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## Completing a year of challenges and successes

President Richard L. McCormick started off commencement 2007 with a warning. “We do believe the storm is on the way,” McCormick said. “If it comes, I’ll graduate you all in a flash, and we can take appropriate shelter.” The audience – representatives of the 11,000 degree recipients this year, their friends and family, and Rutgers faculty and staff – responded with laughter.

Indeed, the reading of the names of doctoral candidates had to be cut short when the skies darkened and tree branches began to sway. Thousands streamed off of historic Voorhees Mall and onto College Avenue, looking for their cars or some kind of shelter.

Commencement is the universitywide ceremony in which all Rutgers graduates, this year estimated at 10,990, are granted their baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees. But graduates of schools and colleges in New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden also received recognition at 23 other ceremonies during the third week of May.

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## Rutgers Day in Trenton

A day for Rutgers to highlight its role in building a strong New Jersey economy and to make the case for increased state



Credit: Larry Levanti

**DARK SKY, BUT BRIGHT FUTURES** The university conferred nearly 11,000 baccalaureate, master, and doctoral degrees at the annual commencement ceremony on Voorhees Mall in the historic heart of the New Brunswick Campus. Eight luminaries received honorary degrees, and friends and family ran to escape rains looming from a darkened sky after Rutgers President Richard L. McCormick, above, cut short the ceremony. Read about commencement and other graduation exercises at Rutgers [here](#). Photos by Nick Romanenko, Art Paxton, Shelley Kusnetz, and Robert Laramie. [Photo Gallery](#)



### **Faculty Q&A**

Philip Scranton, traveling man and Board of Governors Professor of History at Rutgers–

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