

## JCPH IN THE NEWS

### JCPH Health Signs Affiliation Agreement with Rutgers-Camden



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JCPH and Rutgers University-Camden (RUC) recently signed an affiliation agreement that facilitates priority admission of RUC students to the JCPH Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program. RUC students graduating with a bachelor's degree who meet certain criteria with respect to GPA and previous coursework will be assured a space in the MPH program and will automatically be considered for merit-based scholarships. Eligible RUC students also have the opportunity to take certain courses in the MPH program during their junior and senior years at a

reduced tuition rate. Students who take designated RUC graduate level courses while completing their undergraduate degree at RUC are eligible to transfer these courses directly into the MPH program, thereby reducing both the time and cost of completing the MPH degree.

### Dr. Camara Jones Visits Jefferson

Camara Jones, MD, MPH, PhD, the Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College and the President-Elect of the American Public Health Association (APHA), visited Jefferson's Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center in late May. Prior to delivering a thought-provoking talk entitled, "Achieving Health Equity: Addressing Racism and Other Structured System Barriers", she spent time with roughly 20 JCPH faculty, staff, and notable students engaging in a candid dialogue about the importance of public health, both historically and into the future.

Dr. Jones is a family physician and epidemiologist whose work focuses on the impact of racism on the health and

wellbeing of the nation. She seeks to broaden the national health debate to include not only universal access to high quality health care but also attention to the social determinants of health, including poverty, and the social determinants of equity, including racism. While speaking with the JCPH group, she shared an allegory that she created to help various audiences understand racism. She likened the flowers in a garden, some that grow tall and strong and others that wither and die, to people. The gardener, who has control in the garden over which flowers flourish and falter, is symbolic of public health professionals. With this allegory, she reminded us that it is our responsibility to promote health equity and diminish the structural racism that hinders



*Dr. Jones with Jefferson students and faculty*

so many in our society. Dr. Jones is an extremely inspiring researcher, clinician, and teacher—we can't wait to see what she has in store for the APHA when she takes the helm in 2016!

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## JCPH Alumni Moazzum Bajwa, MD – Medical School Valedictorian



MPH alumni Moazzum Bajwa recently graduated with top honors from Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica, West Indies. "Jefferson and the amazing faculty in the MPH program gave me the tools and confidence to succeed. I worked directly with passionate practitioners who coordinated local projects and influenced policies, all aimed at improving health outcomes" states Dr. Bajwa.

Dr. Bajwa is now in a Family Medicine Residency program at the University of California, Riverside. He is interested in continuing his work from JCPH by teaching in community health, as well as advocating for policies to enhance access and delivery of care. His goal is to practice full-spectrum family medicine in under-served areas, with an additional focus on Maternal & Child Health initiatives abroad.

To view Dr. Bajwa's eloquent and entertaining commencement speech [click here](#).

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*PA Governor Tom Wolf with Dr. Nash at a special healthcare briefing in Harrisburg.*



*Retirement party for Nancy Chernetz.*



*Dr. Vittorio Maio (on left) is honored for his promotion to Professor.*



*Dr. Nash with J & J leaders who completed the Health Policy Certificate program.*



*Joshua Gagne, PharmD, ScD, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Fellowship Alumni presents at JCPH Fellows Day.*



*Fellowship Alumni Tony Amos, PharmD, Carine C.W. Hsiao BSP Pharm, MHS, Tom Karaginannis, PharmD*