

2023 HALL OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI INDUCTEES

NEW BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL



DON DYSTRA
CLASS OF 1991

GRADUATED FROM RUTGERS COLLEGE WITH DEGREES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ENGLISH LITERATURE IN 1995; CURRENT DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FOR ATLANTIC HEALTH SYSTEM; WORKED IN A HEALTH PLANNING CAREER SPANNING 25 YEARS IN VARIOUS LEADERSHIP ROLES WITH SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, THE NEW JERSEY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, AND NEW SOLUTIONS, INC.; DEVELOPS DATA-DRIVEN SOLUTIONS TO VALUE-BASED HEALTHCARE NETWORKS; PRESIDENT, HEALTHCARE PLANNING AND MARKETING SOCIETY OF NJ.

ASHLEY LYTLE, MBA
CLASS OF 2008

GRADUATED FROM THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN APPLIED SCIENCE ENGINEERING IN 2013; BEGAN A CAREER AT JOHNSON & JOHNSON, HELD VARIOUS ROLES WITH INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY; EXECUTIVE MBA AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY IN 2020; TRANSITIONED TO TECHNOLOGY MANAGER AND PARTNERS WITH THE PATIENT ENGAGEMENT & CUSTOMER SOLUTIONS TEAM TO INFLUENCE SOLUTIONS DIRECTLY IMPACTING PATIENTS DURING THEIR TREATMENT JOURNEY; MEMBER OF THE NBEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



GWENDOLYN D. RATLIFF-JENNINGS
CLASS OF 1987

GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE, EARNING AN ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY; AND A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FROM NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY; PRINCIPAL STAFF ENGINEER AND WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO HOLD THE POSITION OF DIVISION SYSTEM PLANNER FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION IN THE OVER 120-YEAR HISTORY OF PSE&G; INDEPENDENT SENIOR SALES DIRECTOR WITH MARY KAY COSMETICS; MEMBER OF THE NBEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

DR. NATHALY SALAZAR-VASQUEZ
CLASS OF 2004

GRADUATED FROM MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND A MASTER'S DEGREE IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY; CONTINUED HER STUDIES AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY IN 2011 TO EARN HER PH.D. IN MICROBIOLOGY AND MOLECULAR GENETICS; COMPLETED A THESIS ON MITOCHONDRIAL DYNAMICS AND TRANSPORT IN NEURONS WHICH DISCOVERED NOVEL GENES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THESE PATHWAYS USING AN IN-VIVO MODEL ORGANISM; HAD THE DISTINCTION OF WORKING AS A TEAM LEADER IN THE BIOTECH/MOLECULAR GENETICS DEPARTMENT.



RICHARD VAN LIEW
CLASS OF 1975

ATTENDED BISHOP COLLEGE IN DALLAS, TEXAS, NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND RUTGERS UNIVERSITY; FIREFIGHTER IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK; NUMEROUS HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE FIELD OF FIRE SAFETY; 25-YEAR CAREER WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDING THE RANK OF CAPTAIN; LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE FMBA 217 AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL CHAPTER, VULCAN PIONEERS OF NEW BRUNSWICK; COMMITTED TO SERVING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

DR. WALTER L. TAMOSAITIS
CLASS OF 1965

MECHANICAL AND SYSTEMS ENGINEER FOR BECHTEL NATIONAL SUBCONTRACTOR URS AT THE HANFORD NUCLEAR RESERVATION; RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGER, DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER CHARGED WITH IMMOBILIZING NUCLEAR WASTE FROM PLUTONIUM PRODUCTION FOR ATOMIC BOMBS; OBSERVED THAT THE WASTE CONTAINED A RISK OF HYDROGEN EXPLOSIONS, RELEASED TOXIC GASES AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL; ALERTED BECHTEL, URS, DEPT. OF ENERGY THAT THE WASTE TREATMENT PLANT DESIGN WAS UNSAFE; HE WAS FIRED, DECLARED A WHISTLEBLOWER; ON COVER OF NEWSWEEK, KNOWN AS A NATIONAL HERO.



DORENIA D. VILLALONA, MPA
CLASS OF 2002

GRADUATED FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, BEGAN HER CAREER IN THE NEW BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT; MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, CERTIFICATIONS FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE AND SOCIETY OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT; SERVED AS ASSISTANT TO SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, AND LATER PROMOTED TO DISTRICT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, OVERSEEING OPERATIONS IN THE AREAS OF ACCOUNTING, CONTRACTING, FINANCIAL PLANNING AND MORE.