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Congratulations REMBA Class of 2017!

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Dear REMBAs,

Congratulations to the class of 2017! We are so proud of all of you and all what you have achieved!

My first year working with **Prof. Langdana**, the **EMBA team**, and the **students**, has been a great journey. I have been amazed by the number of students continuously applying the learning and knowledge acquired in class in real-time at work, and getting expected as well as unexpected promotions prior to graduation.

I also value the fact that students and alumni are always joining efforts to support the mission of the REMBA family to stay connected and engaged. On that note, thanks to all of you who have provided time and insights to design and set up the

Consulting REMBA's List, a platform connecting clients EMBA alumni with the Powerhouse EMBA consultants. The platform will launch by **Labor Day 2017** and will be hosted on the **Symlicity** portal that will continue to be used for networking opportunities, job postings, and events' advertising. To have access to the Consulting REMBA's list and to opportunities of collaboration with REMBA fellows, it is crucial to register ([here](#)) and set up a profile on the Symlicity **REMBA Professional Network**. A more detailed tutorial will be sent prior to launch.

Have a great summer season!

Loubna



**Save the date for the
REMBA Golf Event
Friday, September 29,
2017**



REMBA News — 2017 Graduates Corner



Research Seminar Launches Group into post REMBA Consulting

Last year, during the China Experience, four REMBA '17 Graduates made a commitment to each other to do "something different" upon completing their REMBA journey. Enjoying the view from atop Shanghai's Peace Hotel **Eric Dahl, Rich Chmiel, Ed Groh, and Gary Minsavage** (left to right) began to plan for post-REMBA life. "We respect each other greatly and truly enjoy working with one another. We knew we needed to do something but an opportunity wasn't there at that moment," Dahl commented upon reflecting on that evening in Shanghai.

Fast forward to December 2016 and the opportunity to begin their journey presented itself. After leveraging a meeting with a well-respected Hunterdon County business owner, the four students (now known as Half Pie Consulting) presented an idea to work with one of his companies. "*Our Team saw the opportunity to work with one of Hunterdon County top business leaders and apply the outstanding education we received in previous semesters, the idea to fuse the two into a capstone project was born*" Groh stated. With the approval of **Professor Farrokh Langdana** and their project sponsor/mentor, **Professor Loubna Erraji**, the four embarked on their capstone journey.

With the start of REMBA 2017's final Week-In-Residence, the Team dove headfirst into the project. "*The guys wanted to apply all the tools we had learned thus far (and were currently learning) to a real-world business challenge. We had a great partner in our client and the desire to move the needle for them was a no fail mission*" Chmiel stated. Their "mission" was to analyze what should be the organization's second highest revenue generating department, identify short falls, recommend solutions, and increase their revenue stream to meet organizational expectations.

"*It was pretty amazing,*" commented Minsavage. "*In summary, we started our look at the 50,000-foot level by analyzing year-over-year financial performance and methodically decreased altitude going through process by process, program by program, to identify brutal truths, key priorities, and gap closure plans.*" Minsavage continued to praise the REMBA program by stating, "Operations Analysis, Micro-Economics, Financial Statement Analysis, Business Strategy, Financial Strategy, Marketing, Lean Manufacturing -- they all played a factor in delivering exactly what the organization needed to develop a plan that met or exceeded the organizational expectations."

As graduation approached and the project came to a close, the team improved operational, financial, and strategic approaches the company has already or is now implementing. In addition, the team developed an innovative concept that is expected to provide sustainable comparative advantage for the firm. "*There were so many great aspects of this Research Seminar but we could not just stop working with our partner once we had diplomas in hand. We had a responsibility to our client and to REMBA to finish what we started, to take our concept to pilot and beyond, to transform the business function to the next level*" Dahl stated.

Work continues into the summer months, and the enthusiasm and desire to "move the needle" has not diminished amongst the four. Groh summarized, "*In Shanghai we made a commitment to do something different and this is only the start. Last June, we toured the Yu Yuan Gardens and noticed an inscription on the wall. When we asked our guide about it, she stated it meant 'turning point and that one needed to take a different direction in the journey'...this Research Seminar, REMBA, was our turning point.*"

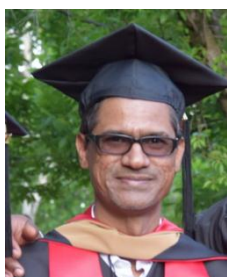
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Srinivasa Govindan – REMBA 2017

Srinivasa Govindan is Assistant Vice President Information Technology at **United Nation Federal Credit Union**. He is an experienced Information Technology leader with more than 16 years of leadership experience in software development, project management, business process re-engineering, testing and **IT support services in Banking, Finance and leasing industries**. In his current role, Srinivasa combines his IT skills and business experience to provide technology solutions to both domestic

and international business units. Srinivasa currently holds three collegiate degrees including two graduate degrees: Masters in **Computer Application** and a Master's in **Business Administration**. He also received certification from NYU on Leadership and Strategy. His Executive MBA from Rutgers Business School helped him to widen his business knowledge in finance, marketing and supply chain areas. His learning from this course helped to introduce customer experience strategy to his organization and also helped to introduce various sales forecasting methods. Quote from Srinivasa, *"My executive MBA broadened my vision from Information Technology area to all business areas. Overall, this course helped me in improve my presentation skills and strengthen my deep thinking by including Finance, Marketing and Operation perspective before making the final business and IT decisions."*



Subramani Ranaganathan - REMBA 2017

Subramani is a talented and accomplished **IT Delivery Executive** with proven ability to successfully direct information technology program/project delivery management initiatives and PMO operations. He has expertise in delivering **technology improvement, digital transformation, enterprise wide agile transformation** initiatives and aligning technology services with business goals to maximize business

value. Subramani has worked with Fortune 500 clients in **Investment Banking, Healthcare, P&C Insurance** industries. He also received Leadership awards from Business Unit Head for maximizing topline growth by delivering complex initiatives in digital space. He has experience working with CxO level executives to define and prioritize organizational initiatives to improve operational efficiency while cutting down operational cost. *"One of the biggest takeaways from the Rutgers EMBA program is projecting ROI to prioritize the program/project initiatives. In my prior engagement, the benefit validation template contained just funding required to implement the project and then financial projection for the next 5 years in terms of ROI. The EMBA course helped me to change this mindset by coming up with a template that shows the NPV and IRR by calculating cash flows, as opposed to simply considering revenue projection without calculating NPV. This really made a great impact on the existing kind of wishful thinking and prioritization"*. Subramani served as Class President for the class of 2017. He has recently joined **Accenture, LLP** and would be happy to refer REMBAs interested in a career in consulting.

He lives in Edison, NJ and he can be reached @ sranaganathan.remba17@gmail.com

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Vishal Goel, PMP, Six Sigma - REMBA 2017



"Although, still catching up with Family time but already started missing the powerhouse and great network and bonding of now Alumnus. This program has changed the perspective of looking at the things and boost the c-bar to take on new challenges and opportunities. As I now whenever see "R" it feels like I am now a part of something significant and growing. It has not only bring the sense of responsibility but also given the strength to take up those responsibilities.

I would like to share two exciting things:

* One of my papers "**Lean Innovation Framework to Fuel Startups**" got published in *International Journal*. This paper discusses an Innovation framework that helps understanding customer oriented perspective to fuel lean startups and to avoid pitfalls. Same can be downloaded/read using below link <http://www.ijert.org/view-pdf/16591/lean-innovation-framework-to-fuel-startups>

* With my classmates, we formed a 2017 alumni council group with the mission to keep graduates of the Rutgers EMBA program connected, engaged and continuously growing in education and career development. We will join efforts with the **REMBA Alumni Association** to connect REMBA graduates through various networking opportunities, connect them via social activities, group trips, book clubs, and other activities in conjunction with the school. With other REMBA alumni, we aim to be the connection between our Alma Mater and the new family we've adopted along the way. If anyone wishes to be included or participate in any future events, please RSVP at rembacouncil@googlegroups.com.

Marisela Riveros, MFA - REMBA 2017



After achieving a successful career in Financial News in both television and radio working for two global news networks as senior producer, writer and reporter, Marisela Riveros chose to switch careers and transition from traditional media into digital media. In 2012, after completing a Masters in **Fine Arts in Design and Technology at Parsons**, she landed a job at **IBM corporate marketing and communications** as digital content strategist. She leveraged her audience by building experience and digital design expertise to optimize the Smarter Planet digital presence bringing an uplift of **405% in engagement**, and **723% in conversion rate**. In 2015 her journey at IBM took a new direction into product development. Right away, she recognized the need to pursue an Executive MBA which would bolster her career and industry transition. After overcoming the REMBA's "Wednesday Effect," during her first "Week in Residence," she recognized the **multidimensional value-add** she could bring to work each week, and began to contribute further in the digital transformation journey the company had already begun.

Combining her experience in the media and technology industries, plus the new acquired knowledge, Marisela has brought the outside-in and a wealth of new ideas to IBM's Digital Business Group. A few examples are a custom product development framework combining the discipline of Lean Six Sigma and the speed of Agile and Lean methodologies. Rutgers EMBA prepared Marisela with Asian's business culture, which allowed her to **build "guanxi" with the team** and uncover **China's Global Marketing Center** digital asset management challenges. Marisela came back home and wrote an enterprise video and digital asset management business plan which is currently being implemented. The **trip to China continues to deliver ROI**, as she will continue working with the China team and lead the **enterprise-wide implementation of a Social Media Relationship platform** in her new role as Multimedia Platforms Product Manager. The relationships built with her classmates by sharing experiences and lessons learned in digital platforms also broadened her perspective on digital transformation. After graduation and with REMBA under her belt, Marisela is now on the journey to go supernova by combining her multimedia, creative, design thinking and business expertise.

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Dr. Dolly Abraham, MD - REMBA 2016



Dr. Abraham has been promoted to be Regional Medical Director for the hospitalist* programs in Emcare for all of **RWJ- Barnabas Health system**. She will have oversight over 10 hospitalist programs in NJ within the RWJBH system while still staying on as Executive Medical Director at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. *"This is an amazing and an exciting opportunity for me and I am excited about taking on this role. Thanks to all the REMBA folks as I learnt something from each and every one of my professors and colleagues."*

* Hospitalists are physicians whose primary professional focus is the general medical care of hospitalized patients. Their activities include patient care, teaching, research, and leadership related to Hospital Medicine.

Dr. Frederic Zenhausern, Ph.D., MBA - REMBA 2000



Dr. Frederic Zenhausern is **Endowed Chair Professor of Basic Medical Sciences** and **Professor of Radiation Oncology** at the College of Medicine, Phoenix and founder Director of the **Center for Applied Nanobioscience and Medicine (ANBM)** at the University of Arizona (UofA).

Dr. Zenhausern is also **Director of the Laboratory for Research in Personalized Medicine** at the Honor Health Research Institute in Scottsdale (AZ). He is a Professor at the **Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen)**.

Dr. Zenhausern received his B.S. in biochemistry from the University of Geneva, his M.B.A. in finance from Rutgers University and his Doctorate Es Science in Applied Physics from the Department of Condensed Physics Matter at the University of Geneva. He has co-authored more than **80 peer-reviewed scientific publications** and over **two dozens of U.S. patents**. Zenhausern has founded several startups and currently acting CEO of Whitespace Enterprise Corporation (www.wsecorp.com).

He is a fellow of the **U.S. National Academy of Inventors (NAI)** and more recently was elected at the College of Fellows from the **American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)**. In this capacity, Zenhausern visited the DC offices of Arizona Senators Jeff Flakes and John McCain for presenting his research portfolio sharing the critical need for US agencies, such as NIH and DoD, to sponsor US innovation. These discoveries often lead to many new commercial products and services that can improve the healthcare delivery system and wellbeing of people.

Picture above: Dr. Frederic Zenhausern (right) with Arizona Senator Jeff Flakes in DC, in representation of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE). During the meeting they discussed the challenges of NIH budget cut and how to sustain research and innovation in the USA.

Right Picture: Dr. Frederic Zenhausern receiving an award from the AIMBE for outstanding contributions as an interdisciplinary innovator, translating discoveries into product platforms to profoundly impact chemical analysis, forensics and healthcare.



Congratulations to all! Wishing you a lot of success!

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- ✦ **Ravi Badge**, REMBA 2007, is the Director, Systems Development within the **Individual Life Insurance** division at **Prudential**. He is responsible for managing and developing Imaging systems using Captiva Capture (Scanning/Indexing), OCR (ICR/ IDR), PruMobile products to support Individual Life's business strategy to drive profitable growth, and is currently working at the **ILI Innovation Lab** using *Design Thinking* to help build a



culture of Innovation by using the principles of Digital Product Innovation and a Virtual environment to define future growth opportunities.

Ravi has served as a mentor to the MBA team that won third place in the **Prudential Rutgers Case Competition** on April 10, 2017 (*Ravi in the center of picture above*). On June 17, 2017, Ravi represented Prudential as a panelist at the **ASCEND** conference at Kean University – STEM Center.

- ✦ **Dr. Jordan Barnett**, REMBA 2016. With a diverse educational background in biology, chemistry, teaching, business, and marketing, Jordan is one of the most esteemed physicians in New Jersey, recognized by the American Health Council for his feats in Medical Direction, educational program development, and services. He was recently appointed to the **American Health Council's Physician Board**. Also, congratulations on being on the list of the **LEADERS IN MEDICINE in New Jersey!** Link [here](#).



- ✦ **Vlad Fedorchack**, REMBA 2014, is Business Development Director with **TE Wire & Cable, a Marmon Group/Berkshire Hathaway Company**, for which he has worked for more than 10 years in various capacities. Since graduating in May of 2014, he has been promoted twice to Product Marketing Manager and now BD Director. With this new role, he has global responsibility for growing sales and strengthening the relationship within the aerospace market for two companies, *TEW&C & CCPI-Europe*, which are members of *Marmon Wire & Cable Applies Sensors Solutions Group*. Vlad focuses on global new business development in aerospace and works on developing unmet needs in advanced sensing applications. Last October, he was a major contributor in negotiating an exclusive licensing agreement for new technology from **Cambridge Enterprises**, a commercialization arm for **University of Cambridge Department of Materials Science & Metallurgy**. Vlad has taken on as a lead on product launch of the new low drift thermocouple cable that provides 90% more accurate temperature measurement for companies producing aerospace components and jet engine exhaust gas temperature sensors. The future will be very hot, pun intended.

- ✦ **Debra Freitag**, REMBA 2014, is **Chief Strategy Officer at RegEd**, a company to Feature Enterprise Compliance Solutions for the Banking Industry at the ABA Regulatory Compliance Conference 2017. Click [here](#).

- ✦ **Tara Williams**, REMBA 2013. Newark celebrates Small Business Week with 9th annual Next Level Conference. Click [here](#).

Congratulations to all on your achievements!
Welcome to the Powerhouse!

REMBA News – *What's Happening?*

✚ One-on-One Discussion with Tom Madsen-May 6, 2017



The class of 2017 students had a great conversation with **Tom Madsen**, **REMBA 2005, VP & CIO** at **Verizon**, about technology and Verizon's strategic plans related to M&As and globalization. The discussion also focused on leadership issues in corporate America, as well as the role of global trade, and the future and scope of real innovation in the US, not just in telecom, but in general.

✚ **WOR: Women of REMBA - "Being the Best Ambassadors of Our Dreams".**

This is an exciting time in the REMBA family! The **Women of REMBA (WOR)**, an internal group of women in the student body, have come together to expand the platform, lending it voices and opportunities for the women to identify and engage social issues that impact us as we continue to bond with each other while in the program and beyond.



The new and revived WOR – Women of REMBA will invite and collaborate with our alumni in making it a tradition to create awareness, service and formidable ambassadors of the endearing culture of Rutgers. Below are the members of the committee that will be working with the rest of the members to accomplish key goals throughout the year: **Amede Deane**, Chair; **Anika Grant & Sara Sooy**, Committee Members.

✚ **REMBA - Lunch & Learn Series.** This past spring semester, with the support of the current classes' committees, we organized Lunch-n-Learn discussions on topics including **"HR and Employers' Expectations"**, a **"Career in Consulting – What to Expect"**. The discussions were led by current students and alumni with the specific area of expertise. More sessions to come in the fall and spring semesters.



Black History Month Celebration



Spring 2017 Events – Award Ceremony: May 12, 2017

✦ Macroeconomics Case Competition Awards -

- **Group 8:** Richard Chmiel, Eric Dahl, Edward Groh, Gary Minsavage, Folafunmi Odukoya and Justin Straffe
- **Group 4:** Mike Cook, Terrance Howard, Siva Kasi, Kwesi Lewis, Vyoma Maniar and Yunxing Wu.

✦ **Barry Karafin Award** - Courtney Chatman, Cheryl Clarke, Baolin Jia, Prashant Joshi, Gerard Murray, Sergei Rubinstein

✦ **Suresh Govindaraj Award** - Edward Groh, Justin Strafer

✦ **Mark Castelino Award** - Adebiyi Adesanya, Vishal Goel, Vikas Manchanda, Gerard Murray

✦ **Ben Soprazentti:** *Demonstrating the values . integrity, selflessness, and a sincere desire to help people that are less fortunate* - Ann Carletta

✦ **Jeffrey Robinson:** *Excellence in Entrepreneurship* - Ashley Morgan

✦ **Ivan Brick Award:** *Excellence in Advance Finance* - Siva Kasi, Prachi Vaidya

✦ **Ted Marousas Adward:** *For Significantly Increasing the Footprint of Rutgers EMBA* - Peter Methot

✦ **The Lewis Kerman Business Expedition Award:** *For Student who completes the most outstanding and unique course project for the annual EMBA International Trip* - Vishal Goel

✦ **Executive MBA " Dean Lei Lei" Achievement Award:** The Executive MBA Graduates With the Highest Academic Average in the EMBA Program - Class 2017 - Edward Groh

✦ **Cycle of one:** For Intense and Understated Leadership **Sponsored by REMBA Class of 2011**, Faith Scott

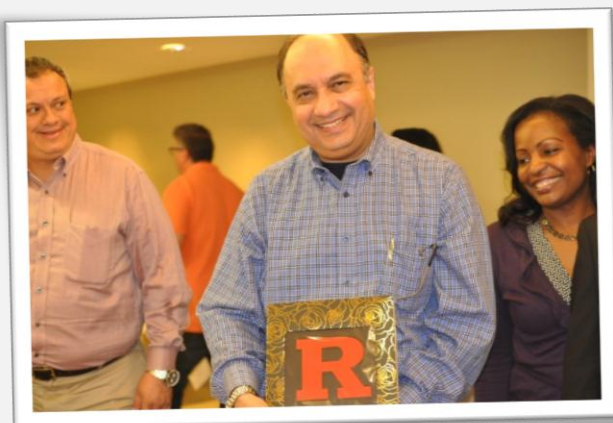
✦ **The Joel E. Kelly Award:** *For Best Exemplifying the Qualities of Leadership and Citizenship* - Cortney Davis

✦ **The Chuck Napp Award:** *For Embodying The Spirit Of The Rutgers EMBA Class Of 2012* - Baolin Jia, Courtney Chatman

✦ **Director's Award:** *For Making Outstanding Contributions to the continued success of the EMBA program* - Christiana Adesanya, Alina Neuberger, Subramani Ranganathan, Maria Rondon, Amanda Thorn, Prachi Vaidya, Ronnie Sevilla

✦ Class 2018 Rosa Oppenheim Awards:

- Mohit Bhargava, Phoebe Michail, Chris Plance & Jared Smollik
- Cliff RocaMark Schlecht, Sheraz Sheikh, Sara Sooy & JianPing Wu
- Michael Barnes, Matthew Cannan, Anika Grant, Chizoba Okoro, Jose Pla, Kinner Shah & Lameisha Taylor.



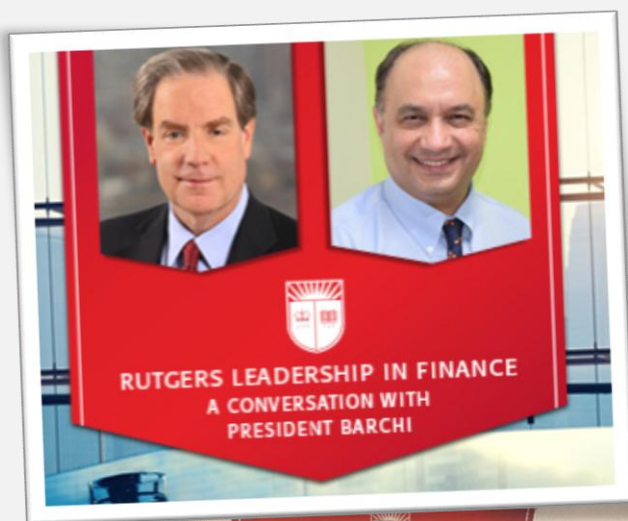
Spring 2017 Events – Award Ceremony: May 12, 2017



Spring 2017 Events – Graduation Day: May 19, 2017



Spring 2017 Events – Rutgers Leadership in Finance Event, June 14, 2017



Professor Farrokh Langdana and Rutgers University – Newark alumnus Keith Banks, president of U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management joined Rutgers University President Bob Barchi in a discussion on the latest trends in financial services, wealth management, and global trade at an exclusive Rutgers alumni gathering at the Sheraton Times Square in New York City on June 14th, 2017.



Above: Rutgers University **President Barchi**, **Keith Banks**, **Prof. Farrokh Langdana**

Below left – **Antoine Lindie** (REMBA 2011; *Citigroup*), **Joe Schaeffer** (Associate Dean, RBS Executive Education), **Prachi Joglekar** (REMBA 2017; *Mphasis Corp.*), **Art Certisimo** (SVP, *Bank of New York Mellon*), **Prof. Langdana**.

Below right – **Cliff Roca** (REMBA 2018; *Prudential*), **Loubna Erraji** (REMBA Director of Career Management & Alumni Relations), **Rajat Prajapati** (REMBA 2017; *Pine River Capital Management*), **Chieko Yoshida** (REMBA 2018; *Prudential*).

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Spring 2017 Events – Class of 2018 China Trip – June 2017

The REMBA class of 2018 with **Prof. Langadana** and **Prof. Kerman** visiting **Formula 1 Shanghai** (top) and the **Great Wall of China** (below).

The china trip events included presentations on “*The Chinese Economy & US-China Relations*”, “*Understanding how China Works and its Implications for Investors*”, “*How to Create & Grow your Brand (not only) in China - Story of an Entrepreneur*”.

Other highlights of the trip were the site visits to **Stanley Black & Decker** manufacturing site in Suzhou; **Bloomberg Shanghai**; **Frog Design**, which is using social media and other marketing tools to help companies enter the China market; **Deutsche Post DHL**, which helped students understand the logistics of moving products from China worldwide.



Everyone had an enlightening evening with **SY Lau**, Senior Executive Vice President, Chairman of **Tencent Advertising**, and Chairman of Group Marketing and Global Branding. SY is one of our China EMBA's and a recent inductee into **Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni**. His company owns "**WeChat**", a social media application with over one BILLION users. Wow!

Spring 2017 Events – April 2017

REMBA Macro Milers participated in the **Rutgers Unite Race / CGI Racing Half Marathon** on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Rutgers New Brunswick campus. They rocked, kicked asphalt and were able to smile after.

*Pictured from left to right Executive MBA Class of 2018 **Mauricio Romero, Pajmaja Kodali, Elena D. Coley** and **Vinay Patelolla**.*



Spring 2017 Events – Rutgers Business School Alumni Association Event



Top Pictures: REMBA alumni **Ojo Folarin** (2014), **Amanda Thorne** (2017), **Betsy Sosa** (2011) and **Ashley Morgan** (2017), **Neal Shah** (2014), with **Loubna Erraji**.

Bottom Pictures: **Danielle Burkhardt**, RBSAA President, **Andrea Cunnell**, RBS Director of External Relations, and **Zuzanna Harvis** RBSAA past president, **Dean Lei Lei**, **Loubna Erraji** & **Andrea Cunnell**.



Career & News Corner - Career Resources & Articles

- ✦ Having Excellent Problem Solving Skills Can Make You More Successful, These Are Steps You Should Follow: [link](#).
- ✦ People Who Learn 10 Times Faster Know These 5 Techniques. Link [here](#).
- ✦ What it means when you can't answer the question, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' Link [here](#).
- ✦ Six Books on Thought Leadership You Should Read. Link [here](#).
- ✦ Why the Top 1/3 of Your Resume Matters Most. Link [here](#).
- ✦ Search jobs and receive custom emails on CareerAlerts.com. Link [here](#).
- ✦ Huntington Ingalls Industries, America's largest military shipbuilding company careers. Link [here](#).
- ✦ Global institutions mount joint defense of trade benefits. Link [here](#).
- ✦ Amazon made a small change to the way it sells books. Publishers are terrified. Link [here](#).
- ✦ De Blasio signs law banning salary history question. Link [here](#).
- ✦ NJBIZ ranks Best Places to Work in N.J. for 2017. Link [here](#).
- ✦ A trade economist wins the John Bates Clark medal. Link [here](#).
- ✦ J&J earns Top 5 rank for diversity Heads six N.J. companies on Diversity Inc's Top 50 list. Link [here](#).
- ✦ Prof. Farok Contractor's article was picked up in one of the newspapers in Singapore. Link [here](#).

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RBS Latest News

- ✦ Dean Lei tells Class of 2017 that its accomplishments put Rutgers Business School on world stage. Link [here](#).
- ✦ Rutgers' Impact on the Economy of New Jersey. Link [here](#).
- ✦ Two Rutgers grads among 30 under 30 supply chain Stars Achievement Award Winners. Link [here](#).
- ✦ **Steven Van Zandt**, the legendary New Jersey rock star and performer, addressed members of Rutgers' largest graduating class ever at the university's 251st anniversary commencement encouraged **Rutgers Class of 2017** to reach for nothing less than greatness. Link [here](#).



- ✦ **A Winning Team.** Rutgers Athletics and RWJBarnabas Health enter a partnership to build a facility that will deploy top sports medicine practitioners to bring out the best in athletes. Link [here](#).

✦ **RBS ranked No. 7 in the nation, tied with MIT (Sloan).** More great news arrived: Rutgers Business School was recently recognized by *Bloomberg* as one of the "Top Schools for Entrepreneurs" in the country. Using data from a survey that formed the basis of their 2016 Full-Time MBA rankings, *Bloomberg* pulled out the share of the MBA class of 2015 that started a business soon after graduating. **RBS ranked No. 7 in the nation, tied with MIT (Sloan)**, with 7% of the MBA class of 2015 building their own businesses [see [Bloomberg chart](#)].

- ✦ Rutgers-New Brunswick was rated one of the Top 100 Research Universities in the World. Link [here](#).
- ✦ **Heart of the City Newark.** A 16-minute sequence of videos produced from 2014-2016 showing creative growth and transformation in Newark, and a dynamic civic sensibility among students of Rutgers-University-Newark. Produced by *CivicStory*, a solutions-based news site based in Summit, NJ. Link [here](#).

REMBA Latest Promotions

- **Mike Pado, REMBA 1994:** CEO of **PartnerRe**, a top global reinsurer which writes life and non-life business through over 20 offices around the world.
- **Jaime N Almonte, REMBA 2013:** Vice President of Capital Markets at **Freedom Mortgage**.
- **Amani Kitali, REMBA 2017:** Associate Director Medical Affairs Oncology at **Celgene**
- **Carla Cerqueira, REMBA 2018:** Assistant Manager, Clinical Affairs at **Edwards Lifesciences**.

REMBA Alumni Association Board Members

Joe Vocaturo (President - 2014), **Ashley Morgan** (2017), **Juan Guzman** (2014), **Ojo Folarin** (2013), **Neal Shah** (2013), **Betsy Sosa** (2013), **Dwayne Patterson** (1992), **Lou Pisano** (1992), **Loubna Erraji** (Dir. EMBA Alumni Relations).

Calendar of Events - Announcements

- ✚ **Lerner Center – Biopharma Calendar of Events – July 13-14, 2017** - Pharmaceutical Management Executive Certificate Program, two-day session. [Register here](#).
- ✚ **Powerhouse Lecture by Prof. Langdana– Sept 22, 2017** – Save the date for Professor Langdana's lecture on *"Trump, Tariffs, and Trade Wars: An Approaching Dark Age, or Just a Passing Storm"*. Details to follow.
- ✚ **REMBA Golf Outing – Sept 29, 2017** – Save the date for the golf event at the **Forsgate Country Club** in Monroe Township, NJ. Event starts at 11.30am, lunch at 12pm, shotgun at 1pm, cocktail and dinner buffet at 6pm. To volunteer on the **2017 Golf Committee**, for **donations** and **sponsorship opportunities** please contact us via Email at Remba.AA@outlook.com.
- ✚ **Lean Six Sigma for Executives – Fall 2017 – Professor Gurpreet Singh** will be teaching this popular course that has been designed specifically for REMBA executives once again this fall 2017. Participants will learn how to use Lean Six Sigma quality, management and planning tools to achieve operational excellence in various industries, and how to manage change through various team dynamics and hard-hitting case studies. Sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from **October 9th** to **November 8th**, 6pm-9pm at the RBS New Brunswick campus. The **class size is limited to 25** and students will be admitted on a first-come first-served basis. To **pre-register**, please contact Dr. Loubna Erraji at lerraji@business.rutgers.edu or 973-353-1126.