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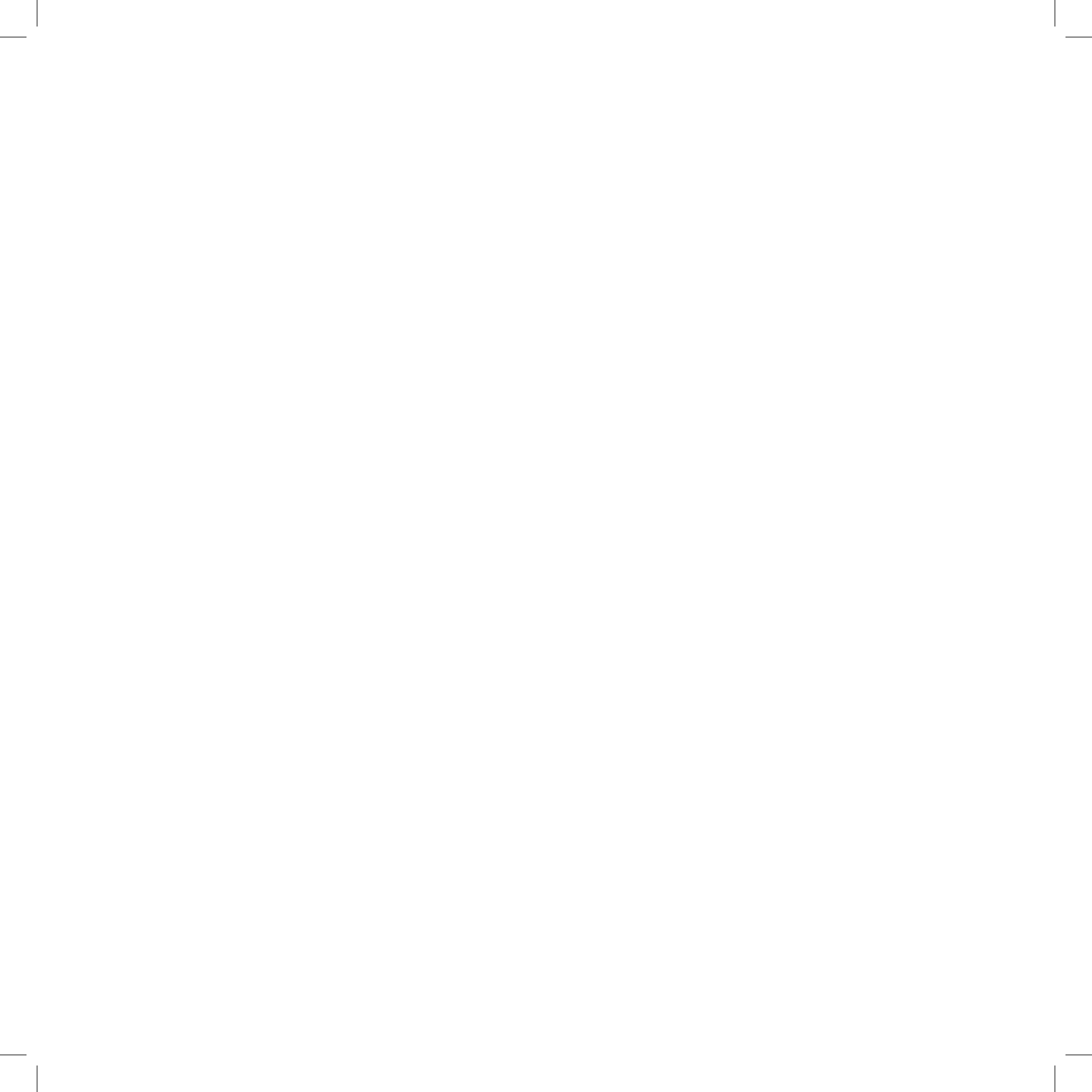


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Dear Graduates,

Today is a day you will remember. Convocation marks the completion of your program of study, and you should be proud of all you have accomplished.

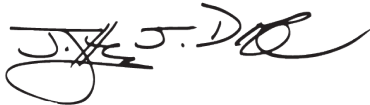
You have completed one of the most sought-after and rigorous programs, one designed to prepare you to contribute your talents to your profession and to the communities you will serve. Your education is hard-earned, and your achievement is well-deserved. At Rutgers, you have built a strong foundation, one you will continue to grow, reflect upon, and adapt as you move forward in your careers.

As we celebrate this milestone alongside you, we do so during a historic year for the School of Health Professions, our 50th anniversary. Since 1976, more than 14,000 alumni have helped shape the future of health care through innovation, compassion, and leadership. Today, you join them, not only as graduates, but as a living legacy of this institution and all it stands for.

You leave us as professional colleagues and as members of our Rutgers beloved community. We look forward to following your journey and celebrating the impact you will make as the next generation of SHP graduates.

Stay connected. Stay inspired. And most importantly, keep advancing health and care.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. J. DiGiovanni". The signature is stylized and fluid, with the first and last names clearly legible.

Jeffrey J. DiGiovanni, PhD, CCC-A
Dean

ROBERT L. JOHNSON, M.D., FAAP
INTERIM CHANCELLOR, RUTGERS HEALTH

Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP is the Sharon and Joseph L. Muscarelle Endowed Dean, Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS) and serves as Interim Chancellor of Rutgers Health. His clinical expertise and research focus on adolescent physical and mental health, adolescent HIV, adolescent violence, adolescent sexuality, health equity and family strengthening. He chaired the New Jersey Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, the Newark Ryan White Planning Council, and the Board of Deacons at Union Baptist Church in Orange, N.J. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Vice Chair of the Community Prevention Task Force of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a former member of the Board of the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education at the National Academies of Science. He has previously been the President of the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners, the Chair of the US Department of Health and Human Services' Council on Graduate Medical Education, a member of the National Council of the National Institute of Mental Health, member of the NIH AIDS Research Council and member, Institute of Medicine, Health Care Services Board. Dr. Johnson received his BA from Alfred University in 1968 and his MD from the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, NJ in 1972.

Dr. Johnson is a well-recognized spokesperson for the adolescent and adolescent issues. He yearly addresses many local, state, national and international audiences and frequently appears on television and radio. He has published widely, and he conducts an active schedule of teaching, research and clinical practice at NJMS.

Dr. Johnson was inducted into the Rutgers African-American Alumni Alliance, Inc. Hall of Fame as a member of the 2025 class, recognizing his outstanding leadership, service, and contributions to the Rutgers community and beyond.

JEFFREY J. DIGIOVANNI, Ph.D., CCC-A
DEAN

Jeffrey DiGiovanni is the Dean of the School of Health Professions (SHP) in Rutgers Health Chancellor-led Unit. He came to Rutgers having served as the acting associate dean of research for the College of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Cincinnati. He was also a professor and chair of the college's Department of Communications Sciences and Disorders. Before his tenure at Cincinnati, DiGiovanni held positions as an associate professor, department chair, and chief clinical officer at Ohio University's College of Health Sciences and Professions.

An author of more than 40 peer-reviewed articles and books, DiGiovanni's research focuses on working memory, attention performance and models for persons with normal and impaired hearing. He has held several federal grants for research as well as workforce development. DiGiovanni holds two patents and founded a life sciences company and marketed a novel medical device to treat tinnitus. His past professional service includes participation in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Audiology Advisory Council.

DiGiovanni received his undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, his master's and doctoral degree from the University of Minnesota. He holds a professional certificate in audiology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

PROCESSIONAL

GONFALON BEARER

*Sandra Kaplan, DPT, Ph.D., FAPTA
Professor and Vice-Chair,
Department of Rehabilitation & Movement Sciences*

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND GRADUATING CLASS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Aamillya Joseph
Graduating Student – Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric
Rehabilitation / Psychology*

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

*Bianca M. Thompson-Owen
Associate Dean of Enrollment Management
and Student Affairs*

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

*Jeffrey J. DiGiovanni, Ph.D., CCC-A
Dean*

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

*Jeffrey Cuartero
Graduating Student – Doctor of Health Informatics*

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

THE STANLEY S. BERGEN, JR., M.D. MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

*Awardee: Saren Nonoyama
Graduating Student – Doctor of Physical Therapy
Presenter: Jeffrey J. DiGiovanni, Ph.D.,
Dean*

GEORGE F. HEINRICH, MD EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

*Awardee: Dr. Lisa Palladino-Kim
Department of Health Informatics
Presenter: Barbara DeMarco, Ph.D.
Senior Associate Dean for Education*

ORDER OF EXERCISES

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

*Awardee: Jojoy Cheriyan, Ph.D.
Biomedical Informatics 20'
Presenter: Barbara DeMarco, Ph.D.
Senior Associate Dean for Education*

2026 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS ADDRESS

*Awardee: Jojoy Cheriyan, Ph.D.
Biomedical Informatics 20'*

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

*Nichole Geist – Graduating Student
Master of Science in Physician Assistant*

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT DEGREES AND AWARDS

ALUMNI GREETINGS

*Ryan D. White,, Ph.D., PA-C
SHP 08', SPH 08', 23'*

CLOSING REMARKS

*Jeffrey J. DiGiovanni, Ph.D., CCC-A
Dean*

RECESSIONAL

**RUTGERS SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
CONVOCATION 2026 AWARDS**

**THE STANLEY S. BERGEN, JR., M.D. MEDAL
OF EXCELLENCE**

Presented to a previous year's outstanding graduate who performed at a high level in academic or clinical studies and has demonstrated high ideals while serving in the profession, the community, or at the university level.

*Award Recipient: Saren Nonoyama
Department of Department of Rehabilitation and
Movement Sciences*

**THE NEW JERSEY HEALTH FOUNDATION
EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD**

Presented to a faculty member for outstanding teaching and for dedication to the education of our students in this academic year. Recommendations are primarily from students.

*Award Recipient: Dr. Lisa Palladino-Kim
Department of Health Informatics*

**THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD**

Presented on behalf of the faculty and students of the School of Health Professions to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding achievement in his or her specialty.

*Award Recipient: Jojoy Cheriyan, Ph.D.
Biomedical Informatics 20'*

RUTGERS SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS CLASS OF 2026

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING WITH GSAPP

Michaela Gisinger²
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Brianna Scaturro²

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE CARDIAC SONOGRAPHY

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Gianna Fischer^S
Jonathan Galarza
Islamiyat Shehu^M

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Merani Almiranez^M
Eldad Cano²
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Ronaldo De Real^M
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Melvin Hernandez Flores²
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Joint Degree with Bloomfield College, Caldwell University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Felician University, Georgian Court University, Kean University, Monmouth University, New Jersey City University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Rutgers – Newark College of Arts & Sciences, St. Elizabeth University, or St. Peter's University

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Emily Seelogy^{S2}

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Darlen Fuentes-Tepoz^C
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Chinwe Obietiala[♦]
Jacquyanah Vincent^C

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CLASS OF 2026

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Evodie Severe^S

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Gianna Lavallo^{S1}
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Timothy Sayanlar¹
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Josiah Todingkulla¹
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Lucas Vinci¹
Zachary Walch¹
Shaye Whaley¹
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**DOCTOR OF CLINICAL
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AmandaRae Schenk[†]
Rachel Siddall[†]
Ryan Tom

**DOCTOR OF CLINICAL
NUTRITION**

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS**

Sandhya Bohini¹

RUTGERS SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

CLASS OF 2026

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY HEALTH SCIENCES

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION

Meredith Cimmino¹
Brittany Stone

KEY:

- 1 Graduates who have earned their degree prior to May 17, 2026*
- 2 Prospective graduates who will earn their degree after May 17, 2026*
- † Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Academic Performance*
- ‡ Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Clinical Performance*
- * Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Service*
- ♦ Educational Opportunity Fund - Outstanding Academic Achievement Award*

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

- C Cum Laude Honors*
- M Magna Cum Laude Honors*
- S Summa Cum Laude Honors*
- *Latin honors based off cumulative GPA at the end of Fall 2025 term*

SASH DISTINCTIONS:

- Yellow – Outstanding Academic Performance*
- White – Outstanding Clinical Performance*
- Blue – Outstanding Service*
- Red – EOF Graduate*
- Purple – Student Leader*

*The listing of graduates in this program is unofficial.
The official conferral of degrees occurs upon satisfactory completion
of all academic and financial requirements.
This listing is based on information available at the time of print.*

ALUMNI MESSAGE

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations Class of 2026 and welcome to the School of Health Professions Alumni Association (SHPPAA) and the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA).

As a graduate, you join over 14,000 SHP alumni worldwide, along with nearly 570,000 living Rutgers Alumni. Both alumni associations share a vision of advancing the University by engaging alumni. A great way to stay involved and give back to the Rutgers community is through alumni volunteering opportunities. We encourage you to seek out pathways to stay connected to your Alma Mater as you embark on the next chapter of your life.

The SHP Alumni Association webpage at shp.rutgers.edu/alumni and the Rutgers University Alumni Association webpage at alumni.rutgers.edu are valuable resources for information regarding the benefits, services, and opportunities available to you.

We are proud of the work you have accomplished here at Rutgers School of Health Professions and look forward to your future achievements. Congratulations and best wishes!

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