

2022 Cohort of ALP-RBHS Fellows



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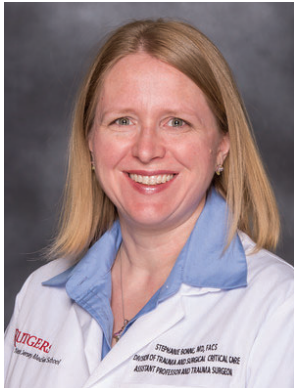
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Nadine Aktan, PhD, FNP-BC (she/hers) is the Assistant Dean of Advanced Practice at Rutgers School of Nursing. Dr. Aktan is a nurse educator, scholar and family nurse practitioner who has specialized in the provision of advanced nursing care across the lifespan in varied primary and urgent care settings. Her professional focus changed in 2005 when appointed to an academic position at William Paterson University, where she rose to the role of Chairperson from 2013-2019. Dr. Aktan's research area of expertise includes the exploration into facets of nursing education and the nurse practitioner's role in the optimization of patient care outcomes.

Her program of scholarship has included a myriad of publications and professional presentations at local, regional, national and international forums, as well as her popular books: *Fast Facts for the New Nurse Practitioner* and *Fast Facts for Nurse Practitioners: Current Practice Essentials for the Clinical Subspecialties* (Springer). Dr. Aktan was a NJ Biz Nurse and March of Dimes Nurse Educator of the Year finalist.

Throughout her tenure at William Paterson University, Dr. Aktan served in a number of notable roles such as the Lead Nurse Practitioner Coordinator for the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care and Family Nurse Practitioner Programs, Accelerated BSN Program Coordinator, Chair of the Chair's Council and Faculty Senate Executive Board Member. She has been active in the New Jersey Baccalaureate and Higher Degree Programs in Nursing Deans and Directors Organization collaborating on a state-wide initiative to improve first time NCLEX-RN pass rates. More recently, she was awarded a University-wide award for service and collaborated on a funded 5-year HRSA grant to provide scholarships for economically underserved nursing students. Dr. Aktan continues to practice as a family nurse practitioner in several settings. She received a BSN, MSN, and PhD in Nursing from Rutgers University where she conducted her dissertation exploring the relationship between social support and anxiety in postpartum women. Dr. Aktan is dedicated to mentoring junior faculty toward innovation and success and to serving as a role model for nursing students.

**Stephanie Bonne, MD, FACS**

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Stephanie Bonne is an Associate Professor of surgery in the division of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in Newark, NJ and practices trauma and critical care surgery at University Hospital where she serves as the Trauma Medical Director. She is also the medical director of the Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program, and the surveillance core director of the New Jersey Center for Gun Violence Research at Rutgers University.

Dr. Bonne serves on multiple violence working groups in her role as a state vice chair for the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. She serves as the co-chair of the American Medical Women's Association Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, co-chair of the APHA's Public Health Partnership for the Prevention of Firearm Violence and is on the research advisory board of the American Foundation for Firearm Reduction in Medicine (AFFIRM). Dr. Bonne is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar, studying the intersectionality of health and the criminal justice system, has been awarded the Claude Organ Traveling Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons, is a graduate of the Future Leaders in Trauma Program and has been awarded the Eastern Association for the Surgery Templeton Injury Prevention Scholarship and multicenter research scholarship. In 2020, she co-authored a book, entitled "Why we are losing the war on gun violence in the United States"

Dr. Bonne holds a BA in psychology and biochemistry from Kalamazoo College, an MD from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, completed general surgery residency at the University of Illinois Metropolitan Group and fellowships in surgical critical care and trauma at Washington University in St. Louis. She is board certified in general surgery and surgical critical care and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons the American Medical Women's Association.

**Rula Btoush, PhD, RN**

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Rula Btoush is Associate Professor and Interim Specialty Director of Nursing Science at Rutgers School of Nursing. She has been faculty with the School of Nursing since 2005. Her research interests focus on population health, health disparities, and health promotion. Dr. Btoush's more recent research has been focused on cervical cancer screening and prevention, particularly HPV vaccination. She received multiple research grants from the NJ Health Foundation between 2010 and 2015 focused on HPV vaccine. From 2016 to 2018, she was a principal investigator on a grant from CINJ to examine provider-related HPV recommendations and develop strategies to engage healthcare providers in improving HPV vaccine uptake among adolescents in NJ. Most recently, she was a co-investigator on an NIH/NCI-funded Supplement grant designed to identify sociodemographic characteristics associated with parent-reported HPV vaccination uptake, delays, refusals, and reasons for non-vaccination. Dr. Btoush has authored or co-authored 22 peer-reviewed publications and conducted over 30 invited and peer-reviewed presentations. She also has extensive experience in the School's PhD program, both in the classroom and one-on-one with PhD students in a mentoring/advisor role. Dr. Btoush received a master's degree in oncology nursing science from Georgetown University and a PhD from Columbia University.

**Suzie Chen, PhD**

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Dr. Suzie Chen is a professor and chair in Chemical Biology Department, School of Pharmacy. Suzie has been at Rutgers since 1992, and she continues to enjoy teaching pharmacy students and performing translational research.

The focus of her research is how ectopic expression of an otherwise normal neuronal gene in melanocytes results in spontaneous melanoma development *in vivo*. The detection of this neuronal receptor, GRM1, in human melanoma cell lines and biopsies but not normal melanocytes prompted an investigation of the oncogenic potential of GRM1 in human melanocytes *in vitro* and *in vivo*. The research team identified and confirmed that ectopic expression of GRM1 in melanocytes is sufficient to induce spontaneous melanoma development *in vivo*. We also demonstrated that about 60% of human melanoma cell lines and biopsies showed aberrant GRM1 expression. Using an FDA approved drug that inhibits the release of glutamate, the natural ligand for GRM1, led to a decrease in the number of viable melanoma cells *in vitro* and *in vivo*. These laboratory-based findings were translated to the clinic for four completed clinical trials. Currently we continue to use our unique model system to test the efficacies in managing melanoma specifically brain metastases in melanoma combining immune checkpoint blockade with glutamatergic signaling cascade inhibitors.

Dr. Suzie Chen received her PhD and MS at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY and completed her post-doctoral fellowship at Columbia University. Her BS is from Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

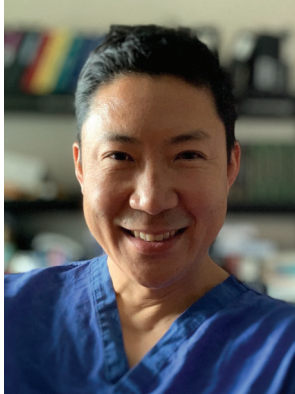
**Sammy Elsamra, MD, FACS**

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Sammy Elsamra is a NJ native who attended the Stevens Institute of Technology and graduated with high honors in 2002. He subsequently attended UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School and was a scholar program participant. He then completed his surgical internship and residency in urology at Brown University. There he developed a passion for minimally invasive urology and pursued a fellowship in minimally invasive urology at the Arthur Smith Institute for Urology under the tutelage of Arthur Smith and Louis Kavoussi (internationally regarded pioneers in percutaneous and laparoscopic urologic surgery, respectively).

Upon completion of his fellowship, Dr. Elsamra joined the faculty at Rutgers RWJMS and has been an active member of the faculty since 2014. Dr. Elsamra expanded the role of percutaneous, laparoscopic, and robotic urologic surgery at RWJUH to include pediatrics and novel procedures such as intracorporeal urinary diversion and several other novel and complex procedures not previously done in the region. Further, Dr. Elsamra has played a vital role in the urology residency program and the urology service line through Rutgers Health and RWJUH. He currently serves as the chief of section of general urology and director of robotic surgery at RWJUH.

**Thomas Jang, MD, MPH, FACS**

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Since completing his fellowship in Urologic Oncology at MSKCC in 2008, Dr. Jang has spent the majority of his career at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ). He is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery and holds several key leadership roles at Rutgers CINJ and at the Rutgers RWJ Medical School. In his role as Associate Chief of Urologic Oncology at CINJ, his focus is on optimizing the clinical operations and the patient care experience in the Urologic Oncology Section. He is also the Program Director for the Rutgers RWJ Urology Residency Program where he is responsible for recruitment and retention of residents, budgeting program resources, maintaining program morale, formulating and overseeing educational programs, and serving as confidant and counselor to our urology residents.

Aside from his leadership roles, Dr. Jang maintains a strong interest in clinical research and has published extensively in the field. He is Principal Investigator for several key trials in the field of testicular cancer: Surgery in Early Metastatic Seminoma (SEMS) and A Prospective Observational Cohort Study to Assess miRNA 371 for Outcome Prediction in Patients With Newly Diagnosed Germ Cell Tumors (SWOG 1823).

**Amanda Laird, MD, FACS**

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Dr. Amanda Laird is an endocrine surgeon and Chief of the Section of Endocrine Surgery at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and an Associate Professor of Surgery at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She treats endocrine tumors of the thyroid, parathyroid glands, and adrenal glands. These tumors are uniquely different as they may secrete hormones in excess and may occur as a part of a familial genetic syndrome. She also treats neuroendocrine tumors which have similar characteristics and may occur anywhere throughout the body.

What she loves most about the field of endocrine surgery is that there is not a “one size fits all” approach to patient care – an individualized treatment plan is developed for each patient and their tumor type. Her expertise is in both traditional open surgical techniques as well as minimally invasive surgery techniques. Working closely with a multidisciplinary team that includes surgical oncologists, endocrinologists, medical oncologists, nuclear medicine radiologists, radiation oncologists, nurses, and genetic counselors, she provides coordinated care for patients that results in improved outcomes. She tracks patients’ outcomes as part of her clinical research that helps guide advancements in treatment options.

**Antonina Mitrofanova, PhD**

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Antonina Mitrofanova is an Associate Professor at Rutgers School of Health Professions, department of Biomedical and Health Informatics. She received PhD in Computer Science from NYU Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences with the Most Outstanding Dissertation Award and PostDoctoral training in Computational Biology from Columbia University Cancer Center. Antonina's lab develops novel computational algorithms to identify mechanism-centric molecular biomarkers of therapeutic response in cancer and beyond, which were featured in Cancer Cell, Cell Reports, Nature Communications, EBioMedicine, Nature Communications Biology, Computational and Structural Biotechnology etc. Antonina has been a recipient of NSF Computing Innovation Fellowship, PCF Young Investigator Award, ACS Research Scholar Award, NJCCR award, and R01 from NIH NLM.

**Erin Muckey, MD, MBA**

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Erin Muckey, MD, MBA is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and serves as the Medical Director of the University Hospital Department of Emergency Medicine at Rutgers-NJMS. In her role she addresses clinical operations and quality improvement in the emergency department, improving processes in order to deliver better care for patients while fulfilling faculty and institutional needs. She also oversees the advanced nurse practitioners working in the ED. She serves on several hospital committees including a role as an active member of the Clinical Informatics Steering Committee and the co-Chair of the MyChart Committee which sets hospital priorities for increasing patient engagement with their healthcare through the EHR patient portal.

Dr. Muckey is also involved with UME and GME, educating the next generation of healthcare leaders. She developed and co-directs a medical student elective on leadership “Healthcare Leadership and Operations in EM.” Additionally, she directs the EM scholarly track in administration and developed an admin/leadership lectures series for the EM residency program. She has lectured nationally on systems based issues, process improvement, and change management in the healthcare setting and is the co-Director of the American College of Emergency Physician’s (ACEP) ED Directors Academy Phase II.

Dr. Muckey completed her undergraduate education at Princeton University and dual MD/MBA at Columbia University. She fulfilled her residency training in the Emergency Medicine Department at NYU Langone Health/ Bellevue Hospital Center in New York City where she also served as chief resident. Before entering her career in emergency medicine, Dr. Muckey worked in healthcare consulting at Trinity Partners, a global life sciences consulting firm for biotech/pharma, med device, and payors, where she advised industry leaders. She now applies her expertise from other healthcare sectors to help address emergency department challenges.

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Dr. Ann Murphy is an Associate Professor and Director of the Northeast and Caribbean Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) in the Department of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Counseling Professions at Rutgers, School of Health Professions. Dr. Murphy completed an experimentally-focused Masters in Psychology at the College of William and Mary and a PhD in Psychiatric Rehabilitation from Rutgers. Dr. Murphy conducts research focused on interventions to improve the lives of people with mental illnesses, and previously provided psychiatric rehabilitation services. She has been a primary or contributing author on several federally funded grants. She also teaches within the Department's graduate programs.

Dr. Murphy is the Director of the Northeast and Caribbean MHTTC, a federally funded center to enhance the capacity of the behavioral health workforce to provide evidence-based mental health interventions (\$6.25M over 5 years). As Director, Dr. Murphy manages the primary grant focused on providing training and technical assistance (TA) to the behavioral health workforce on areas of need related to the implementation of evidence-based and empirically supported practices and a supplemental grant focused on comprehensive school mental health services and supports. This training and TA is provided throughout federal region 2 which includes New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. Dr. Murphy's activities include communicating with key stakeholders to identify needs, developing training and TA projects to adequately address those needs, developing resources to support the implementation of practices, evaluating the effectiveness of the Center's activities, and documenting the impact of the Center's efforts. Current research interests include the behavioral health workforce, implementation science, and interdisciplinary education to enhance the capacity of future health professionals to adequately address the needs of individuals with serious mental illnesses. Dr. Murphy's work is informed by her lived experience in recovery from mental illness.

**Anupama Nehra, MD**

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Dr. Anupama Nehra joined Rutgers in 2017 as Clinical Director of Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey at University Hospital and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. In this role, she oversaw delivery of clinical services for Hematology Oncology in Newark. Before joining Rutgers, she worked at Hackensack Meridian Health as part of breast and gynecological cancer teams to provide comprehensive multidisciplinary care to patients. Dr. Nehra was promoted to Associate Chief of Clinical Affairs in 2020 with additional responsibilities, such as onboarding and mentoring new faculty, engaging with other divisions for practice growth and networking as well as oncology lead for Epic and Beacon oncology related matters.

Since joining Rutgers, Dr. Nehra has been involved in various clinical initiatives. One of her focus areas is to establish site-specific multidisciplinary cancer clinics and she has been able to successfully start two site specific clinics and is planning to start other sites. Multidisciplinary clinics have been shown to decrease time to treatment, improve patient satisfaction as well as elevate level of care by taking out provider specific variability in practices. In her capacity as Oncology lead physician, a key initiative successfully completed is conversion of all oncology and chemotherapy orders to electronic. There is ongoing work for updating order sets for oncology related drugs including immunotherapy. Dr. Nehra continues to be part of other team projects targeting care coordination and navigation for oncology patients so that we can provide the best care for our diverse patient population.

Dr. Nehra also serves as chairperson for Oncology subcommittee and Radiation Safety Committee for Human Sub-Use as well as serve as a member on various other committees like P&T committee, Cancer Quality Committee, Clinical Informatics Steering Committee and EPIC Physician Steering Committee amongst others. Besides her clinical responsibilities, Dr. Nehra is working with her oncology colleagues to develop a repertoire of active clinical trials to offer patients. She is also actively engaged with residents and medical student education as 3rd year Elective and Selective course Director and Hospital preceptorship for 2nd yr medical students.

**Lori Palfreyman, DHSc, PA-C**

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Dr. Lori Palfreyman is the Program Director at the Rutgers Physician Assistant (PA) Program. She has been a board-certified PA specializing in Women's Health for 25 years and prior to her employment at Rutgers, she worked clinically at New York-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

Dr. Palfreyman supervises faculty and staff in all areas of the program including student instruction and curriculum, administrative organization, budget management, and compliance with national professional standards. She continues to deliver curriculum on Women's Health and skills of patient assessment, including history taking and patient-centered care.

She is unequivocally committed to creating a highly-qualified, diverse, physician assistant workforce and participants in student recruitment and admissions for the PA Program. Her areas of academic expertise include holistic admissions, program competencies, outcomes and objectives, and student wellness and success. Areas of scholarly interest include diversity and inclusion climate research, mentorship, career satisfaction, and gender equity.

Dr. Palfreyman continues to volunteer clinically, providing primary care at the PA Program-run H.O.P.E. outreach community clinic in Plainfield, NJ.

Dr. Palfreyman completed her undergraduate communications degree at the George Washington University and worked for several years in pharmaceutical sales and marketing before transitioning to a career in medicine. She received her Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies at Rutgers University and completed her Doctorate of Health Sciences with a concentration in Global Health at A.T. Still University.

**Diane Rigassio Radler, PhD, RDN**

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Dr. Radler is an associate professor in the Department of Clinical and Preventive Nutrition Sciences (DCPNS) at Rutgers University School of Health Professions, and a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences at the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine. Her research interests include nutrition and oral health, clinical nutrition, and weight management. She is also Director of the DCPNS' Institute for Nutrition Interventions which offers continuing professional education to nutrition and dietetics professionals, and which offered a worksite weight management program to Rutgers employees from 2013-2017. Dr. Radler gained clinical nutrition experience at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York as a registered dietitian providing medical nutrition therapy, and as part of an interprofessional team in the clinical research center.

Dr. Radler completed her undergraduate degree at Rutgers University and her Master's and doctoral degrees at the former University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

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Sandra Rogers is the program director for the Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program in the Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science, School of Health Professions. Dr. Rogers received her BS in OT from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and an MS in Therapeutic Science and PhD in Kinesiology from University of Wisconsin-Madison. While new to her role as a program director she has been a faculty member for over 20 years and has taught neuroscience, assessment and intervention pediatrics and adolescents, evidence-based practice, for OT students. She has worked and advocated for services and continues to present and publish her work with at-risk youth, in school-based practice and the criminal justice. Her research interests include the connection of mind to body and how occupational therapy interventions influence physiological functioning. Dr. Rogers has over 16 published chapters and 12 articles in peer-reviewed journals. She is on the editorial team for Journal of Occupational Science, is Developmental Disabilities Special Interest Section editor for AOTA, and serves on the board for the Society for the Study of Occupation (SSO:USA).

**Novneet Sahu, MD, MPA**

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Novneet Sahu, MD, MPA is board-certified in emergency medicine and family medicine and is a fellow of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine and the American Academy of Family Physicians. He completed a Master in Public Administration with a focus on Health Care Administration. Novneet joined Rutgers NJMS in August 2017 and leads efforts to improve access to care for the Newark community. He is active in medical education and practice management in addition to working clinically. Novneet currently serves as the Interim Chair for the Family Medicine Department and the Medical Director for the New Jersey Family Practice Center. He also continues to see patients in the emergency department at University Hospital. He has expanded quality improvement initiatives and patient centered care for people who face barriers in their social determinants of health.

Novneet serves on several committees regionally and nationally on community medicine and access to care. He teaches frequently to medical students, residents, and faculty on these topics and has been nominated multiple times for teaching awards. Novneet is committed to public service and also serves in the United States Army Reserve and has deployed overseas leading healthcare services in multiple countries. He currently serves on the humanitarian assistance team focused on global health engagement in Europe and Africa. Novneet is the recipient of the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and continues to work on collaborative initiatives to address innovations in healthcare delivery.

**Nathalie Scarpa-Lota, DMD**

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Dr Scarpa-Lota is the Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs at the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine. She earned her BS degree from the University of South Carolina and her DMD from UMDNJ/Rutgers School of Dental Medicine. She completed two years of a General Practice Residency, the second year she served as Chief Resident, at St Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, NJ. Dr Scarpa stayed at St Joseph's Regional Medical Center for another 16 years as an Attending. For the first 6 years at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, she was a Group Practice Administrator working directly with the third and fourth year students in her group.

Dr Scarpa serves as the Course Director of the Patient Care and Management Course for the third and fourth year students. The course is a model of healthcare delivery, which meets the total oral health needs of the patient while emphasizing the patient as the central focus of the organized system of care. During their clinic experience, students must learn to integrate the behavioral, social, ethical, legal, and humanitarian components of patient care and recognize how these factors can influence patient decision making, compliance, and overall satisfaction.

Dr Scarpa also serves as the Chairperson of the RSDM Admissions Committee as well as serving on the Student Academic Performance Committee, the Environmental Safety and Infection Control Committee, Methods and Materials Evaluation Committee, Axium Task Force Committee, Quality Assurance Committee, Grading Committee, Clinical IT Governance Committee and the RSDM Web Project Steering Committee. She was previously on the Curriculum Committee and served as the Vice-President and President of the Academic Assembly.

**Lucio R. Volino, PharmD, CTTS**

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Lucio Volino is a Clinical Associate Professor and Director of Assessment at Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy (EMSOP), Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. After receiving his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Albany College of Pharmacy, Dr. Volino completed a two-year, post-doctoral industry fellowship at Novartis Pharmaceuticals/Rutgers University. Dr. Volino's current role as a Clinical Pharmacist involves managing an ambulatory care pharmacy practice site at Barnabas Health Retail Pharmacy – Saint Barnabas Medical Center where he supports clinical services and transitions of care initiatives. He develops, implements, and manages patient-centered self-care, preventive care, and medication management programs across seven affiliated pharmacies. Dr. Volino has organized and helped deliver over 400 community outreach programs involving healthcare-related topics at numerous New Jersey-based senior centers, assisted living facilities, training centers, health fairs, and schools.

Dr. Volino is a strong advocate for involvement in practice-based education programs and initiatives. He has trained thousands of pharmacists, student pharmacists, and technicians to deliver immunizations through the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery course. Under his guidance, hundreds of students have been able to provide point-of-care testing and promote disease state awareness and prevention in the community. Dr. Volino is highly engaged through committee and task force work in the New Jersey Pharmacists Association, APhA, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP), Nonprescription Medicines Academy, Rho Chi Society, and Industry Pharmacists Organization (IPhO). He currently serves as Rho Chi Honor Society President-elect, AACP Laboratory Instructors Special Interest Group (SIG) Chair, and APhA Immunizing Pharmacists SIG Webinar Task Force Co-chair. He also supports student pharmacists and their service to the profession as faculty advisor for the National Community Pharmacists Association, Rho Chi, and IPhO student chapters and yearbook committee at Rutgers University.

Dr. Volino has been recognized for his excellence and dedication to teaching, clinical practice, and service as a recipient of the William and Helen Levine Teacher of the Year Award (nine times), Rho Chi Honor Society Faculty Advisor Award, NJPhA Bowl of Hygeia Award, NJPhA Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award, NJPhA Donald J. Wernik Academic Achievement Award, Rutgers University RBHS Chancellor Community Service Award, and Hillside New Jersey Health Department Outstanding Service to the Community Award.