



## *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration* **Biotechnology Undergraduate Program at Rutgers University**

**April 1, 2016**

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- 8:00 am**      **REGISTRATION**  
*Continental Breakfast*
- 8:45 am**      **WELCOMING REMARKS**  
**Robert M. Goodman, Ph.D.**  
*Executive Dean, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University*
- 9:00 am**      **BIOTECHNOLOGY ALUMNI SPEAKER:**  
**How to Succeed in Biotechnology without Really Trying ... to Get Your PhD**  
**Brandon Saks, M.B.A.** (Class of 2006)  
*Product Manager, Immuno-Oncology Marketing, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Princeton, NJ*
- 9:30 am**      **BIOTECHNOLOGY ALUMNI SPEAKER**  
**My Biotech Career: An Unexpected Journey**  
**Karen Century, Ph.D.** (Class of 1991)  
*Project Manager, Fungal Resistance, BASF, Research Triangle Park, NC*
- 10:00 am**      **BIOTECHNOLOGY ALUMNI SPEAKER**  
**How I Accidentally Became a Public Health Professional: A Series of Left Hand Turns**  
**Michael Mahar, Ph.D.** (Class of 2004)  
*Public Health Advisor, U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA*
- 10:30 am**      **INDUSTRY PANEL**  
**Moderator: Paul R. Meers, Ph.D.**  
*Assistant Teaching Professor, Biotechnology Undergraduate Program Director, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University*
- Dr. Marian Gindy**, *Director, Sterile Product Development, Merck*  
**Dr. Jon Heinrichs**, *Associate Vice President, and Segment Head, Early and Pre-Development Projects, Sanofi-Pasteur*  
**Dr. Jason Simon**, *Director, Clinical Development, Janssen Diagnostics, a Johnson and Johnson Affiliate*  
**Dr. Steve Sun**, *CEO, GENEWIZ*

- 11:30 am**      **KEYNOTE: The Challenges Faced by a Successful Biotechnology Company: Lessons Learned in the Life of an Itinerant Scientist**  
**Dennis Fenton, Ph.D.**  
*Former Executive Vice President (retired), Amgen; Independent Consultant*
- 12:30 pm**      **BUFFET LUNCH**
- 1:45 pm**      **BIOTECHNOLOGY ALUMNI SPEAKER**  
**Born in the USA: How Rutgers Taught Me to Rock Genetics**  
**Elliott Margulies, Ph.D.** (Class of 1995)  
*Director, Scientific Research, Population and Medical Genomics, Illumina, San Francisco*
- 2:15 pm**      **BIOTECHNOLOGY ALUMNI SPEAKER**  
**Stepping-stone from Rutgers Biotech to Food Safety at the FDA**  
**Annemarie Buccholz, Ph.D.** (Class of 2006)  
*Consumer Safety Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, College Park, MD*
- 2:45 pm**      **BIOTECH B.S. / M.B.S. ALUMNI PANEL**  
**Moderator: Michael A. Lawton, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Professor, Biotechnology and Genomics Concentration Coordinator, Master in Business and Science Program, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University*
- David Brandt, B.S. 2011, M.B.S. 2012, International Business and Account Development, GENEWIZ**  
**Steven Le, B.S. 2012, M.B.S. 2013, Junior Associate, MK&A Pharmaceuticals**  
**Atiya Taqui, B.S. 2009, M.B.S. 2012, Assay Development Associate III, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals**  
**Margaret Warren, B.S. 2010, M.B.S. 2012, Ph.D. Candidate at Columbia University**
- 3:30 pm**      **BIOTECHNOLOGY ALUMNI SPEAKER**  
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**Susan Biegel Carson, Ph.D.** (Class of 1992)  
*Associate Professor, Department of Plant and Microbial Biology, Director of Project THINK, Interim Executive Director of Academic Enrichment Programs, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC*
- 4:00 pm**      **BIOTECHNOLOGY ALUMNI SPEAKER**  
**Lessons, Life and Legacy – Which Will You Embrace?**  
**Oluwafunmilola Okuyemi, M.D., M.S.C.I.** (Class of 2004)  
*Fellow Associate, Head and Neck Surgical Oncology and Micro-vascular Surgery, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA*
- 4:30 pm**      **CLOSING REMARKS**  
**Dr. Barbara Zilinskas**  
*Professor Emerita, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University*