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

6:05 PM 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