

DR. ROBERT L. JOHNSON

Dr. Robert L. Johnson, Class of 1964, an internationally recognized expert in the field of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, is the Dean of the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, the oldest school of medicine in the state and a leading research institution.

He grew up on Franklin Street and at White Plains High School, Dr. Johnson played the sousaphone in the Marching Band and Orchestra and was President of the Latin Club. He graduated from Alfred University and the College of Medicine & Dentistry Medicine of New Jersey. He interned at Martland Hospital in Newark, NJ, and trained in Adolescent Medicine at New York University Medical Center.

Dr. Johnson joined the staff of New Jersey Medical College in 1976, the same year he was named Director of Adolescent Medicine at Martland Hospital. He has served as Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Professor of Pediatrics and Chief of Pediatrics at University Hospital, Newark.

Dr. Johnson's clinical expertise and research focuses on adolescent physical and mental health, adolescent HIV, adolescent violence, adolescent sexuality and family strengthening. He is the author of two books, has published more than 60 articles and is a guest teacher, lecturer and expert spokesperson at universities and at medical conferences and on TV and radio.

In 2005, Dr. Johnson was named Interim Dean and in 2011 became Dean at the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, the first graduate of the school to hold this position. He continues to maintain an active clinical practice.

Dr. Johnson is Chair of the NJ Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and Related Blood Borne Pathogens, the Newark Ryan White Planning Council and the Board of Deacons at Union Baptist Church in Orange, NJ.

He has received numerous awards from medical and community groups and his alma maters, including, most recently, the Newark Essex County Pride Coalition Community Award, the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Physician's Award and the Boy Scouts of America-Northern New Jersey Council Good Scout Award.