CONGRATULATIONS

Rutgers University-Newark
Office of University-Community Partnerships
Class of 2020 Graduates
Mariam Abdeen

• Major: Biology
• Member of the OUCP team since 2016
• Maintained a 3.95 GPA throughout 4 years at Rutgers University-Newark
• Research Associate at Hackensack University Medical Center, and later advanced to Chief Research Associate
• Biology tutor under the supervision of Dr. Bekdāsh at Rutgers-University-Newark
• Arabic language teacher at two Islamic centers
• Applying to medical school this summer, and, hopefully, will start medical school in 2021
Kamillah Ali

• Major: Criminal Justice
• Returning in the fall for 1 semester to complete Master Degree in Criminal Justice by way of the Dual Degree Program
• Member of the OUCP team since 2016
• Worked with the RU Ready for Work Program throughout the academic school year and during the summer
• Scholar, Educational Opportunity Fund
• Dean’s list the last four semesters of college career
• First generation college student
• Interned at Northern State Prison
Grace Badua Appiah

- Major: Public Administration & African American/African Studies
- Minor: Honors Living and Learning Community
- Member of OUCP team since 2014 by way of RU Ready for Work Program
- Scholar, Honors Living and Learning Community
- Scholar, BOLD Women's Leadership Network
- Core Team Member, InterVarsity Newark Black Campus Ministry
- Scholar, Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
- Scholar, Educational Opportunity Fund
- Campus Ambassador, Now Leadership Program
- Student Intern, Office of University-Community Partnerships
- Completed an academic year studying abroad in South Africa
Jacquin O. Peeke-Brown

- Major: Public and Non-Profit Administration
- Minors: African American Studies and Social Justice
- Member the OUCP team since 2018
- Jumpstart Team Leader-AmeriCorps Scholar
- Completed her Jumpstart commitment of 300 hours annually while working as a Community Service Officer (CSO) & taking a full academic course load
Coral Caceres

- Major: Biology
- Minor: Psychology
- Member of the OUCP team since 2016
- Worked with the RU Ready for Work Program throughout the academic school year and during the summer
- First in her family to graduate college in the U.S.
- Volunteered at University Hospital
- Plans for the future: Medical School
Amanda Dominguez

• Major: Psychology & Political Science
• Minor: Legal Studies & Honors Living and Learning Community
• Member of OUCP team since 2014 by way of RU Ready for Work Program
• Scholar, Educational Opportunity Fund
• English Tutor, ALI Success Center
• Intern, Newark College Internship Program
Romany Dominguez

- Major: Psychology
- Member of OUCP team since 2016
- First-Generation College Graduate
- Invited to join the National Society of Collegiate School
- Graduating in top 20th percentile in her class
Karla Perez-Estrella

- Major: Sociology
- Minor: Honors Living and Learning Community
- Member of OUCP team since 2014 by way of RU Ready for Work Program
- Newark College Internship Program-Intern 4 years (Intern Coordinator 2 years)
- Tutor/Mentor – RU - Barringer HS Partnership
- Dean’s List - 3 Semesters
- Graduate of Barringer HS, Newark NJ
- First Generation College Student
Epiphany Munz

- Major: Journalism
- Coauthor of several department publications
- Contributing writer for *The Observer*, the official campus student newspaper
- Member of OUCP team since 2016
- First Generation College Student
Delma Poggi

- Major: Social Work
- Member the OUCP team since 2016
- Jumpstart Team Leader-AmeriCorps Scholar
- Completed her Jumpstart commitment of 300 hours annually for a total of over 1200 community service hours throughout her undergraduate studies, while working full-time & taking a full academic course load
- Accepted to Rutgers University - School of Social Work (advance standing MSW Program)
Evelyn Rendon

Major: Arts Culture Media - Graphic Design
Member of OUCP team since 2016
Marketing Director, Rutgers Undergraduate Connection Team
Visibility Coordinator, NJPIRG
Completed 2 internships as a graphic design intern while attending school full-time and working part-time.
Collaborator and Designer for Scarlet Magazine.
Future Plans: Design Firm in NYC
You are graduates of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey and have been prepared to do everything and anything you can imagine.

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

Henry David Thoreau 
American Author, Poet and Abolitionist

You earned your college degree, and nothing, not even COVID19 can take away your accomplishments.

Good luck and congratulations!

We Are Proud of You