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**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2025**

**Myrna L. Quiñones Feliciano, MD, JD
Chancellor**

NEW MATTERS ATTENDED OR IN PROCESS

RCM Workers'
Union Strike
Provisional
indefinite

Appointment of Dr.
Frankses Ortiz liaison
with AC Professional
and Distance Education

FEMA
Improvement
Projects

Appointment of
Mr. Marvin
Rentas Chief
Financial Officer

Appointment of Dr. Sherily
Pereira liaison with AC
revision of Rules and
Regulations

Appointment of
Dr. Edna Pacheco
as Interim Dean of
Students

Continuous
Meetings with
Deans Discussion
of Strategic and
Work Plans

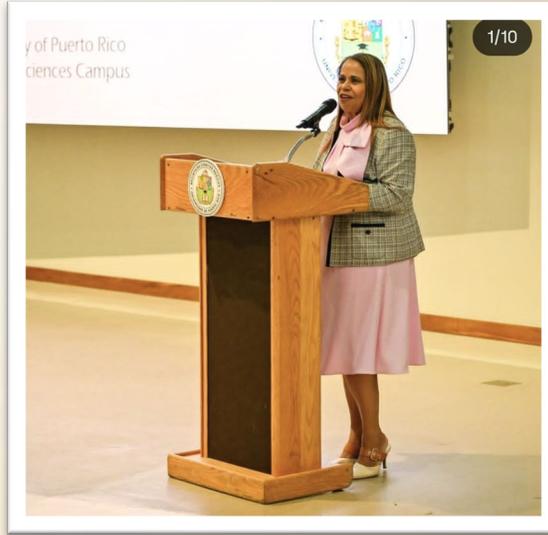
Search and Consultation Processes Deans and Departments

School of Dental Medicine
School of Nursing

Medical School
School of Health Professions



October 2, 2025 - Collaboration between the Medical Sciences Campus (RCM) and the School of Law of the University of Puerto Rico



October 3, 2025- Self Study Kick Off Meeting MSHE



October 7, 2025 - White Coat School of Pharmacy



October 8, 2025 -Visit of the UPR President - Town Hall at the Medical Sciences Campus (RCM)



October 10, 2025- White Coat Ceremony Medical Technology Program



October 23, 2025 - Second Walk for Stroke Prevention



October 24, 2025 - Open House – Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences



October 29, 2025 - Initial Dialogue between the Chancellor and the General Student Council 2025–26.



October 29- 31, 2025 - Representation of the UPR President at the Hospital Association Convention.



October 31, 2025 - Halloween Celebration – Candy Distribution to Administrative Staff

News: Deanship of Research Training and Town Hall Series 2025-2026

Upcoming activities:

11/12/25-12 n- Site TBA: Common mistakes that delay your purchase orders and processing of VISA payments – Compulsory for VISA card holders

Offered by: Ms Tania Charriez and Mr José Cruz Pina

11/24/25-10 am, Molec Sci Bldg: Components of a successful research proposal

Offered by: Dr. Annabell C Segarra

12/03/2-12n-Site TBA: Resources available through the Deanship of Research

Offered by: Mr Carlos Camacho and Dr. Annabell C Segarra

Past activities offered this semester:

9/3/2025: Procedure for the use and management of the UPR Corporative VISA Card

9/15/2025: Role of the Principal Investigator in Research Projects

9/25/2025: Essential tools for Research Success

10/16/2025: How to initiate Scientific Collaboration



EPS- FACULTY

- **Dr. Taina Jiménez** - New President of the Professional Organization of Speech and Language Pathologists and Audiologists (OPPHLA)
- **Dr. Grace Owen** - Global Ambassador for Audiology
- **Dr. Elsa Orellano** - R01 - Working for the elderly in Puerto Rico



EPS- STUDENTS

- Changing admission strategies in EPS
- **Day Pass** - Total success: 30 attendees from the Bachelor's Program in Radiologic Sciences
- **Day Pass** - Ophthalmic Technology Program
- **Embeleco Day** - Because we need to laugh and share
- Activity: **@Conscious Breathing** - led by Dr. Namir Jordan



Escuela de Profesiones de la Salud



SCHOOL OF NURSING



Participation of students from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, along with their professors, leading vital signs clinics at Central Park during the Department of Health initiative: *Salud Eres Tú.*

During October, the School of Nursing turned pink and launched the initiative "Pink Belt of Hope," a solidarity project that consists of a belt designed to secure surgical drains for breast cancer patients after mastectomy. This first edition is free of charge for patients at the UPR Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The visit of students from UPR Cayey was received.

BSN students visited Kingston Home to commemorate the International Day of Older Persons under the UN 2025 theme:

Older persons drive local and global action, our aspirations, our well-being, and our rights.

Graduate School of Public Health



Faculty and Students Participation in International Forums: (1) Dr. José Carrión-Baralt and Dr. Carol Salas at the Pan-Caribbean Conference on Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, held in Jamaica; (2) Presentations at the American Public Health Association Annual Conference in Washington D.C. by Dr. Gilberto Ramos, Dr. Juan Reyes, Dr. Linnette Rodríguez, Dr. Mariela Torres, Dr. Carmen Vélez, and students María Fernanda Mendoza, Melanie Díaz, Lenulisy Rosado, Deliris Agosto, Taimarie Rodríguez, and Dianivette Rolón

Students organized 4 forums on important topics in public health with external guests: (1) Sexual Health Promotion in Puerto Rico: Without blackmail or moralism; (2) Housing as a Social Determinant of Health and its effect on accessibility for young people in Puerto Rico; (3) The game of hot potato with the health of the elderly. Professionals and personalities from governmental, private and third sector entities participated in these forums.

Atty. Luis E. Meléndez Cintrón, a graduate of our School's Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA) Program, has been recognized with the 2025 Regente Early Careerist Award by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE)

Participation in community activities: (1) Master's Degree in Health Sciences with a specialty in Nutrition participated in the event "Health is you", of the Department of Health; (2) the students of the Master's Degree in Nutrition who participated in Vieques with the "Vaccines for All" initiative



SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO



Achievements' Report (October 2025)

- **Dr. Eliel Melón Ramos**, SDM Director of CIRE (Center for Informatics and Educaritional Resources) served as speaker on *Cybersecurity Awareness Month* activities, by promoting the importance of strengthening of technological competences and digital security of pur academic community.
 - October 2 & 30, 2025 - *Ways to Stay Safe Online*
- **Dr. Augusto R. Elías Boneta**, SDM Assistant Dean of Research and Director of the School of Dental Medicine Research Center, participated during the activities of the *Medical Sciences Campus Health Sciences Librarian Month* by presenting the new center, to the academic community of the MSC
 - .October 7, 2025
- Participation of the SDM's Community Section in "*Salud eres tú*", activity sponsored by Puerto Rico Department of Health.
 - October 18, 2025 at El Parque Central, San Juan, PR.
- **Dr. Najema Ali Hernández**, SDM Assistant Interim Dean of Clinical Affairs, has been initiated as *Fellow of the American College of Dentists*, distinction which recognizes new fellows who have demonstrated excellence in leadership and meritorious achievement in the dental profession.
 - Induction Ceremony held October 23, 2025 in Washington, DC.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Every Wednesday on the School of Medicine's YouTube Channel, an interview with a graduate or faculty member of the School of Medicine, plus ongoing community education activities (BeHealth, *Revista Medicina y Salud Pública*, *El Nuevo Día* newspaper).

Dr. Fernando Joglar, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, appointed as a member of the Board of Governors of the **American College of Surgeons**.

We continue supporting "Nevera Pantera" with collaboration from multiple public and private institutions donating food.

The University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine is part of the **Crohn's and Colitis Foundation GLLIDE: Integrated Registry for Advanced IBD Care**, led by **Dr. Esther Torres**.

Orientation for parents of incoming MD program students was held.

The **Biomedical Sciences Open House** took place on October 24 with over 100 high school participants.

The **Gold Humanism Honor Society** will be collecting Spanish-language books throughout the year to donate to schools in Puerto Rico.

100% Board Pass Rate: OB-GYN, Orthopedics, and Internal Medicine.

The **Medicine Hall of Fame** will recognize the School of Medicine for its **75th Anniversary**.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



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Pan American Conference on Pharmaceutical Education, Lima, Peru. The UPR School of Pharmacy was designated as Coordinator of the Pan American Network of Pharmaceutical Education for 2025-2027.

**Open House -
October 18, 2025**

**Vive tu Vida! Get Up! Get Moving! event in Vieques,
Oct 24. Community Health Fair Dr. Kyle Melin, Dr
Francisco Jiménez and pharmacy students**





DEANSHIP OF ADMINISTRATION

Office of Planning, Design, and Construction

- **Completed Project:** Remodeling of bathrooms on the 3rd floor, north wing, Guillermo Arbona.

Department of Complementary Services

- **Fuel Contract:** Agreement signed with the agency *Total Energies Marketing PRC*. All fuel cards were delivered to the administrators of each area.

Department of Physical Resources

- **Completed Project:** Modernization of the elevator on the right side of EPS.
- **Ongoing Projects:** Modernization of the elevator on the left side of EPS.
- **Bid Project:** Cleaning and replacement of windows in the Student Dean's Office Building, currently in the adjudication stage.

Sustained Learning Program

- Two Wellness initiatives were offered for the benefit of teaching and non-teaching staff of the campus, aligned with Strategic Issue D of the RCM Strategic Plan 2024-2029.
- Guidance was provided on the handling and disposal of documents for non-administrative staff.

CASSO

- **Pilot Program:** Implementation of Employee Incident Reporting and Investigation Form. This will facilitate the evaluation process of occupational incidents and standardize the information required for the annual report mandated by OSHA.



Deanship of Academic Affairs



RCMI

- October 6th - Conference: RCMI - Collaborative Research Center for Health Disparities: Informational Talk on Artificial Intelligence (AI) aimed at high school students with STEM programs.
- October 30th - Open House: Visit of the G8 Community (Caño Martin Peña) to the laboratories of the RCMI-CCRHD Program.

Eugenio M. de Hostos Institute of Bioethics

- October 6th – A training services proposal was submitted to the Regional Office of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). If approved, a new call for the Professional Certificate in Bioethics will open in August 2026

G-RISE Program

- Printing of scientific posters for RCM student presentations to be presented at local and international activities, such as: The Caribbean Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, SACNAS, etc.

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- Approval of 4 research team proposals to be presented at the 2026 Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) annual conference.

DECEP

- Stroke Forum will be celebrated on Thursday, November 13 2025.

Women's Health Center

- XXX Annual Mammography Clinic for RCM Employees, which will extend until November.

Conrado F. Asenjo Library

- Celebration of Health Sciences Librarian Month, which included workshops, conferences on Research Units and/or Projects at the RCM, cultural activities, among others.



DEANSHIP OF STUDENTS

Achievement Report – October 2025



Meeting between the General Student Council and the Interim Dean of Students, aimed at integrating students into the programming of the Dean of Students Office.



Dean's Office

On **October 1st**, a meeting was held with the Committee of Student Organizations to officially recognize **99 student organizations**.

On **October 29th**, the Ramón Mellado Parsons Scholarship was awarded to **Amanda L. Jones Rodríguez**, a first-year medical student.



Medical Services for Students

- Received medications and began offering intravenous therapies, injectable medications, electrocardiogram services, and respiratory condition therapies.
- Emergency auxiliary lights were repaired, and the medication refrigerator was connected to the campus's backup generator.

Promotion and Recruitment

- Reached **4,755 participants** through in-person and virtual conferences, student fairs, graduate study fairs, campus visits, and the "Future Panthers Tour."



Admissions

SIS system updated and the Next Platform configured to separate deadline dates for applications.

Quality of Life: Clery Report, safety report, dissemination of policies, and identification of authority figures.



CECSI

Continued psychosocial workshops for students.



OSEI First cycle of psychoeducational workshops: *"Connect, Learn, and Grow."*

Come Pantera

- Distributed **200 food boxes** and **72 alternate bags**.
- Food Bank inspection achieved **100% compliance**, recognizing the contribution to the Panther Pantry.

Dra. Edna E. Pacheco Acosta, Interim Dean of Students

