

March 24, 2025

Dear Students,

Welcome Back! As you return from Spring Recess, I want to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate each of you: your experiences, your dedication, and your relentless pursuit of your academic and professional goals.

For some, this break was a transformative journey—your first time studying abroad, immersing yourselves in new cultures and perspectives. For others, it was a time of responsibility—caring for family, working to support your education, and balancing the many roles you carry. No matter how you spent this time, you all paused from the demands of coursework, and now you return with renewed purpose, ready to complete what you started.

The road to graduation is not just about reaching the finish line; it's about the courage to keep moving forward despite challenges. You have already proven your resilience, and I have no doubt that you will continue to rise to the occasion. Believe in yourself, lean on your Rutgers Nursing community, and remember—you belong here, and your success is within reach.

Please Save the Dates and join us for the end of Year Celebrations:

April

1. Eta Mu Chapter Induction, Sigma Honor Society of Nursing – 4/6/2025
2. Admitted Students Day - 4/12/2025 - Events kick off on campus in the MPR at 10am and include tours of the School of Nursing from 12:30-3pm
3. First Year Moving up Nursing Ceremony – 4/22/25 from 11am-2:30pm – MPR Campus Center

May

1. Nurse's Week Celebration - May 6 -May 12th
2. Pre-Commencement Celebration – Monday, 5/5/2025 from 11:20am –1pm on 3rd Floor Atrium
3. Evening in Nursing Excellence – Tuesday, 5/6/2025 – 3:30-5pm is DNP Poster Presentations and at 5:30pm is the Awards Ceremony for Students & Faculty
4. Rites of Passage – Friday, 5/16/25 from 5-7pm at the Rutgers' University-Camden, Gordon Theatre. This ceremony is a celebration to honor Black and Latinx-identified students .
5. Rutgers University-Camden and Graduate School Commencement – Tuesday, 5/20/2025 at the Freedom Mortgage Pavilion – This ceremony officially confers degrees upon graduates, features the university's keynote speaker and sets the stage for the School-Specific Commencement Convocations. Candidates for Doctor of Nursing Practice will be hooded.
5. Commencement Convocation for the School of Nursing-Camden – Wednesday, 5/21/2025 from 3-4:30pm at the Freedom Mortgage Pavilion.

Let's finish this semester strong, together!

With confidence in your journey,



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