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Gonfalonier Andrew Gow, PhD
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Master of Ceremonies Joseph A. Barone, PharmD, FCCP
Dean and Professor II
Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

National Anthem Min Kyung Kim, PharmD

Greetings Joseph A. Barone, PharmD, FCCP

Opening Remarks Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH
Chancellor
Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences

Address to the Graduates John P. Berg, BS, PharmD
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Doctor of Pharmacy Class Representative Anna Huafang Yang, PharmD

Valedictory Address Jenny D. Shah, PharmD

Presentation of Honors Program Marion Gordon, PhD
Certificates Associate Professor
Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

Presentation of Awards Joseph A. Barone, PharmD, FCCP

Presentation of Degree Candidates Nancy Cintron, MSW
Associate Dean
Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy

The Pharmacist’s Oath The Graduates
Led by the Valedictorian and the Class Speaker

Rutgers University Alma Mater The Graduates
Min Kyung Kim, PharmD

Recessional

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Thesis:  *Restasis Ameliorates Ocular Mustard Injury*

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Thesis:  *Spontaneous ATM Gene Reversion in Ataxia Telangiectasia Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells*

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Thesis:  *A Randomized Control Trial to Assess the Outcomes of Adding the Pharmacist to the Diabetes Management Team at a Federally Qualified Health Center*

Anna Huafang Yang  
Thesis:  *A Guided Regeneration Gel for Peripheral Nerve Regeneration*

Irene Y. Yang  
Thesis:  *Epigenetic Changes Caused by Fucoxanthin Protects Against Oxidative Stress via the NRF2-ARE Pathway*
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*Award for Excellence in Clinical Communication*  
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*History of Pharmacy Certificate of Recognition*  
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Oath of a Pharmacist

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

- I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

- I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

- I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

- I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

- I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession’s moral, ethical and legal conduct.

- I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

- I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

Prepared by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and American Pharmacists Association
ON THE BANKS OF THE OLD RARITAN

From far and near we came to Rutgers,
And resolved to learn all that we can;
And so we settled down,
In that noisy college town,
On the banks of the old Raritan.

Chorus:
On the banks of the old Raritan (my friends)
Where old Rutgers evermore shall stand,
For has she not stood
Since the time of the flood,
On the banks of the old Raritan.

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

GONFALON

The Insignia is the School Seal. The outer ring contains the name of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. The inner ring contains the name of the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy and our founding date of 1892 as the New Jersey College of Pharmacy. The olive green color represents the field of pharmacy, and is repeated in the degree stripe on the hoods worn by graduates. The scarlet red is the color for Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.
Welcome to the Rutgers University Alumni Association, the university-wide alumni organization that all Rutgers graduates are automatically members of—for free, for life! You are joining a network of 408,000 proud Rutgers alumni worldwide, a legion of scarlet enthusiasts who shared many of the same experiences and traditions that you enjoyed throughout your time at Rutgers.

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