25th Anniversary Celebration
Biotechnology Undergraduate Program
at Rutgers University
April 1, 2016

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
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