAL SCIENCES

Karolyn M. Ficken  
Investigating Bacteriophages as a Novel Therapeutic Approach Against Common Skin-Infecting Bacteria
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Kaeley R. Fiorentino  
Impact of COVID on Nutrition and PTSD in Low-Income Countries
With Daniel Hoffman NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

Samuel E. Fisher  
The Effects of Chemical Menopause and Dietary Fatty Acid Content on Hypothalamic Gene Expression
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Sarah E. Florentine  
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Rhys D. Hagen  
Testing the Efficacy of Chloride Sweat Patches on Horses
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Amani N. Hassan  
Climate Change Impacts Over Time on the Infrastructure Necessary to Support the Surgical, Anesthetic, and Obstetric Healthcare System in Barranquilla, Colombia: A Damage Assessment
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Shannon Hiner Analysis of the Binding and Recognition of a Feline Leukemia Virus Envelope Protein to the SLC35F2 Receptor in the Presence and Absence of Small Molecule Substrates With Monica Roth RWJMS – PHARMACOLOGY

Arianna R. Horgan Drivers of Variation in Gut Transit Time, Physiological Rates, and Parasite Infestation in Crassostrea virginica With Daphne Munroe MARINE & COASTAL SCIENCE

Emily C. Hughes Trends of Herbivory in Trifolium repens Using Herbarium Specimens With Myla Aronson ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION & NATURAL RESOURCES

Emma B. Huntzinger An Investigation of Innovative Cement Technology for Oyster Reef Restoration With David Bushek MARINE & COASTAL SCIENCE

Jon Ander Ibanez Evaluating the Economic Impact of NJ’s Farmland Preservation With Brian Schilling COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - AGRICULTURE POLICY

Julian T. Ibarra Evaluating Tree-of-heaven and Spotted Lanternfly Populations in Rutgers Gardens Using Egg Mass Density With Lena Struwe PLANT BIOLOGY and Anne Nielsen ENTOMOLOGY

Merna Mohamed Ibrahim Volume Changes of Beta-Lactoglobulin Dimer Formation With Peter Kahn BIOCHEMISTRY & MICROBIOLOGY

Evanna Jaramillo Assessing the Range and Microbiome Composition of the Sand Fly Lutozmyia Vexator (Diptera: Psychodidae) in New Jersey With Dana C. Price ENTOMOLOGY

Neha V. Joshi Enrichment and Characterization of Anaerobic Bacteria That Utilize Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products With Max Haggblom BIOCHEMISTRY & MICROBIOLOGY

Katie E. Jung Fatty Acids Effects on Bone in VCD Model of Female Menopause With Sue Shapses NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

Carli J. Keefer The Implications of Rising Sea Levels for Stormwater Management in Coastal Communities of the Barnegat Bay Area With Daniel Van Abs HUMAN ECOLOGY

Anna C. Laemmle The Influence of Parental Experience on Zebra Finch Pair Bonds With David Vicario SAS-PSYCHOLOGY

Yin Hei Lau Hepatic Lipid Metabolism in the Intestine-Specific LFabP Knockout Mouse With Judith Storch NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES
George H. Cook Scholars (continued)

Corinne P. Lima 12-Year Cross-sectional Trends of Body Dissatisfaction and Disordered Eating Among College Students
With Virginia Quick NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

Jenna R. Lorippo Effects of Lactocrine Deficiency on Neonatal Porcine Uterine Development
With Carol Bagnell ANIMAL SCIENCES

Chris Malcolm Lynsung American Youth and Changing Representations of BDSM
With Louisa Schein Women & Gender Studies/Anthropology

Christina M. Malyshko Determining the Seasonality of Open Ocean Phytoplankton Blooms in the Southern Ocean Using Biogeochemical ARGO Data
With Oscar Schofield MARINE & COASTAL SCIENCES

Brooke M. Margolin The Implications of Community-Centered Policies, Programs, and Urban Revitalization on Food Insecurity in New Brunswick, New Jersey
With Mark Robson PLANT BIOLOGY

Morgan A. Mark Seasonal Dynamics of Ophidiomyces ophiodiicola in Free-ranging Eastern Copperheads
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Jacqueline B. Mehr Using Fiber Photometry Recordings to Probe Orexin System Activation in a Rodent Model of Binge Eating Disorder
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The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Graduates

Nicole Saengtawesin  Biotechnology
Sarah S. Sakeer  Biochemistry
Laura N. Salam  Environmental & Business Economics
Daniella M. Salce  Nutritional Science
Jad I. Salloum  Agriculture & Food Systems and Urban Planning & Design
Kayla M. Sampayo  Public Health
Malik Samura  Exercise Science
Manmeet Sandhu  Biological Sciences
Melissa Santana  Exercise Science
Kristine Y. Sauerborn  Environmental Sciences
Rachael A. Scarinci  Public Health
Eliana Schach  Biological Sciences
Amy Scheidecker  Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior and Psychology
Joseph H. Schilke  Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior
Marina Schirripa  Food Science
Ryan J. Schmidt  Ecology, Evolution & Natural Resources
Bianca Schnarr  Plant Biology
Meaghan E. Schneid  Landscape Architecture
Jessica M. Schwartz  Environmental Sciences
Jocelyn A. Schwartz  Biochemistry
Akira M. Scott  Food Science
Nardin B. Seif  Exercise Science
Alexandria E. Seifert  Environmental Engineering
Chawon Seo  Food Science
Allie Seok  Animal Science
Alexis M. Serido  Landscape Architecture
Rebecca Shaferman  Ecology, Evolution & Natural Resources
Naajia I. Shakir  Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior
Christine F. Shamy  Public Health
Mustafa Sheikh  Exercise Science
Marisa N. Shinal  Entomology
James Sialas  Landscape Architecture
Michelle S. Silverman  Animal Science
Scarlett L. Simpson  Ecology, Evolution & Natural Resources
Gurkirat Singh  Biological Sciences
Manvir Singh  Exercise Science
Magda A. Skalska  Food Science
Amanda F. Slater  Exercise Science
Jovan L. Snyder  Bioenvironmental Engineering
Steven Solari  Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior
Nadine S. Soliman  Exercise Science
Matthew J. Solko  Environmental & Business Economics
Cassandra L. Solomon  Biotechnology
Mia G. Soricelli  Microbiology
Blanca Soto-Gomez  Exercise Science
Megan E. Spina  Ecology, Evolution & Natural Resources
The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Graduates

Sufyan Sqalli 2
Chisom P. Stanley-Amadi
Alice M. Stejskal
Justine Stewart 2
Connor T. Stockwell 1
Ashley Stoop 2
Robert A. Strickhart
Trevor D. Styles
Liwen Su 1
Ranjita Suresh
Tatianna F. Sutor 2
Bianna Sweeney
Taylor J. Swift
Samantha Szeto
Julia A. Szymanski
Matthew Philip M. Talan
Madina Tall
Timothy C. Tam
Nicole M. Tang
Steven A. Tarantola
Stephanie Tavarez-Tavarez
Crystal Taylor
Ralphael M. Tencza
Winston Teo 2
Akshay S. Thakur 1
Tiana R. Thomas
Shyanna R. Thomason 1
Maria Tolstyakova
Michael I. Tom 2
Naomi I. Topale
Ciera A. Torney
Natalina M. Torres
Jennifer Tran
Eleonora Trentin
Joseph R. Tricarico 1
Nirali V. Trivedi
Samantha L. Tse
Avraham M. Tsvik
Lochlan K. Turpie
Arly Ubiera
Ananth V. Uchila
Sohan S. Ullal
Veronica Useche 2
Joanna Vaccaro 2
Christian Valdes 1
Michael A. Valenzi
Melanie L. Vallejos
Jessica M. Van Wie

Environmental Policy, Institutions and Behavior
Exercise Science
Nutritional Science
Microbiology
Environmental Sciences
Landscape Architecture
Agriculture and Food Systems
Plant Biology and Agriculture & Food Systems
Nutritional Science
Nutritional Science
Animal Science
Exercise Science
Animal Science
Microbiology
Animal Science
Agriculture and Food Systems
Public Health
Biological Sciences
Food Science
Environmental Engineering
Microbiology
Exercise Science
Animal Science
Biochemistry
Biotechnology
Ecology, Evolution & Natural Resources
Animal Science
Biochemistry
Landscape Architecture
Animal Science
Public Health
Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior
Exercise Science
Nutritional Science
Environmental Planning & Design
Biochemistry
Environmental & Business Economics
Nutritional Science
Biotechnology
Microbiology
Environmental & Business Economics
Exercise Science
Animal Science
Exercise Science
Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior
Environmental Sciences
Environmental & Business Economics
Nutritional Science
The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Graduates

Kirsten C. Vanriper  
Biological Sciences and German

Henry A. Velasquez  
Biotechnology

Pablo L. Verissimo  
Agriculture & Food Systems and Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior

Amanda L. Verrier  
Meteorology

Lara A. Vezard  
Animal Science

Taylor L. Viana  
Nutritional Science

Giselle N. Vicente  
Environmental Sciences

Stefany J. Vigo  
Public Health

Gabrielle G. Vittor  
Animal Science

Vladyslava Vovk  
Biological Sciences

Allison M. Vu  
Nutritional Science

Kimberly Y. Vuong  
Biological Sciences

Nicole V. Vuono  
Landscape Architecture

John H. Wakefield  
Public Health

Shuyin Wang  
Nutritional Science

Tiffany Wang  
Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior

Yihan Wang  
Environmental Planning & Design

Yining Wang  
Biological Sciences

Zhaozui Wang  
Ecology, Evolution & Natural Resources

Anthony J. Washkwich  
Environmental Sciences

Natalie R. Wass  
Food Science

Kevin C. Weber  
Exercise Science

Belle Wei  
Nutritional Science

Keaton L. Weidmaier  
Microbiology

Samantha B. Weitzman  
Animal Science

Mia E. Wells  
Animal Science

Stephanie Welsh  
Plant Biology

Josee A. Westrich  
Animal Science

Maite R. Whitley  
Ecology, Evolution & Natural Resources

Noah C. Whitmore  
Food Science

Julia M. Williams  
Food Science

Rachel G. Williams  
Bioenvironmental Engineering

Olivia D. Wischmeyer  
Agriculture and Food Systems

Alexandra Wolinski  
Public Health

Olivia A. Woodruff  
Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior

Joseph R. Woods  
Biotechnology

Demonet M. Wooten  
Biological Sciences

Steven M. Wormull  
Biochemistry

Travis J. Wright  
Biotechnology

Tyaseanah M. Wright  
Nutritional Science

Eugenia Wu  
Biological Sciences

Katherine Wu  
Animal Science

Yuwen Xia  
Food Science

Wency Xiang  
Food Science

Bora Yagiz  
Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior

Tianyi Yang  
Public Health

Jacqueline X. Yank  
Nutritional Science
The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Graduates

Yunyi Yao ²  Environmental & Business Economics
Joseph Yates  Meteorology
Caitlin Yeung  Biochemistry
Jinpeng Yin ¹  Environmental Planning & Design
Taehyun Yoon  Biological Sciences
Blair C. Young  Ecology, Evolution & Natural Resources
Anne Youssef ²  Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior
Youssef W. Youssef  Biotechnology
Cassandra R. Yushchak  Exercise Science
Angela M. Zarra  Biological Sciences
Dayne Zauner ²  Environmental Planning & Design
Samuel N. Zawacki  Microbiology
Ashia Zayas ²  Animal Science
Brian A. Zeas ¹  Nutritional Science
Fuhmay S. Zhang  Nutritional Science
Sabrina Zhang ²  Environmental & Business Economics
Zhongrui Zhang ²  Biotechnology
Zuyuan Zhang ²  Nutritional Science
Waner Zheng  Biotechnology
Zihao Zhou ²  Public Health
Ada Zhu  Nutritional Science and Chinese
Maya G. Ziab ¹  Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior
Analise D. Zimmerman ¹  Animal Science
Joseph T. Zjawiony  Food Science
Anne Y. Zou  Exercise Science
Mengyao Zou ¹  Nutritional Science
Delaney Q. Zubrick  Landscape Architecture
Shifra E. Zuckerman  Nutritional Science

¹ indicates January 2022 graduates
² indicates August 2022 graduates

Inclusion of a name or notation in this booklet is not a verification that a student is graduating or earning the indicated academic credential.
Awards Presented to the Senior Class in 2022

BEN AND EVA ADELAJA STUDENT LEADERSHIP PRIZE
Katelynn M. Erick

DAVID H. AGANS MEMORIAL, State Grange of New Jersey—awarded to students planning to pursue an education and occupation in agriculture.
Meg Akita
Macie B. Brand
Kelly Huang
Julia A. Szymanski

TEUVO AIROLA MEMORIAL AWARD IN ENVIRONMENTAL GEOMATICS—awarded to a senior for outstanding scholastic achievement in the Environmental Geomatics Certificate and Geomatics Option Program.
Maite R. Whitley

PHILLIP ALAMPI SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to students with academic and leadership qualities and community service.
Nicole B. Alayo
Angel A. Alguera
Michael Allers
Natalia J. Binkowski
Tatjana M. Burke
Emily E. Busch
Anthony T. Darrow
Max Dvinskikh
Katelynn M. Eick
Nahyung Lee
Preet N. Patel
Vanisha Patel
Rhea D. Rajpal
Amy Scheidecker
Ryan J. Schmidt
Chisom P. Stanley-Amadi
Winston Teo
Samantha L. Tse

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS—awarded for excellence in the study of Landscape Architecture.
Angie A. Espinoza Flores – Honor
Tyler N. Holden – Honor
James H. Lee – Merit
Ashley N. Stoop – Merit

EDGAR B. BACON AWARD—awarded to Cumberland or Hudson County residents based on academic merit.
Taylor Swift

C. OLIN BALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD—to outstanding student in food engineering courses.
Meg C. Akita

DR. JOHN W. BARLETT SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to a student majoring in Animal Science based on academic merit.
Katelynn M. Eick
Awards (continued)

ANTHONY NICHOLAS BETANCES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—awarded with preference to Hellenic Cultural Society, Latin-American Student Organization member, based on academic merit and community service.

Alea Lopez
Jarret Reyes George

JAYANTH BHATT MEMORIAL

Michelle V. Gavrikov

SAMUEL W. AND BERTA THOMSON BROWN MEMORIAL—awarded to students in an environmental related major.

Thomas S. Blake
Emily C. Hughes
Evanna Jaramillo
Divine N. Maduakolam
Steven J. Mayer

MURRAY AND HELEN BUELL SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to students in natural resource management/applied ecology based on academic merit.

Thomas S. Blake
Janet A. Cumbe-Collaguazo
Glen I. Diamond
Emily C. Hughes
Evanna Jaramillo
Steven W. Mayer
Marcellus J. Murray
Allana Pomponio

LINDA RUDOLPH BURNS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to Middlesex County College/Middlesex County residents in environmental science based on academic merit.

Kara G. Forest
Steven R. Rhein
Giselle N. Vicente

JAMES DICKSON CARR SCHOLARS—in honor of the first African American graduate of Rutgers University, based on academic merit.

Ikechukwu Anyanaso
Emma Bograd
Gabriella Cano
Gabriel Carrión Castro
Ronin S. Costello
Amani N. Hassan
Merna M. Ibrahim
Julie Glo A. John
Corinne P. Lima
Jenna R. Lorippo
Christine C. Malcolm Lynsung
Daniel B. Quizon
Nivedita Rajiv
Myah A. Rios
Cassandra L. Solomon
Stefany J. Vigo
Ashley H. Youssefi

DR. KENNETH BAIRD AND MRS. JANE CHARLESWORTH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN TEACHER EDUCATION

Owen J. Donnelly

NORMAN F. CHILDERS AWARD

Robert J. Hill
Awards (continued)

CLASS OF 1922 OLD GUARD SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to students based on academic merit.

Kara G. Forest
Jamie Lee
Steven R. Rhein

CLASS OF 1925 SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to students based on academic performance and personal character.

Temi Lola Babalola
Jessica Bixha
Melonnie Esguerra
Christina Garcia

Israa Ibrahim
Katya A. Karaoglu
Mounssif Mahin
Riya Patel

CLASS OF 1931 SCHOLARSHIP

Jayana C. Richardson

CLASS OF 1933/LIPMAN FAMILY—awarded to students based on academic merit.

Jocelyn Schwartz
Joseph S. Yates
Waner Zheng

CLASS OF 1934/WALTER SPENCE MEMORIAL

Nathaniel Y. Kim

CLASS OF 1944 AWARD—awarded to an academically outstanding student.

Alyssa N. Ferdinand
Jenna R. Lorippo

CLASS OF 1954 ALUMNI AWARD – awarded to seniors based on academic merit.

Sameer Ahmad

ROBERT P. AND MARYANNE B. CLAUS MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND IN THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Owen J. Donnelly

JEAN M. COLEMAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Cristalle M. Ruiz

COLLEGE SCHOLARS – Rutgers University Award for academic merit.

Erik J. Nitzberg
Joseph S. Yates

DR. CHARLES H. CONNORS MEMORIAL, New Jersey Garden Club—awarded in memory of Professor H. Connors by the Garden Club of New Jersey to a student majoring in landscape architecture or ornamental horticulture.

Alexis M. Serido
Ashley N. Stoop
Awards (continued)

G. H. COOK COMMUNITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The Roy DeBoer Outstanding Senior Award
Henry A. Velasquez
Morgan A. Mark

Cook Community Alumni Association Award
Julia S. Buttgereit
Nolan F. Fehon

George H. Cook Honors Thesis
Alexis M. Serido
Ashley N. Stoop

G.H. Cook Leadership Award
Divya Dubey
Veronica Useche

COOK EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT—awarded to students based on academic merit.
Ikechukwu U. Anyanaso
Nicole L. Anu
Kevin Barry
Sophia L. Berezin
Ronin S. Costello
Shannon L. Hiner
Anna C. Laemmle
Jamie Lee
Keer Ma
Christopher M. McGinley
Gabrielle Payne
Zainab Qureshi
Alexis M. Serido
Naajia I. Shakir
Kirsten M. Solvesen

COOK CAMPUS PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
Brooke M. Margolin

HARRIET DALTON HIRD SCHOLARSHIP
Michelle Cheng

ROY H. DEBOER PRIZE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AWARD—a travel prize award to a student in the landscape architecture program.

The Roy DeBoer Travel Prize
Meaghan E. Schneid
Alexis M. Serido

Roy H. DeBoer Endowed Scholarship
Ashley N. Stoop
Awards (continued)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL, FOOD, AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS—given to seniors demonstrating outstanding leadership in environmental and business economics.

Chief Frank A. Okosa Award
   Samantha L. Tse
   Devon Rapalo Zapata

Senior Leadership Award
   Jon A. Ibanez
   Laura N. Salam

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD—awarded to seniors in recognition of excellence in academics, research, and service to the department, college, and university.

Academic and Research Award
   Francesca Buchalski
   Sarah Florentine
   Jenna Lorippo

Academic and Service Award
   Shyanna Thomason

Research Award
   Katie Eick

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND MICROBIOLOGY AWARDS

Theodore Chase Award
   Ethan Black
   Nirali Trivedi

David H. Strumeyer Award
   Preet Patel

Selman A. Waksman Award
   Max Dvinskikh

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

S. Oakley Van der Poel Award
   Vita M. Bankauskas
   Jacqueline B. Mehr

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Barbara A. Zilinskas Award for Academic Excellence
   Shannon L. Hiner


*Awards (continued)*

Robert M. Rauch Award for Excellence in Service and Leadership  
Parth N. Rajwade

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND NATURAL RESOURCES AWARD—awarded to outstanding ecology and wildlife students.

*James Applegate Award for Outstanding Student in Wildlife Conservation*  
Scarlett L. Simpson

*M. Buell Award for Outstanding Ecology Student*  
Ryan J. Schmidt

*Roger Locandro Award for Outstanding Student in Natural Resources*  
Emily C. Hughes

*Elwood B. Moore Forestry Award*  
Julia R. Brennan

*Peter S. Smouse Award for Outstanding Student in Evolution*  
Glen I. Diamond  
Christopher S. Eddy

DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY

*John B. Schmitt Award*  
Marisa N. Shinal

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AWARDS

*Bioenvironmental Engineering Student of the Year*  
Morgan A. Mark

*Meteorology Student of the Year*  
Jeremy A. Lewan

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AWARDS

*Achieving Success Award*  
Chris J. Jon

*Eastern Perishable Produce Award*  
Kelly Huang  
John R. Ricciardi

*Food Science Fillies Scholarship*  
Nicole M. Tang

*Triumph Award*  
Natalie R. Wass
Awards (continued)

James J. Winston Memorial Award
Marina Schirripa

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN ECOLOGY AWARDS

George F. Clark Academic Excellence and Service Award
Natalia J. Binkowski

Academic Excellence Award
Felicia N. Paradiso

DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

Sylvia Blacher Karger Memorial Prize
Ranjita Suresh

Robert Francis & Annetta Morey Wagner Memorial Prize
Ashlyn Burns-Lynch

Barbara L. Tangel Outstanding Dietetics Student Award
Jessica Bixha

Nutritional Sciences Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Nikita R. Nair

Ann S. McChesney Nutritional Sciences Excellence in Education Award
Kathleen Law

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BIOLOGY

Agriculture and Food Systems - Academic Excellence Award
Desiree Haley Brooks
Anthony D. Cameron

Agriculture and Food Systems - Academic Excellence and Most Promising New Farmer
Olivia D’Ann Wischmeyer

Agriculture and Food Systems – Agricultural Education Track, Academic Excellence Award
Jennifer Obrizan

Agriculture and Food Systems – Community Service Award
Owen J. Donnelly

Plant Science - Academic Excellence Award
Stephanie Welsh

Plant Science – Academic Excellence and Industry Achievement Award
Robert J. Hill Jr.
Awards (continued)

The Agriculture and Food Systems Program and the Environmental Policy, Institutions and Behavior Undergraduate Program Most Promising Public Servant Award
Pablo Lopez Verissimo

JOSEPH DICONZO MEMORIAL
Giselle N. Vicente

EASTERN PRODUCE COUNCIL, INC.–JERRY GRINDELL SCHOLARSHIP
Meg C. Akita
Desiree H. Brooks
Vivian J. Lee
Pablo L. Verissimo

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND (EOF)/SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS—presented by the New Jersey State Commission on Higher Education (OSHE).

NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education Outstanding Academic Achievement—presented to Educational Opportunity Fund students who attain a 3.5-3.99 cumulative grade point average.
Sameer Ahmad
Marina E. Garcia
Menatallah A. Hassan
Evanna Jaramillo
Marina Schirripa

NJ Commission on Higher Education Academic Achievement—presented to Educational Opportunity Fund students who attain a 3.2-3.49 cumulative grade point average.
Samirah J. Alauddin
Nicole B. Alayo
Alex M. Fash
Mateo Gonzalez
Rachael E. Incorvaia
Maria C. Munoz Nunez
Blanca Soto-Gomez
Ralphael M. Tencza
Shyanna Rose Thomason
Brian Anderson Zeas
Zaid B. Zia

NJ Commission on Higher Education Outstanding Achievement—presented to Educational Opportunity Fund students who exemplify the academic and community service goals of the program.
DeMonet M. Wooten

DR. SAMUEL D. & ANNE E. FAUST MEMORIAL AWARD—awarded to an outstanding senior majoring in environmental science and pursuing graduate school.
Erik J. Nitzberg

DR. MELVIN S. FINSTEIN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AWARD
Erik J. Nitzberg
Jessica M. Schwartz
Awards (continued)

COLONEL ARTHUR F. FORAN AWARD—granted to an agricultural major with an interest in the dairy industry.

Justin C. Johnson

HILDA S. FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP

Francesca Buchalski
Glen I. Diamond
Kerri L. Kroon
Jessica M. Van Wie
Taylor L. Viana

REX L. GILBREATH MEMORIAL AWARD—awarded annually to a senior majoring in animal science in memory of Dr. Gilbreath, former Associate Professor of Animal Sciences, Alpha Zeta Professor of the Year, and researcher in the field of swine nutrition.

Naomi I. Topale

DR. BARBARA MUNSON GOFF MEMORIAL TRAVEL PRIZE

Raphael M. Tencza

FRANK A. GOLBEY SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to selected students residing in Cook Campus Cooperative Living.

Owen J. Donnelly
Alyssa N. Ferdinand
Talia A. Martianou
Kaitlin T. Quinn
Kristine Y. Sauerborn
Trevor D. Styles
Arly Ubiera
Henry A. Velasquez
Taylor L. Viana

DR. CLAUDIA GOLENDA ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Julia C. Wooby

GOYETTE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Merna M. Ibrahim

JACOB GROENDYKE AWARD – given to a student majoring in horticulture or forestry, based on academic merit and demonstrated interest.

Justin H. Augustin

HAMO HACHNASARIAN SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to students majoring in agricultural or biological sciences, based on academic performance.

Alaa M. Alareidi
Mariela S. Carrera
Lisa M. Dammann
Sarah F. Dillon
Celine N. Egeonu
Nicholas Premnauth
Mansoor Sadath
Adrianna M. Sweeney

BRUCE HAMILTON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Alexis M. Serido
Awards (continued)

HELYAR HOUSE ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to selected students residing in Cook Campus Cooperative Living.

Owen J. Donnelly
Alyssa N. Ferdinand
Talia A. Martianou
Kaitlin T. Quinn
Kristine Y. Sauerborn
Trevor D. Styles
Arly Ubiera
Henry A. Velasquez
Taylor L. Viana

HERBERT ESTATE/KELLY SCHOLARSHIP

Chantal Heyaime
Evyatar G. Kanik
Juhi R. Patel
Kristeen Piloto
Lauren K. Reavey
Katherine A. Reilly
Myah Rios
Naomi I. Topale
Lara A. Vezard
Tiffany Wang

HERBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jayana C. Richardson
Cristalle M. Ruiz
 Waner Zheng

CHARLES E. HESS SCHOLARSHIP – in honor of Charles E. Hess, first Dean of Cook College, awarded to outstanding students based on academic merit.

Alice M. Stejskal

BRUCE A. HOVLAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN FORESTRY

Julia R. Brennan
Megan E. Spina

W. R. HUTCHINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Macie B. Brand

MILLICENT MERCER JOHNSON SUMMER INTERN SCHOLARSHIP

Desiree H. Brooks
Christopher J. Idell
Bonnie L. Semming

H. BRANDT JORDHOY SCHOLARSHIP

Talia A. Martianou
Henry A. Velasquez

JOYCE FAMILY ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole B. Alayo
Jessica Huber
Evenlina Iztrailova
Shyanna R. Thomason
Olivia A. Woodruff
Awards (continued)

FRANCIS G. KINGSLANDSMITH SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to students based on academic merit.

Rebecca R. Gullickson

MICHAEL KUSER SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to an outstanding student in natural resource management/applied ecology, based on merit and leadership.

Allana Pomponio  
Ryan J. Schmidt  
Esefano P. Mora Villacres

THEODORE LATZKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to students based on academic merit.

Justin C. Johnson

RAYMOND M. MANGANELLI AWARD—awarded to students based on academic performance.

Rabiah B. Borhan  
Emily M. Chen  
Parth N. Rajwade

RICHARD WALTER/MAPLEWOOD GARDEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Obrizan

WILLIAM H. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

Naomi I. Topale  
Lara A. Vezard

PHILIP E. MARUCCI SCHOLARSHIP—awarded annually to outstanding students alternating yearly between an agriculture related major or a student pursuing medical school.

Talia A. Martianou  
John R. Ricciardi

FLORENCE S. MCNEIL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SCHOLARSHIP—awarded by the Garden Club of New Jersey annually in memory of Oliver A. Deakin to a student majoring in landscape architecture.

Delaney Q. Zubrick

ELIZABETH MERRIAM SCHOLARSHIP awarded by the Garden Club of New Jersey

Tatiene Guia

RICHARD H. MERRITT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Owen J. Donnelly  
Alyssa N. Ferdinand  
Talia A. Martianou  
Kaitlin T. Quinn  
Kristine Y. Sauerborn

Trevor D. Styles  
Arly Ubiera  
Henry A. Velasquez  
Taylor L. Viana
Awards (continued)

CHARLES MESSER ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to an outstanding senior participating in the George H. Cook Scholars program.

Katelynn M. Erick

CHARLES MILLER AWARD—award based on character, academic merit, and financial need.

Nathaniel Y. Kim

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
Francesca M. Buchalski
Paige E. Neher
Preet N. Patel

NATIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION OLMSTED SCHOLAR
Delaney Q. Zubrick

NELLIS MEMORIAL—awarded to community college transfers, majoring in agriculture and environmental science and nutritional science.

Mariela S. Carrera
Nathalie Moran
Carolina D. Plasencia

MARY NEVIUS SCHOLARSHIP
Ralphael M. Tencza

NEW JERSEY CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY
Jennifer Obrizan

NJ STARS SCHOLARSHIP
Emily E. Busch
Kayla M. Dehogues
Allie N. Durbin
Dennis L. Fernandes
Kerri L. Kroon
Jennifer Obrizan
Mia G. Soricelli

NEW YORK FARMERS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to outstanding students majoring in an agricultural related field.

Owen J. Donnelly
Shyanne R. Thomason

MICHAEL W. PADO AND ROBIN L. GINSBURG SCHOLARSHIP
Evelyn Cruz
Derek Merino
Madina Tall

WINSTON E. PARKER SCHOLARSHIP
Alexandria A. Haris
Jenna M. Myers
Awards (continued)

PESHINE SCHOLARSHIP
Naomi I. Topale

SALLY H. PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP
Viann W. Li
Chris C. Malcolm Lynsung
Qiwei Miao
William H. Nguyen
Mansi Pandya
Nicholas Premnauth

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP
Allie N. Durbin
Kerri L. Kroon
Noah J. Motz
Nirali P. Trivedi

POSSENRIEDE SCHOLARSHIP
Emily M. Chen
Seanna E. Kelly
Noah J. Motz

SAMUEL F. REIBEL MEMORIAL
Mia G. Soricelli

ELIZABETH AND ARTHUR REICH MINORITY/URBAN ACCESS PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP—awarded to students majoring in environmental sciences or related studies with demonstrated academic performance and interest in related activities and graduate study.

Samantha J. Afonso
Hannah C. Baldwin
Julisa Collado
Janet A. Cumbe-Collaguazo
Sarah O. Ekenzar
Meridian V. Mathes
Ross D. Perez
Cassiel Ramirez
Naajia I. Shakir

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Having given Rutgers, the School, and our students several decades of dedicated teaching, scholarship and service, the following faculty members are retiring this year:

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Ming Xu, Department of Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resources

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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. . . .”

Throughout the years, European universities have continued to show great diversity in their academic dress. American universities, on the other hand, when they decided to adopt academic dress, immediately established a code of regulations which today is followed by almost all American institutions. The establishment of this code has made it possible to distinguish the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctors and, at the same time, recognize the university which has given them the degree.

Gowns: Bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves and is worn closed. Master’s gown, worn open or closed, has oblong sleeves, the front part of which frequently is cut away at the elbow. Doctor’s gown has bell-shaped sleeves. It is worn open or closed. Cotton poplin or similar material is used for the Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees, and rayon or silk ribbed material is used for the Doctor’s degree. Robes with green are worn by School of Environmental and Biological Sciences graduates to reflect the college’s environmental mission. The scarlet robes worn by some of the members of the faculty and administration indicate that their doctoral degrees are from Rutgers University. Scarlet robes are also worn by Rutgers University Governing Board members to signify their membership on the board.

Hoods: The hoods vary in sizes: 48 inches for the Doctor’s degree, 42 inches for the Master’s, and 36 inches for the Bachelor’s. All hoods are lined in silk in the academic color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. If the institution has more than one color, the colors are shown in divisions using chevrons. The binding or edge of the hood is usually made of velvet in the color designating the subject in which the degree was granted. The maize hood is worn by those receiving the Bachelor of Science degree; the white, by those receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree.

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

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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. Graduates of the General Honors Program and George H. Cook Scholars wear golden tassels on their mortarboards.

Cords: Scarlet cords are worn by students who participated in the George H. Cook Honors Program; green cords are worn by those participating in the General Honors Program; and gold cords are worn by those graduates earning a grade point average of 3.5 of higher.

*Summa Cum Laude 3.850-4.000; Magna Cum Laude 3.700 – 3.849; Cum Laude 3.500 – 3.699*
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.

Chorus
On the banks of the old Raritan, my friends,
Where old Rutgers ever more shall stand,
For has she not stood since the time of the flood,
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