



## **NJ Academy of Science Hispanic Heritage Month Seminar**

### **What does it mean to Achieve the Dream in the STEM Field?**

**Purpose:** To showcase the accomplishments of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched the scientific society and NJ community. Join us as we welcome diverse Latinos/as/x professionals from the STEM fields. Bring your questions, thoughts and an open mind as they share how they navigate their fields, achieving their dreams and representing the Hispanic community.

#### **Program**

**5:00 PM**

#### **Opening Remarks**

Maria Agapito, Ph.D - NJAS President

**5:05 PM**

Introduction to Seminar Session -

Hosts TBA (HS and undergraduate student)

#### **Guest Panelist**

#### **Patricia Irizarry, Ph.D**

Director of Outreach and Assistant Professor of Professional Practice  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

#### **Marie Montes-Matias, PhD**

Biology Professor  
Union County College, Union, NJ

#### **Alexander Rios, MD**

Emergency Medicine Physician  
Apollo MD  
True Bliss Medical Aesthetics and Total wellness - President

#### **Melissa Baralt, PhD**

Professor

Berkeley College  
Montclair State University  
Bee Better Than Me LLC, President  
Shecaucus, President

**Tina Bustamante, Bachelors in Engineering**

Senior Product Manager  
RBC Capital Markets

**Rory Ulloque, MD, MS**

Medical Director Non-Teaching Hospitalist Program  
Medical Director Post-Acute Care Program Associate Professor - Family  
Medicine and Community  
Health Rutgers University - RWJMS

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Break  
(Audience will take this opportunity to add your questions in the chat)

**6:10 PM**

Audience Q & A

**6:50 PM**

Closing Remarks  
Maria Agapito, Ph.D - NJAS President