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Dear alumnus/a:

We are writing today to update you on some important news regarding the integration of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and Rutgers University.

Integrating our two institutions is a complex undertaking, but one that will yield extraordinary results. On July 1, 2013, when the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act goes into effect, the result of this historic restructuring will be a research university that will rank among the most prominent and elite institutions in America.

As the process for the integration continues, important decisions are being made by teams consisting of representatives from UMDNJ and Rutgers. Recently, we determined that after July 1, alumni from the schools of UMDNJ (excluding only the alumni of the School of Osteopathic Medicine, which will transfer to Rowan University per the legislation) will be recognized as Rutgers alumni and will become members of the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA).

The RUAA is Rutgers’ university-wide, dues free alumni association that provides benefits, networking, volunteer opportunities, and communications to all Rutgers alumni worldwide. These benefits and opportunities, which can be viewed in further detail on the RUAA website at www.Ralumni.com, will also be offered to you.

Alumni from all of the UMDNJ schools have strong affiliations to their schools and programs, and the RUAA will help you maintain and enhance those ties after the integration is completed. You will receive communications from the RUAA between now and July 1 about the status of the integration and steps that you can take to help make the most of your inclusion in the organization. A first step in the process is to fill out a contact update form (www.Ralumni.com/UMDNJupdate) to provide the RUAA with information about yourself and how to contact you.

Rutgers and UMDNJ have established an integration website that provides helpful information about the integration and important milestones that will be met between now and July 1. You can view that website by visiting http://ru-umdnjtogether.rutgers.edu/. A list of frequently asked questions specific to alumni is available at www.Ralumni.com/UMDNJ.

If you have any additional questions about the integration of UMDNJ with Rutgers and how this will impact you as a graduate of UMDNJ, please contact the Rutgers University Office of Alumni Relations at rualumni@alumni.rutgers.edu or call 848-932-7061.

Sincerely,

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