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### **Class of 2020 to Receive their White Coats during 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Barbara and Norman Seiden White Coat Ceremony**

NEWARK, NJ — Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS) will welcome 178 incoming medical students to the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Newark campus. When these future physicians don their white coats in the presence of family, friends and faculty, they are symbolically taking the first step in their medical education journey. **The Barbara and Norman Seiden White Coat Ceremony will begin at 4:00 pm on Thursday, August 11, 2016. - NJMS Plaza, 185 South Orange Ave., Newark, NJ**

Many NJMS students have interesting backgrounds. Incoming student, Aditya Uppuluri is a resident of Metuchen and a recent graduate of NJIT. Aditya completed a three-year accelerated premedical program in two years. He is now on schedule to graduate from NJMS by age 24. Aditya is available for interviews upon request.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation, which is dedicated to fostering humanism in medicine, founded the ceremony in 1993. It remains a cherished rite of passage for first-year students nationwide who are entering a career dedicated to service, healing and research. Before the Class of 2020 reads the Hippocratic Oath in unison, students from the class of 2017 will participate in the Gold Humanism Honor Society Induction Ceremony. NJMS was the second school in the country to implement the White Coat Ceremony.

#### **About New Jersey Medical School**

Celebrating over 61 years of service, NJMS was founded in 1954 and is the oldest school of medicine in the state. In addition to the MD degree, NJMS offers MD/PhD, MD/MPH and MD/MBA degrees through collaborations with other institutions of higher education. Dedicated to excellence in education, research, clinical care and community outreach, the medical school comprises 21 academic departments and works with several healthcare partners, including its principal teaching hospital, University Hospital in Newark. Its faculty consists of numerous world-renowned scientists and many of the region's "Top Docs." NJMS hosts 27 centers and institutes, including the Public Health Research Institute Center, the Global Tuberculosis Institute and the Neurological Institute of New Jersey. The medical school is home to the Student Family Health Care Center, the nation's first and oldest continually operating free student-run clinic. In 2015, NJMS was named the #1 NIH funded institution in New Jersey. Today it is part of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, the eighth oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. November 10, 2016, will mark Rutgers' 250th Anniversary.

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