

# 2024-2025 Staff Senator Campaign Statements

## CAMDEN CAMPUS

**Siatta Davis**, Program Coordinator, Division of Diversity Inclusion and Community Engagement

I am aim to elevate the voices of staff in Camden and the University.

Shared governance provides an opportunity to have a voice in decisions that help shape the University. Staff contribution is essential to the success of the Camden campus strategic plan and broader mission of Rutgers. Faculty and students have representation on the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees, while staff representation is nonexistent. Can we call ourselves a beloved community when these omissions exist? Do we embody shared governance when staff are not represented? A beloved community is a noble ideal, arguably, yet to be realized. I'm committed to contributing to this exemplar. I co-authored a resolution in the Senate that passed with overwhelming majority to support adding a seat for staff on the BoG. Incorporating staff representation on our governing boards enhances the governance structure and provides a channel for valuable perspectives of our staff.

My research in 2020, [A Case Study on Policy Choice Regarding Tobacco Use at Rutgers University](#), examined what impacts decision making on comprehensive tobacco control policies without a public policy mandate. Applying theory to practice proved successful and Rutgers University became tobacco free in 2023.

Overall, staff are a vital component of our institution, contributing significantly to the success of our daily operations. I pledge to remain committed to the legitimacy of a silent majority and ask for your support in elevating the voices of staff in institutional policymaking and exercising leadership in decisions that help shape our beloved community.

**Emily A Donnelly**, Talent Development Specialist, Office of Human Resources - Camden

As a recent addition to the Camden campus of our University, I am eager to embark on a journey of active participation by joining the Senate. My passion for continuous learning and dedication to excellence as a Talent Development Specialist drive my desire to contribute meaningfully to our institution.

The opportunity to serve as a senator aligns with my professional ethos, providing me with a platform to deeply engage with the diverse culture and evolving needs of our University community. I am committed to leveraging my skills and experiences to foster a collaborative environment where innovation and progress thrive.

Beyond personal growth, I am excited about the prospect of expanding my network and gaining invaluable insights into the workings of our university. By actively participating in the Senate, I aim to cultivate meaningful connections, exchange ideas, and contribute to the formulation of impactful policies. I firmly believe that as a senator, I can serve as a catalyst for positive change.

Empowered by a genuine desire to make a difference, I am prepared to collaborate with my colleagues to address challenges, seize opportunities, and champion initiatives that elevate our institution to new heights. I am excited about the opportunity to serve and am confident in my ability to make a lasting and positive impact.

### **Meledy Fortuna, Business Assistant II – School of Nursing**

Hello, I deeply understand the importance that our community needs to voice their concerns. I can be that person who can represent our fellow faculty, staff, students, and alumni in order to bring light to any concerns, needs, or wants to our university. I am very devoted to my work and can dedicate my time and attention to advising Rutgers administration on a wide variety of issues. I understand that participating in the Senate committees requires a willingness to understand and discuss the specific issues charged to the standing committee. I believe that Teamwork makes the dream work. As a Rutgers graduate, May 2023, I have learned from our university that collaborating with different departments on a project result in more success compared to doing it on your own. Adhering to the concerns our university has can encourage personal growth, increase job satisfaction, and reduce stress. This improves efficiency and productivity. I can lead us in a direction where we can have more innovative solutions and shared success. I can contribute excellent communication skills, organization, professionalism, and analytical thinking. My background comes from utilizing communication and interpersonal skills in a career field. Advanced proficiency in customer service and administrative duties, with providing creative solutions for oversight of projects. I believe these skills can contribute to the role of the Senate by improving leadership abilities and a deeper understanding of policy issues. Thank you for your time, I hope you consider me as a great candidate for election of the Senate.

## **NEWARK CAMPUS**

### **Suja Patel, Assistant Dean; Associate Director of AFC/EOF**

As a staff member for nearly 25 years, I have had the opportunity to witness many transitions at Rutgers University-Newark. At a time period when we as a community are experiencing many challenges in our workplace and personal life, there are great opportunities for growth and development. Ensuring the faculty, staff, students, and alumni interests are well represented and most importantly, the staff have a voice in the university senate is of utmost importance. Through the Academic Foundations Center, I have worked with a variety of departments, offices, and programs across campus, as well as precollege programs, to expand educational services to first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented students. As both a

staff member and alumna, I believe shared governance with cross campus collaborations will advance our university's mission.

I have served as the Co-Chair of two Ad Hoc committees on the University Senate including the Examining the Efficacy of the GRE and Senate Officer Compensation. During my fourth term as Senator, I hope to continue to transfer the knowledge I have gained and the connections I have made into an elected position on the Senate. I hope to not only serve as a voice for underrepresented students but also provide a safe forum for open communication and collegial dialogue between students, staff, administration, and faculty. It would be an honor to serve as a Staff Senator for Rutgers University-Newark and represent the entire Rutgers community.

## **NEW BRUNSWICK CAMPUS**

**Faizan Ahmed**, Director of Information Technology, Office for Research

With a 23-year service and crucial involvement in the UMDNJ-Rutgers merger, I have dedicated my career to the advancement of Rutgers. As Director of IT and a part time faculty member who taught at Rutgers for eight years, I possess a unique blend of administrative, technical, and academic expertise. My active participation in several university committees and the IT leadership council has not only broadened my understanding of our university's multifaceted landscape but also enhanced my ability to lead complex projects and foster interdisciplinary collaboration.

My candidacy for the University Senate is driven by a commitment to leverage this extensive experience to further technological innovation, academic excellence, and an inclusive community ethos. The insights gained from my committee work and leadership roles have equipped me with the strategic vision and practical knowledge necessary to navigate the challenges of our evolving academic environment.

I aim to harness these experiences to advocate for cutting-edge IT infrastructure, support pioneering research and teaching methodologies, and ensure that inclusivity is at the heart of our institutional policies. My goal is to create a future where technology not only enhances education and research but also embodies our commitment to diversity and equality.

I am eager to bring my proven leadership, comprehensive understanding of university operations, and passion for educational excellence to the Senate. Together, we can build on our collective achievements to shape a university that is not only a beacon of knowledge and innovation but also a nurturing community where everyone is empowered to succeed.

**Richard W. Burdett**, Mobile Health Unit Driver – Operations, Navigations and Logistics Specialist, Cancer Institute of New Jersey – ScreenNJ

Good day Rutgers and thank you for this opportunity to be considered as your representative on the University Senate.

I have lived in NJ for 59 years and believe in equal rights and fair treatment for all people no matter their race, religion, gender, age and more. My career has been rewarding through the services provided to people in our communities, helping improve the overall quality of life of those impacted by the dedicated efforts of people I've been honored to work within various teams throughout my career. My experience in fields such as youth development, public transportation, emergency services, public safety, law enforcement, technical operations, procurement, customer service and more, has prepared me for this day. If elected, I will represent you to the best of my ability "knowing the success of our efforts brings us together and we can achieve great things, for the benefit of all".

**Alexandra Ceribelli**, Chef Manager I, Harvest IFNH

Dear Rutgers Community,

I would like to put forth my nomination for the Rutgers University Senate. As the Chef Manager of Harvest at the Institute of Food, Nutrition, and Health, I bring a perspective shaped by my commitments to social sustainability, equity, passion for the environment and expertise in positive management, business, and systems thinking. These skills lend themselves to being a candidate that will collaborate creatively and work with you to develop solutions within our university community.

Throughout my career, I have embraced a holistic approach to management, recognizing the intersection of social, environmental, and economic factors. As head chef and manager of Harvest, my team and I have developed initiatives that prioritize community and promote responsible resource management. From implementing waste reduction strategies, connecting with students and professors to carry out impactful projects, and providing our community with healthy, nutritious, and globally inspired food. As an action-oriented person, I like to see follow through and am persistent towards actualizing common goals.

My experience extends beyond the kitchen, including roles as a food systems lecturer and educator, formerly at the Culinary Institute of America. I believe in the power of education to inspire change and foster a culture of innovation.

Thank you for your consideration.

## **Dr. Darren L. Clarke, Senior Director Strategic Alliances & Online Education**

My career at Rutgers University spans 28 years, beginning with working for the Livingston College EOF Program, followed by 23 years working in various roles at the Graduate School of Education (GSE). During my time at Rutgers, I have enjoyed serving on campus wide committees in support of academic program development and working on issues of diversity, equity, bias prevention and student advocacy. In 2011, I was a recipient of the Rutgers University Human Dignity Award, in recognition of excellence and leadership for ten years in the area of global outreach to South Africa. I have served as Vice President and President of The Rutgers Club, working with faculty, staff and students to ensure quality programs and experiences for Rutgers alumni and their families.

The University Staff Senator position greatly interests me because of the opportunity to bring my professional experiences in a number of areas (communications, program development, alumni relations, admissions, financial aid, continuing education, online learning and student affairs) to the work of the Senate.

I believe the culmination of my experience in higher education managing complex projects with creativity and flexibility, for a broad range of stakeholders from a wide range of constituent groups in academic settings, positions me to contribute much to the Rutgers University Senate. I am confident that I possess the personality, judgment and leadership skills that would enable me to work effectively with other members in a variety of Senate committees.

## **Adrienne Esposito, Director, Office of Information Technology**

My name is Adrienne Esposito, and I would be honored to serve as Staff Representative on the Rutgers University Senate. I have been Co-Chair of the IT Committee since its inception in 2020, and previously served on the University Structure and Governance Committee and the Senate Executive Committee.

As a Rutgers alumna, I hold a strong passion for the University. I have served Rutgers as a member of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) for over 20 years, initially as Associate Director for Computing Services on the Newark Campus, to my current role as Director for Enterprise Infrastructure.

I have a diverse background in leadership, operations, budgeting, strategic planning, and personnel practices. My experiences have allowed me to contribute to a number of Senate charges:

- S-2319: Explore Mechanisms for senators to communicate to their constituents
- S-2109: Communication Mechanisms Regarding Major Changes in IT Applications
- S-2201: Approved Electronic Notebook Programs · A-1710: Policy on Centers and Institutes · S-1604: Process for Unit Mergers or Other Structural Changes

I represent Rutgers in several national higher education communities: Co-Chair of the BTAA (Big Ten Academic Alliance) Network Directors Group; Co-Chair for the EDUCAUSE Communications and Applications Community Group (CIA); and Member of NJEdge.

With my experience, enthusiasm for embracing leadership roles, and my Rutgers pride, I possess a multi-dimensional understanding of the unique needs – and great strengths – of our amazing University.

Thank you for your consideration.

### **Kerry Hennessy, Research Specialist for Assessment & Accreditation**

While I started my Senate tenure due to someone resigning, I have embraced the position 100%. I have not missed a single senate meeting and I have actively participated with my committee as well as several ad hoc committees. I would love to continue the work I have begun if you would be kind enough to vote for me to be your representative. We have advocated for staff representation to the Board of Governors, we have worked on revising the Senate by-laws, and we have assured senate representation on policy development committees. These are just a few examples of the initiatives I have been involved in.

I continue to love being part of our beloved community, a community I joined as an undergraduate. I just celebrated my sixth year at the School of Social Work where I coordinate our Committee on Student Learning Assessment and Outcome Evaluation. I assure we have all the data we need to fulfill our reporting obligations, participate in the discussions to translate that data into actions to improve our students' learning, and write up those reports to share the assessment and evaluation work we are doing.

This fall the youngest of my four children will become a scarlet knight and I will start the PhD in Higher Education program. My connection to our beloved community continues to grow. If chosen to represent the New Brunswick staff, I am ready to continue to dedicate the time and energy to the Senate. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Fadi Kayyal, Foreperson Grounds**

I am writing to nominate myself, Fadi Kayyal, for the position of Staff Senator at Rutgers University. After dedicating 14 years of service to the university, primarily within the Facilities department, I believe I possess the experience, dedication, and insight necessary to effectively represent the interests of our staff community.

Throughout my tenure at Rutgers, I have had the privilege of working closely with fellow staff members from various departments, witnessing firsthand the challenges and opportunities we encounter in our roles. My experience within Facilities has provided me with a comprehensive

understanding of the operational intricacies of our university, as well as the unique perspectives of staff members working in diverse roles. I have been an advocate for those less fortunate on and off our campuses.

As a Staff Senator, I am committed to advocating for the needs and concerns of our staff community, ensuring that our voices are heard, and our contributions are recognized since we have reached a point of critical mass here at Rutgers regarding institutional spending in various areas of the university. I am passionate about fostering a supportive and inclusive work environment where every staff member feels valued and empowered to thrive professionally. If elected, I will prioritize communication and collaboration, actively seeking input from my fellow staff members to inform my advocacy efforts. I will work tirelessly to address issues such as professional development opportunities, workplace safety, and equitable policies that promote diversity and inclusion.

Moreover, I am dedicated to fostering strong partnerships between staff, faculty, administration, and students to promote the collective well-being of our university community. By fostering open dialogue and cooperation, I am confident that we can create positive change and enhance the overall experience for everyone at Rutgers.

I am deeply committed to serving as a strong and effective advocate for our staff community as a Staff Senator.

Thank you all for considering my nomination.

**Colleen Hewitt Klein**, Program Coordinator, Department of Dance

I believe in the importance of shared governance, especially when Rutgers' staff is invited to the table. With your support, seeking a staff seat with the University Senate for the third time, I never give up on what I'm passionate about. I know a thing or two about smaller units needing to provide big results. I work for the fine and performing arts entities at Rutgers. As a member of the University Senate, I want to represent those smaller units and ensure their voices are heard. At Rutgers, I also have the distinct pleasure of being a steward for the URA-AFT Local 1766 Union of Rutgers Administrators. Throughout my career, I have served on senior leadership, Middle States Accreditation, admissions, curriculum, EDI and recruitment committees, at Rutgers (Dance), and universities such as Princeton (Molecular Biology), Drew (The Graduate School, Drexel (Health Professions, and Pillar College (Theology and Religious Studies). It will be an honor to serve you.

**Tiffany L. Mayers, DSW, LCSW, Director of Administrative Services Center- Graduate School of Education (GSE) and Part-time Instructor- School of Social Work**

I recently joined the University Senate to fill a vacancy and would like the opportunity to continue serving the Rutgers community by being re-elected. In my employee capacity, I am a senior leader within the GSE, and I function as a liaison between multiple offices, including the President's Office and the Chancellor's Office. Also, I am a proud alum of the School of Social Work and teach clinical and policy courses within the master's program. Overall, I enjoy being engaged and informed of what is taking place at the University, and I believe in my abilities to advocate for effective change. As a social worker, I am used to advocating for change and know that my expertise can be of good use to move the Rutgers community forward in our endeavors. Additionally, I am DEI certified and have participated on various committees showcasing my skillset. In the past, the GSE has had a faculty representative on the University Senate, so I am familiar with the requirements and what takes place at the meetings. Moreover, I would like the opportunity to continue representing Rutgers staff members. I believe that my versatile background as an administrator and clinician will bring a unique perspective to the University Senate. Vote for me!

**Todd Pisani, Center for Advanced Infrastructure & Transportation, School of Engineering**

The main reason I am considering a Senate position is because in my 11 years here my experience has crossed many units and campuses, and my efforts have always been uniquely community facing and immersive. Primary efforts have included providing employment training and case management support to justice impacted youth and adults in 8 counties, which I have done through SEBS and Cooperative Extension, now at CAIT and the School of Engineering, and includes involvement with Schools of Social Work (training interns), Law (co-teaching classes), Civic Engagement, DEI, ORSP (for grant submissions I prepare), HR high risk hires committee (to hire formerly incarcerated), accounting, procurement, and NJ STEP, and more. I was a J&J nursing fellow so became a "nurse mascot". This historical systems knowledge has allowed/forced me to learn the challenges within the University bureaucracy, and though frustrating at times, I did graduate from the Department of Public Policy and Administration, so I remain prideful of the efforts made to overcome challenges and do better. I believe my balanced voice at the table can help to engage in the important conversations needed to fine tune some of the systems and continue to challenge and support leadership to do even better. Regardless of the Senate opportunity, I will continue to challenge processes and push systems to better serve the vulnerable communities across the state and seek fair chance pathways internally so we can continue to accurately represent the multitude of ways Rutgers people do their work.



**Dan Rice**, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP)

Hello! My name is Dan Rice, and I am interested in serving on the Rutgers Senate to utilize my 10+ years of experience at the university to represent staff members at the New Brunswick campus. I started at the university in 2007 in an entry-level program coordinator role at Answer, a national sex education center at the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP). Since then, I have served in manager and director-level positions, so I have experienced the advantages and challenges of being a staff member at many different levels. In my current role of Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at GSAPP, I work with our students, faculty, and staff to create an equitable and inclusive environment where the members of our community can feel a sense of belonging. I believe that this work is best done in collaboration, and I truly enjoy working with everyone who is interested in achieving the goals we've set in our annual work plan. Additionally, I recently served on a special ad hoc committee to propose changes to the Senate handbook regarding the addition of the Standing Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. If elected to the Senate I would love to have the opportunity to work on this committee and continue to be an advocate for issues of access, belong, inclusion, diversity, and equity for all university staff.

**Theresa Walton**, MPA, Co-Director, Administration and Grants, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)

Running for election to the University Senate is an incredible opportunity for staff employees to have a meaningful impact on the future direction of Rutgers University. This presents a unique opportunity as a "newer" employee to learn the intricacies, perspectives, expertise, and dynamics of the University that affect us.

Participating in the University Senate and serving as the principal advisory body to the university president will provide a unique opportunity to learn and represent a valuable voice that can contribute to the development of a more inclusive, diverse, and respectful campus environment and build upon the work at the New Brunswick campus.

I would like to participate in this opportunity. I hope to lend my understanding of public administration, and my administrative skills with a sense of human behavior and organizational dynamics have been a defining feature of my work and academic experience.

Furthermore, my emphasis on industrial-organizational psychology has provided me with essential insights into worker behavior, motivation, and team dynamics, helping me design and implement programs that foster a motivated team and create all-inclusive collaborative projects.

For those reasons, I am expressing a sincere interest in becoming a part of the University Senate, with the hope of providing real-time, concise recommendations to ensure all voices are

heard and concerns are addressed transparently and meaningfully. All staff members are unique in their individual experiences, allowing us to provide genuine perspectives that will shape the future of Rutgers University.

## **RBHS CAMPUS**

**Rajita Bhavaraju**, Director of Global Operations, Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine, NJ Medical School

Thank you for considering my candidacy for a second term in the Rutgers Senate. During my first term, I was able to get my “feet wet” serving on the Instruction, Curricula, and Advising Committee. I was on the writing team for a senate charge on student disability services and am currently chairing a sub-committee on course audit policy consistency and transparency. Staff at Rutgers are the smallest constituency on the Senate, therefore, need strong voices to be represented as the backbone of University operations. I have been at the University, on the health sciences side, for over 25 years and have witnessed the power of how staff can work hand-in-hand in shared governance to implement change. I hope to continue this work, representing the unique perspectives of the RBHS community.

**Alison Clarke**, Program Coordinator, RWJMS, Office of Student Affairs

My name is Alison Clarke and I am running for another term on the University Senate. I would love to continue representing my fellow staff members here at Rutgers. I’ve been an employee for 18+ years and, after being on the University Senate for one term, with the RWJMS Staff Council for a couple of years and having gone to school here, I believe I have a great amount of experience as well as a unique perspective. I am a firm believer in giving back to the place I’ve been with, in some capacity, for over half my life. I’d like to not only keep on with giving the staff a voice but, also, to continue doing and accomplishing great things together. Thank you for your consideration.

**Susan DeMatteo**, Director of Institutional Assessment & Quality Improvement (Office of Institutional Assessment)

As Director of Institutional Assessment & Quality Improvement for the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, I wish to engage more fully with the University-at large. By participating in the University Senate, I look forward to obtaining deeper insight into the diverse range of issues, perspectives, and proposed solutions to respond to institutional challenges and opportunities. I would then be able to apply these insights for enhanced communication and application of goal-oriented strategies to achieve the mission of Rutgers University in the areas of teaching, research, and service.

**Sue Fenker, MS, LCSW, (she/her), Administrative Research Associate at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) - Department of Administration and Planning**

Hello! I am a Rutgers University, Douglass College alumna, staff member and proud parent of two Rutgers students. I bring more than 20 years of both clinical and administrative experience to Rutgers. My experience in both the public and private sector has afforded me the opportunity to oversee staff and students, provide treatment to individuals and families and currently provide administrative research support to faculty, staff and students at CINJ. I have additional employment history as a therapist, program supervisor, school social worker, adjunct professor as well as a grants and contracts coordinator.

During my tenure here at Rutgers, I have served on several committees: 2021 HPAE Local 5094 Convention Delegate, 2022-2023 HPAE Local 5094 Negotiations Committee and currently I am part of the CINJ Diversity Equity and Inclusion Grants Committee. My plan is to be your voice at the table with decision makers. I have training and a history of advocating for others who would have otherwise not been heard. As an active community member, I would like to increase communication, create a community equitable to all and be innovative with new projects and programming.

Vote SUE to represent RU!

**Jonathan Langowski, Director of Academic Affairs, School of Dental Medicine**

As a dedicated member of the Rutgers University community, my decision to run for the University Senate stems from a deep commitment to fostering an inclusive, collaborative, and forward-thinking academic environment. With extensive experience in higher education, specifically in roles that emphasize diversity, academic success, and operational efficiency, I bring a unique perspective to the Senate. My work as the Director of Academic Affairs and my involvement in various pedagogical and diversity initiatives have honed my skills in leadership, strategic planning, and policy development.

I am particularly passionate about representing the diverse voices of our community, ensuring that all members have a platform to be heard and contribute to the University's growth. My track record of enhancing student success, promoting inclusivity, and improving academic programs speaks to my ability to effect meaningful change. As a Senate member, I aim to leverage this experience to advocate for policies and initiatives that support staff development, enrich student learning experiences, and enhance faculty resources.

Furthermore, my academic background and professional journey at Rutgers have ingrained in me a profound understanding of the challenges and opportunities within our institution. I am eager to collaborate with faculty, students, administrators, and alumni to address these challenges head-on, driving initiatives that align with our shared goals of academic excellence,

community engagement, and institutional growth. Joining the University Senate represents an opportunity to contribute to Rutgers' legacy as a leading institution, and I am committed to working diligently towards our collective success.

### **Catharine Tarquinio, Information Security Awareness and Training Analyst**

Hello all. My name is Catharine Tarquinio, a member of the RBHS-Newark location of the OIT - Information Security Office, and a current graduate student at Rutgers School of Business – Camden.

I believe that my involvement on multiple campuses has allowed me to develop a broader perspective over the past year, allowing not only for more diverse collaboration and relationship-building, but also bringing issues that would normally be confined to a specific Rutgers location to my attention. My involvement with Staff Senate at another institution also provided me with experience working alongside a committee to improve the working conditions of a university community, promoting both operational effectiveness and quality of life improvements for employees, including flexible remote and hybrid schedules, technological advancements, and DEI initiatives. Countless hours were spent coordinating small-to-large-scale projects, requiring extensive cross-departmental communication, priority planning, and attention to detail.

My initiative and drive, as well as my personal values of empathy, respect, and understanding, I believe are crucial for any role within a committee as important as the Staff Senate. We have individual lives and problems that require individualized solutions, and my experience supporting people in higher education through a pandemic has taught me that, above all, human needs come first. It's my hope that I can assist in bringing those qualities to Rutgers University, to you, through the collective voice of the Senate, and I would love to continue that trend of growth and improvement to the benefit of Rutgers staff. Thank you for this opportunity.

### **Faheem Ullah, Postdoctoral fellow, Neurosurgery**

I'm currently working as a postdoc (3rd year's postdoc) in the Dept. of Neurosurgery, RWJMS, Rutgers since July 2021. As an expert in neuropharmacology, I research identifying molecular-level drug targets for preventing and treating neurodegenerative disorders, such as Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, and chemotherapy-induced cognitive impairment. I am passionate about applying my scientific skills and academic expertise in shared governance advisory and legislative bodies that represent the entire Rutgers community.

I have excellent experience in leadership and have served in several student federations and associations at the undergraduate and graduate levels. I was serving as an executive member of the Rutgers Postdoctoral Association (PDA), Liaison to the postdoc union, and a member of "The Monitoring and Assessment (IMAT) Steering Committee" at Rutgers. Currently, I'm serving

as a BBIG Diversity Champion Ambassador on The Building Bridges for Impact & Growth (BBIG) Steering Committee, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences. I am interested in strengthening my leadership and administrative experience by becoming a part of this legislative body. If selected, I will work together with the senate members to represent the staff and postdoc community at Rutgers. I will actively bring up the various issues of the students, postdocs, and other staff members to the senate advisory board level.