



The Edge Fund

Created for students whose brilliance crosses categories—artists, scientists, coders, writers, and competitors in non-revenue sports—who bring imagination, integrity, prowess, and impact to Rutgers.

Rutgers will celebrate and support the next generation of thinkers and creators whose achievements in art, sports, science, and technology redefine excellence. This scholarship honors those who see possibilities where others see limits.



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Friday, November 7, 2025



PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies | Chris Carlin, Rutgers Football Announcer

Prelude

The Count Basie Orchestra
Scotty Barnhart, Musical Director

University Senate Remarks

Senate Chair Lucille L. Foster

The Academic Procession

- University Gonfalonier
- Members of the Board of Governors
- Members of the Board of Trustees
- Members of the Rutgers University Foundation Board of Directors
- University Executive Leadership Team
- Deans of Academic Units and Residential Colleges
- Delegates from Universities and Colleges
- University Mace
- Members of the Platform Party
- President of the University

Board of Trustees Remarks

Board of Trustees Chair
Kenneth R. Johnson ENG'66

Board of Governors Remarks

Board of Governors Chair
Amy L. Towers

Investiture Ceremony

Inaugural Address

President William F. Tate IV

Alma Mater

Rutgers University Glee Club Members

Kye Deithorn

Joseph Galioto

Myles Harada

Liam Caswell Klein

Jakob Krombolz

Nate Paris

Marcus Peña

John Rutsy

Jay Suchak

William Umali

Ryan Walsh

Matthew Zabiegala

and

Joe Chappel, Rutgers Mason Gross

School of the Arts DMA Candidate

Welcome and Remarks

Board of Governors Chair
Amy L. Towers

National Anthem

The Count Basie Orchestra
Sung by: Carmen Bradford

Invocation

Pastor René F. Brown
Mount Zion First Baptist Church
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Speaker

James M. Williams, Esq.
Co-Managing Partner
Chehardy + Sherman + Williams

Student Government Remarks

Speaker: Adrian Henry
Rutgers–Newark

Christopher Godoy
Rutgers–New Brunswick

Jennifer Levy
Rutgers–Camden