The following 275 students made the Spring 2011 Dean’s List (at least a 3.5 term average, with at least 12 graded degree credits):

**Dean’s List Spring 2011**

Daniel Abdeljabbar  
Sandra Abusuleiman  
Hauwa Adeniji  
Naznin Ahmed (DRC)  
Yasmin Al-Ahwol  
Toshif Ali  
Sa’de Alston (DRC)  
Jazlyn Amador (DRC)  
Kathrynn Antos  
Qualiyah Arrington (DRC)  
Justin Artenant  
Saubia Asad  
Cristina Ayala  
Marly Ayerdiss  
Gerri Barker  
Gwendolyn Baxley (DRC)  
Carlos Bello  
Princess Belton (DRC)  
Emeline Betances  
Melissa Boucaud  
Rachael Bourke  
Craig Brennen  
Laura Callejas  
Sandra Camacho  
Diego Campana  
Sadayah Canady (DRC)  
Jamie Cann (DRC)  
Mark Caravaglia  
Marina Carneiro (DRC)  
Kelly Carvajal  
Jorge Casalins  
Susan Casilla  
Casandra Castro  
Latifah Chambers (DRC)  
Ashley Champion  
Sha’kerah Champion  
Bang Chau  
Hao Chen  
Kesha Cheron  
Giorgi Chinchaladze  
Tahiyah Choudhury  
Naima Chowdhury  
Jessica Colberg (DRC)  
Jamar Colon  
Henry Columba  
Taja Conover (DRC)  
Catherine Cordova (DRC)  
Jessica Correa  
Patricia Correa (DRC)  
Chanae Creamer  
Kathleen Cruz  
Myriam Cruz  
Holley Culetto  
Kevin Dahagli  
Mona Dalia  
Tejal Darji  
Ludine Daux  
Courtney Davis  
Jonathan De La Fuente  
Ramathia Defreese  
Thomas Dellamonica  
Louis Delossantos  
John Dere  
Sante Di Leonardo  
Regina Diamond  
Aditi Doshi  
Dylan Douglas  
Daphney Dupervil (DRC)  
Sadayah Durant  
Joseph Dziuba  
Christophe Echeverría  
Aycha Edwards (DRC)  
Mohamed Elagami  
Sara Eskander  
Ydamis Estrella (DRC)  
Svetlana Eydelman  
Chanel Falconer (DRC)  
Anthony Falkowski  
Kirsten Faure (DRC)  
Randi Feldbauer  
Nydan Figueroa  
Walter Fortson  
Natasha Friend  
Margaret Frimpong (DRC)  
Frank Fusco  
Reginald Gaines  
Vishwa Gandhi  
Amber Garcia (DRC)  
Paula Garcia  
Daisy Garden  
Adonnis Garvin  
Alison Gibbons  
Lisa Gill  
Miriam Gonzalez (DRC)  
Sade Grandberry (DRC)  
Shanee Grant  
Jonelle Green (DRC)  
Lisa Green  
Noelle Green  
Justin Groc  
Colleen Gross  
Kelley Guerrero  
Ashley Gwathney (DRC)  
Onalia Gyamé  
Adrian Halton (DRC)  
Beena Hameed (DRC)  
Lejan Hammer  
Jordan Henry  
Yilson Herrera  
Irene Hsieh  
Wei-Ting Hsu  
Wuji Huang  
Danny Huynh  
Phu Huynh  
Marina Ibrahim (DRC)  
Yesenia Infante  
Amanda Irazabal  
Kierra Jackson  
Iaihsia Jacobs (DRC)  
Yesenia Jalil  
Candice James  
Akash Jangle  
Claudia Jimenez  
Francheska Jimenez  
Ashley Johnson  
Kawstar Khan  
Munaf Khatumbra  
Cailyn Kimmick (DRC)  
Crystal Kucuk  
Daniel Kwarteng  
Johnny Laine  
Tenzin Lama  
Gerardo Laracuente  
Quadirra Larks  
Noel Lastre  
Jerusha Lee (DRC)  
Jung Min Lee  
Kristina Lee  
Jessica Lenzsch  
Jerry Leonor  
Roger Licairac  
Stella Liu  
Cory Lloyd  
Anielka Loaisiga  
Amandeep Loi  
Noelle Loizos  
Christian Lopez  
Jessica Lopez  
Myrna Lopez  
Chrisna Lorjuste (DRC)  
Samantha Luketina (DRC)  
Gjon Lulgjuraj
Gwendolyn Baxley (DRC) is the recipient of the Robert Sydney Needham Scholarship.

Ashley Johnson (SAS ‘11) was accepted into the Graduate School of Social Work at Rutgers University.

Simone Mack-Bright, a Senior Counselor of Special Programs was interviewed an article about the Wight Foundation. The article has expired online, but you may click here to view the photo.

The following students are participating in the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program:

Gwendolyn Baxley (DRC)
Wendy Blanco (DRC)
Patricia Calixte-Civil
Laura Callejas
Sadayah Canady (DRC)
Walter Fortson
Jazmyne Mitchell
Jamara Sirmans
Naznin Ahmed SAS ‘11 (DRC) will be starting St. George’s University School of Medicine this August.

Katherine Fernandez is a 2011 recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

Jahangir Salik SAS ‘11 will be starting New York Chiropractic College this fall.

Rick Sentine is doing a summer internship with McGraw-Hill, and won its $5000 scholarship competition between the summer interns. Rick will be presented with the scholarship by the CEO of McGraw-Hill, Terry McGraw.

Many thanks to the following alumni and friends of the EOF Program participated in the 5th Annual Summer Institute Career Conference:

Dr. Vanessa Avina  Derrick Larane  Alex Sardinas  
Davelle Bynum  Tam Le  Andrew Seguel  
Carolyn Chang  Dr. Andrew Lee  Dr. David Smith  
Lisa Cherney  Dion W. Lewis  Latoya Stewart  
Cecile Edwards  Shamarla McCoy  Ken Thomas  
Patrice Enoe  Graciela Meza  Raymond Trigg  
Gertrude Etta  Felix Mickens  Jeffrey Truitt  
Jaleel Hall  Patrick Mombo  Stephanie Vargas  
Paola Hernandez  Brian Morgan  Shalonna Walton  
Sharon D. Hruberman  Judith Mystila  Rasuwl Walls  
Bryon Hunter  Yetunde Odugbesan (keynote speaker)  Kurtis Watkins  
Randy Jackson  John Perez  Kaz Wilson  
Esthere Jean  Shameek Robinson  Marcos Yepez  
Jullian Kersh  Denise Santangello  

The following students participated in the Summer Institute Closing Ceremony:

Shaquille Gurley, Student Speaker  
Kason Jackson, Student Speaker  
Sabell Mena, Student Speaker  
Jasmine Robinson, Entertainment  
Shyrley Rodriguez, Mistress of Ceremony  
Jerry Sanchez, Master of Ceremony  

Gerri N. Barker participated in the summer Study Aboard Program in Florence, Italy.

Laura Callejas is a recipient of the Arrigo O. Rogers Scholarship.

John Connelly represented Rutgers University as a delegate at the National Student Congress, where he was elected Vice Chair for the First Generation/Non-Traditional Student Caucus.

Anthony Covington was elected as the first-year representative to the EOF Program Student Association (EOPSA).

LaShelle Cross DC ’08 is an Area Coordinator for Housing and Residence Life at Rutgers-Newark.

Enjoleah Daye SAS ’09 was accepted into George Mason University's Master program for Transportation Policy, Operations & Logistics.

Shamarla R. McCoy RC ’04 will be attending Barry University School of Law, on a partial scholarship,
beginning in Fall 2011.

**Meagen Campbell** RC '10 is a probation officer for the Ocean County Superior Court.

**Amy Giunta** RC '10 will be pursuing her MBA at Rutgers University.

**Simone Mack-Bright** RC '96, a Senior Counselor in the EOF Program, is a member of the Executive Board of the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey (EOFPANJ). She is serving as a sector representative for Rutgers/UMDNJ/NJIT.

**Yetunde Odugbesan** LC '09 is a member of the Rutgers University Presidential Search Committee. She will be attending, and assisting, with program logistics for the Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting in New York City this month, and has been accepted as a Leadership Newark Fellow.

**Blondeen Philemond** is the Vice-President of the Educational Opportunity Fund Program Student Association (EOPSA).

**Natasha Ramsey** SAS '11 is the recipient of a $30,000 a year scholarship from the NYU School of Medicine.

**Chanae Creamer** is interning with Middlesex County Probation this semester.

**Kathleen Cruz** is doing undergraduate research on pancreatic stem cancer cells at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. She presented her research at the Office for Diversity and Academic Success in the Sciences (ODASIS) Fall Orientation.

**Brittany Davis** is the secretary of the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

**Lejan Hammer** won the award for Best Brief during the Seton Hall Summer Institute for Pre-Legal Studies. He is participating in the NJ Leaders of Tomorrow Presidential Internship Program this semester.

**Brittany Hunt** (DRC) SAS ’11 is the Administrative Assistant to Vice President of Enrollment Management, Courtney McAnuff.

**Noelle Loizos** is interning with Northwestern Mutual this semester.

**Nelson Morales** in featured in the “Get Down” blog: [http://getdownpsa.blogspot.com](http://getdownpsa.blogspot.com).

**Laurent Reyes** (DRC) participated in Study Abroad in South Korea in Spring 2011.

**Casalea Spence** (DRC) is studying abroad in Rome, Italy this semester.

Thanks to the generosity of the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College and the Douglass Residential College, the following DRC EOF students have been awarded scholarships:

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Dymir Arthur RC ’09 is the Director of Alumni Affairs for Teach For America.

Qualiyah Arrington (DRC) is a member of the Rutgers Women's Rugby Football Club. They are currently number one in their division and undefeated. Here is the link to an article about the team: http://www.metnyrfu.org/Women-s-Collegiate-Standings/womens-collegiate-standings-2007.html

Gerri Barker was accepted to the Rutgers Study Abroad Program at the University of West Indies, at Cave Hill, in Barbados. She was also selected for the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society, her fifth honor society!

Salena Diobate was elected to the executive board of the Rutgers University Student Assembly. She will serve as the School of Arts and Sciences Senate leader.

Tammy Hsu is the President of the Civic Engagement and Service Education Partnerships (CESEP) Student Council.

Cha'mier Isom (DRC) is the President/Founder of I Demonstrate Educated Beauty (I.D.E.B.).

Merylou Rodriguez, is teaching a First-year Interest Group Seminar (FIGS), Exploring Psychology.

The following students attended the Alliance of EOF Students of New Jersey (AESNJ) Student Leadership Conference:
- John Connelly
- Salena Dioubate
- Tania Guaman
- Priscila Laboy (DRC)
- Jenny Lachira
- Ruken Oral
- Arielle Parrish
- Liliana Ribeiro (DRC)

Kathleen Cruz was a student panelist at the Fall Undergraduate Education meeting.

Valerie Edouard (DRC) was a student speaker at the Fall EOF Open House, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Walter Fortson was a student panelist at the Fall Undergraduate Education meeting.

Dagma Isaac (DRC) is the president of the Haitian Association at Rutgers University (HARU).

Nkem Osian DC ’09 is in the Master’s in Public Health program at New York University.

Victoria Salami was accepted into the Washington Internship Institute, in Washington D.C., for the spring semester.

The following students will be inducted into the Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society this week:
- Sandra Abusuleiman
- Chanae Creamer
Jorge Casalins and John Connelly have been accepted as Undergraduate Associates of the Eagleton Institute for Politics.

Moreoum Hussain is doing an internship this semester with NJPIRG.

Lesley Pairol was accepted into Teach for America.

Hema Patel is the new Assistant Director on the Douglass site.

Estefany Reyes was accepted to the New Brunswick Community Interpreter Project, through UMDNJ, at the Eric B. Chandler Health Center. She will begin next semester. Here is a link with more information: http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/community_health/nbinterpreter_pgm.html.

Jennifer J. Rodriguez is the recipient of the prestigious 2011 Zulima V. Farber Scholarship for Outstanding Leadership for $2500. (DRC)

Justina Sigle is the Treasurer of RuMAD (Mobile App Development). (DRC)

The following EOF staff members advise student organizations. We encourage you to consider getting involved with one:

Barbara Harmon-Francis-A Global Friendship; http://www.aglobalfriendship.org/agf/
Lissette Herrera-SAS EOF Program Student Organization (EOPSA)

Dean Wally Torian and Ricardo Janvier-Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society

Zena Jubilee-I Demonstrate Educated Beauty (I.D.E.B.); demonstrateducatedbeauty@gmail.com; https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/IDEB.RU/

Eliever Marcellus-Black Men’s Collective

Hema Patel-Journalists for Human Rights; ihr.rutgers@gmail.com; https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/106628329396630/

The following EOF alumni participated in the Fall career conference:

Brian Morgan RC ‘83
Byron Hunter RC ‘83
Yetunde Odugbesan LC ‘09
John Perez RC ‘04

The following EOF students were First-year Interest Group Seminars (FIGS) peer instructors this semester:

Laura Callejas
Henry Columna
Walter Fortson (featured speaker at the FIGS Recognition Breakfast)
Colleen Grosse
Merylou Rodriguez
Elaf Saeed

Rowaida Abdelaziz was selected for a Capital City Internship for the Spring of 2012.

Gerri N. Barker is a member of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). She has been nominated and selected, for the second time, to join the International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP) Delegation on Diplomacy & International Relations in China. She will be traveling to China in June.

Henry Columna will be participating in the Study Abroad program in Spain in the spring semester.

Michelle Gonzalez is the Vice President and Co-founder of DouglassD.I.V.A.S. (Determined Innovative Vivacious Articulate Sisters).

Colleen Grosse is the President of the Rutgers Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda.

Lenese Jean DC’ 07, MHRM ’11 is working in the Human Resources department at Rutgers-Newark.

Jessica Osuji DC’ 08 is working as a Nutrition Consultant.

Geraldo Rigo SAS ’11 will be starting a position with Verizon Wireless in 2012.

The latest issue of the Knightly Dispatch can be found at: http://saseof.rutgers.edu/content/knightly-dispatch. Special thanks to writer and editor, Catrina Diggs, and staff writer, Valarie Lampkin-Hudson.

Carolina Castro (DRC) was accepted into the Study Abroad Program at the University of Valencia for the spring semester. She is the recipient of the Rutgers Study Abroad Diversity Scholarship.

Rose Chery SAS ’11 be starting at Philips Lighting, in February, as a Key Account Service Representative.

Natasha Toe DC ’09 was accepted into the Master’s in Public Health program at Temple University.

The following 43 EOF students are January 2012 graduates:

January 2012 Graduates

Ra'id Ahmad Hae Ji Aakash Sharma
Cassandra Archer Satinder Kaur Jadaleth Silva
Elias Barnes D'andre Kenlock Enserit Simpson
Ashley Bono Raisa Khawaja Keith Smith
Gavrielle Canter Shanice Lowery Michael Sodbinow
Joseph Cassarello Kristin Nimoh David Swerdlaff
Emiliano Castro Epoile Njume Melissa Tampan
Kesha Cheron Johanna Ordonez Olivia Texiera
David Cotton Parth Patel Monique Thomas
Chanae Creamer Breona Pirrone Yesenia Tineo
Samantha Davenport Jeremy Reese Stephanie Tuchez
Ian Font Tishahnah Roney Ashley Wyatt
Adonnis Garvin Aaron Rowlett Justin Zimmerlink
Lyudmila Gutiy Okian Samuel
Joseph Horezga Kevin Seehousz

The following 237 EOF students made the Dean’s List in Fall 2011. To qualify for the Dean’s List, students need to earn at least a 3.5 term average, with at least 12 (letter grade) degree credits.

Dean’s List Fall 2011

Paula Abbruzzese Abdush Ahmad Sa'de Alston
Hauwa Adeniji Lipa Ahmed Christophe Alvarez
Samuel Agnew Yasmin Al-Ahwol Kwabenena Anoky-Atiyie
Karol Aguilar Artur Alchasov Kathyn Antos
Kristie Shenkman                Percy Takyi                Sashelle Vazquez
Justina Sigle                   Quadria Tankard           Lyanne Ventura
Karandeep Singh                Monique Thomas            Andrew Vilchez
Sukhjinder Singh               Melissa Thompson           Cristina Vo
Jamera Sirmans                 Sophia Tolbert             Quang Vo
Julissa Soriano                Omar Torres                Carla Volpe
Christian Soto                 Stephany Tuchez            Danny Wan
Casalea Spence                 Stacey Uhland               Yilu Wang
Sara Stanulis                  Deebee Ukah               Israel Wilson
Minerva Suarez                 Forhad Ullah             Marcella Worthen
Alvina Swati                   Natalia Valencia          June Yaw
David Swerdloff               Janel Valladares        Ronald Zackery
Precious Tabansi               Jose Vargas              Amir Zaffa

Gwendolyn Baxley (DRC) is the recipient of a School of Arts and Sciences merit scholarship from the David Tepper Charitable Foundation.

Wendy D. Flores (DRC) was accepted into the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

Laura Pulgarin (DRC) is President of Rutgers Fashionistas.

Nathalie Rodriguez received a job offer, with Liberty Mutual, as an Associate Surety Underwriter in Mahwah, NJ. She will start after graduation.

June Yaw presented her research entitled, “A Qualitative Exploration of Effective English Teaching Strategies among Urban English Educators” at the National Association of African American Studies conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The following EOF students participated in the summer opportunities panel discussion at the 2012 SAS EOF Spring Conference:

Laura Callejas                    Rachel Mitchell                Jamera Sirmans
Angelina Carfagno               Mike Ortega                  Alvina Swati
Kathleen Cruz                   Brittany Ryan                Elaf Saeed
Katia Lara                      

Jorge Casalins also made the Dean’s List Fall 2011.

Aracelis Elezaj (DRC) is in the 5-year BA/master’s degree program in Social Studies Education Program in the Graduate School of Education. She has been selected to be a Rutgers GSE Urban Teaching Fellow next year.

Jonathan Munoz participated in the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference and came in first place in economic analysis and second place in accounting principles.

Ta’Lissa Patrick is the President of the Rutgers chapter of Journalists for Human Rights. Here is an opinion letter she wrote that was published in the Daily Targum: http://www.dailytargum.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/stand-up-against-nypd-s-actions/article_9daeb010-5ea2-11e1-bcf5-001a4bcf6878.html.

Derek Sierra was selected to be on the men’s basketball team.

Brenda Torero is the Director of Marketing and the Director of Intake for the Psi Alpha Chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority.

Marie Ulysse DC ’02 was accepted into the JFK Medical Center School of Nursing.
Thank you to RU-tv for covering the EOF Spring Conference “Planning for Your Summer”: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61CFa16QY8A.

The following students attended EOF Student Day in Trenton:

Tina Chang (DRC)
Anthony Covington
Kendra Gathers (DRC)
Tania Guaman
Priscilla Laboy (DRC)
Joyce Marquez
Bryan Miranda

Dr. Angela Robinson, a Senior Counselor of Special Programs, and creator of Politics and Possibilities, escorted the following students for this year’s trip (XVII):

Rowaida Abdelaziz
Rida Hasan (DRC)
Liliana Ribeiro (DRC)
Jasmine Robinson (DRC)
Aman Sharifi

Jorge Casalins was accepted into the Summer Institute for Pre-Legal Studies at Seton Hall University.

Catrina Diggs LC ’05, MPA ‘07 gave birth to her daughter Layla Janae Diggs-Slater (6 lbs, 19 inches). Mother and baby are doing well.

Daphney Dupervil SAS ’11 (DRC) is the Program Coordinator for Drug & Alcohol Abuse at Health & Human Services, for the City of Elizabeth.

Aracelis Elezaj (DRC) is this year's recipient of the C. Maxene Vaughters-Summey Prize. This award is given to a graduating DRC EOF student who plans to go to graduate/professional school. It is named in honor of Dean Vaughters-Summey, the founding director of the Douglass College EOF Program.

Felix Mickens LC '94 was selected by the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey (EOFPANJ) to receive the Thomas H. Kean Outstanding EOF Alumni Award.

Yetunde Odugbesan LC ’09, GSN ‘11 was selected by the Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association of New Jersey (EOFPANJ) to receive the Thomas H. Kean Outstanding EOF Alumni Award.

Dr. Rosanna Reyes RC ’03, SSSW ‘06, successfully defended her dissertation. She will be receiving her doctorate this May from the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University.

Suleica Urena was accepted into the Summer Institute for Pre-Legal Studies at Seton Hall University.

The following EOF students have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa:

Laura Callejas (junior-year inductee)
Aracelis Elezaj (DRC)
Roger Licairac (inducted as a junior last year)
Julissa Soriano (DRC)
The following EOF students are participants in the Rutgers Bonner Leaders Program (http://case.rutgers.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=55&Itemid=38):

Wendy Blanco (DRC)
Kevin Dahaghi
Stephanie Flores (DRC)
Tammy Hsu
Laurent Reyes (DRC)

Rowaida Abdelaziz (DRC) is the recipient of a School of Arts and Sciences scholarship.

Aracelis Elezaj (DRC) is this year's recipient of the C. Maxene Vaughters-Summey Prize (established in honor of the first director of the Douglass College EOF Program). Aracelis is in the 5-year BA/master’s degree program in Social Studies Education Program in the Graduate School of Education, and has been selected to be a Rutgers GSE Urban Teaching Fellow next year.

Walter Fortson is the recipient of a prestigious Truman Scholarship. The last time someone from Rutgers University was awarded a Truman Scholarship was in 2001.

Karen Hidalgo DC ’10 is in a joint MSW/MPH graduate program at Washington University in St. Louis. She will be going to Brazil this summer to complete her public health research assistant practicum, and will be part of research team, Project GUIA, which stands for (Guide for Useful Interventions for Activity in Brazil and Latin America). Here is a link about the project: http://www.projectguia.org/en/index.html

Karandeep Singh was accepted to the UMDNJ Summer PREP Program.

The following students were selected to be Resident Assistants for the 2012 EOF Summer Institute:

Melanie Arroyo
Naima Chowdhury
Kerim Dere
Shanequa Evans
Stephanie Flores
Maria Guerra
Kelly Guerrero
Onalia Gyamera
Nicole Hernandez
Dolly Hilario
Asia Howard
Danny Huynh
Shirley Jeffcoat
Samantha Lopez
Caridad Martinez
Sabell Mena
Georges Mombrun
Sally Nogueira
Gina Omer
Wildonia Quezada
Edward Quiceno
Jovanni Ramirez
Jasmine Robinson
Rowaida Abdelaziz is featured in this Rutgers Focus article: http://news.rutgers.edu/focus/issue.2012-03-28.2735481175/article.2012-04-03.7824199918/.

Gerri N. Barker was accepted into the Graduate School of Social Work.

Sadayah DuRant SAS’11 was accepted into Rutgers Newark School of Law.

Walter Fortson is featured in Rutgers Today: http://news.rutgers.edu/medrel/news-releases/2012/03/from-prison-inmate-t-20120329/ and in this interview with RU-tv: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbVvUqDf0no

Jordan Henry was accepted to the master’s degree program in Healthcare Administration at Seton Hall University.

Paul Kang was accepted into the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University.

Yetunde Odugbesan LC ’09, GSN ’11 is featured in the following article: http://www.thenewpeople.com/more/diaspora-news/item/1687-the-power-of-a-young-african-woman

Katherine Sharp was accepted into the UMDNJ Summer PREP program at the School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Melissa Thompson is: a student manager at the Cook Campus Center, Community Service Officer for the Department of Public Safety, a Scarlet Ambassador, and the Public Relations and Booking Manager for Alpha Nu Omega Sorority Inc. XI Chapter.

Isita Amin was accepted into South University School of Pharmacy, in Colombia, South Carolina, for the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

John Connelly has been elected the President of the Rutgers University Students Association (RUSA).

Walter Fortson is the recipient of a Nets Foundation Appreciation Scholarship.

Margaret Frimpong (DRC) was chosen to be a Peer Academic Leader (PAL) for the Douglass Residential College.

Colleen Grosse is one of 18 juniors selected for induction into the Cap and Skull Society.

Jean Isaacs submitted a short film at the Campus Movie Festival, and is currently in the running to be screened at a Hollywood festival in June. The film has the most views by May 4th will be declared the wild card winner and move on to Hollywood. Here is the link to view his film: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvAn6Tk-ukM

Nelson Morales won a third place award in General Photography in the 2012 New Jersey Collegiate Press Association's College Newspaper Contest. He won it for his work with The Daily Targum. Here is a link to the results: http://www.njcollegepress.org/Contest2011-12.html

Jamera Sirmans was a student speaker at the EOF Breakfast for Admitted Students, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
Jackasha Wiley DC ’10, GSE ’11 is the Developmental Specialist for the Rutgers Upward Bound & McNair Programs.

Bilquis Zaka DC’ 98 is the Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Mercer County Community College.

Connie Zhen was selected for an internship at Halston, in New York City, for this summer.

The following EOF students were honored at the Academic Excellence Awards for high achieving sophomores:

Samuel Agnew (4.0 GPA)
Frank Fusco
Candice James
Erik Rose
Kelley Guerrero
Karandeep Singh
Regina Diamond
Gina Giacobbe (DRC)
Amanda Irazabal
Phu Huynh
Muta Mashack
Precious Tabansi
Catherine Cordova (DRC)
Kevin Dahaghi
Yesenia Infante
Shawn Jobe
Sally Nogueira (DRC)
Danny Huynh

The following EOF students are in the School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program:

Gwendolyn Baxley (DRC)
Patricia Calixte-Civil
Laura Callejas
Regina Diamond
Walter Fortson
Jennifer Keefer (DRC)
Crystal Kucuk
Hy Le
Laurent Reyes (DRC)
Elaf Saeed (DRC)
Precious Tabansi

The following EOF students were selected to speak at the Senior Recognition Ceremony:

Amanda Alcantara (DRC)
Gwendolyn Baxley (DRC)
Gavrielle Canter (DRC)
Tammy (Wei-Ting) Hsu
Jamera Sirmans
Tamiah Yancey (DRC)
Amir Zaffa
**Lismarie Acevedo** was recently inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success. She received Presidential Status, due to her GPA. Lismarie is the Vice President of Latinos Entering Government and Law (LEGAL) and the Historian of RU Salsa.

**John Connelly** will be interning this summer with Dissent Magazine.

**Tania Guaman** and **Priscila Laboy** (DRC) represented the SAS EOF Program at the Alliance of EOF Students of New Jersey (AESNJ) President’s/Student Leadership Dinner.


**Tamiyah Yancey** (DRC) wrote this article which appeared in the Daily Targum: [http://www.dailytargum.com/opinion/columnists/suffering-from-senioritis/article_3ba8cc6c-8aa2-11e1-8810-001a4b6f6878.html](http://www.dailytargum.com/opinion/columnists/suffering-from-senioritis/article_3ba8cc6c-8aa2-11e1-8810-001a4b6f6878.html)

The following EOF students were inducted into the Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society:

- Naima Chowdhury
- Kevin Dahaghi
- Mervina George
- Jung Min Lee
- Margie Montoya-Guzman
- Anh Nguyen
- Leticia Ross (DRC)
- Jennifer Sanders (DRC)

The following EOF students are on the 2012-2013 Executive Board of the EOF Advocacy Student Council:

- President – **Priscila Laboy**
- Vice president – **Lismarie Acevedo** (DRC)
- Treasurer – **Joyce Marquez**

**Justin Artenant** will be the Assistant Hall Director for the Rutgers Upward Bound Program this summer, and has been promoted to Student Manager during the academic year.

**Turquoise Brittingham RC ‘09** will complete her Certificate in Social Media Marketing from Rutgers University this May. She has been accepted into Rowan University’s Graduate Program for Public Relations for her master’s degree.

**Tyesha Byrd DC ’08** will be receiving her MSW from the Rutgers School of Social Work this month. She was also inducted into the MSW honor society, Phi Alpha.

**Kevin Dahaghi** has been selected to be a FIGS Instructor for the Fall 2012 semester to teach Exploring Sociology. He has also been accepted into the Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship Program in Leadership and Social Policy and the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.

**Paola Dominguez SAS ’11** is completing her master’s degree in Higher Education Administration from Columbia University.
Patricia Guerrero (DRC) was accepted into the Northeast Regional Alliance (NERA) MedPrep Scholars Program, through UMDNJ.

Rida Hasan (DRC) was accepted into the 2012 summer internship program at the Washington Internship Institute.

Terek Pierce is featured in this article on the Rutgers web site: http://www.rutgers.edu/about-rutgers/beaming-world

Christine Pitts (DRC) was awarded the Joseph J. Polonko, Jr., Class of 1961 Scholarship.

Aman Sharifi was accepted into the 2012 summer internship program at the Washington Internship Institute.