

NEW JERSEY PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL 2005



*Working together to improve
Higher Education for all of New Jersey.*

Letter from the Chair

For over 12 years, the New Jersey Presidents' Council has brought together all of the autonomous and diverse institutions of higher learning to address the challenges that face higher education in New Jersey. This unprecedented level of cooperation has fostered an environment of respect, goodwill and support that benefits all of New Jersey.

This past year the Council took on new challenges such as homeland security with a task force to specifically address this topic on our campuses; the November election with a gubernatorial forum; and, articulation between secondary education and higher education with the American Diploma Project. The Council also addressed continuing issues such as capacity with the New Jersey Colleges' and Universities' Proposed Capital Bond Projects Report, general education and major articulation with the Articulation and Transfer Coordinating Committee, and economic development with the Business Higher Education Roundtable. The Council also continued its close relationship with the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education on numerous initiatives.

The continuing challenges facing higher education in New Jersey are not easily solved. The New Jersey Presidents' Council is committed to working cooperatively to offer high quality higher education that is both accessible and affordable for all of our citizens.

On behalf of my colleagues, I am pleased to present this report.

George A. Pruitt, Chair
New Jersey Presidents' Council

“Where there is harmony there is unity; where there is unity there will be strength; and where there is strength there will be the power to conquer all things.”

Xunzi, Basic Writing

The New Jersey Presidents' Council is a 50-member board representing New Jersey's institutions of higher learning. This advisory body is made up of the presidents of the state's public and independent institutions of higher education that receive state aid, the presidents of three proprietary schools and the presidents of the two largest religious institutions. The Council's charge is to make recommendations on new programs, regional alliances, budget and student aid levels, licensure, and the statewide higher education master plan.

The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education is a 14-member board with an executive director and staff charged with institutional licensure, research and information dissemination, advocacy for higher education, administration of various grant programs, and development of a comprehensive statewide plan for higher education.

Together these two groups work to integrate and improve higher education programs and services for New Jersey.

Higher Education in New Jersey has many challenges. But with each challenge comes an opportunity. With the challenge of not having enough seats for all of New Jersey's graduating high school seniors comes the opportunity to create new, modern, healthy, learning space for all the residents of New Jersey. With the challenge of a change in state leadership comes the opportunity to bring important issues to the forefront that can play a vital role in the economic prosperity of the state. With the challenge of an under-prepared workforce comes the opportunity for workforce development to help people realize the American Dream. With the challenge of keeping tuition affordable comes the opportunity to re-engineer and develop partnerships that lead to efficiency.

These challenges are not new but they each present an opportunity: an opportunity to make a change, improve a bad situation and ultimately to do something great.

Significant Accomplishments for 2005

One of the most important accomplishments was the *New Jersey Colleges and Universities Proposed Capital Bond Projects Report*. For too long New Jersey has sent more high school graduates out of state for higher education than it has retained. Construction that has taken place on college campuses has been paid for by tuition and student fees which increase college costs. Moreover, the failure to conduct important and appropriate expansion for research has made it difficult to recruit top research programs which in turn affects economic prosperity. This failure has put at risk both the opportunity for individual citizens and economic competitiveness for New Jersey in the 21st century.

From the *New Jersey Colleges and Universities Proposed Capital Bond* The immediate and long-range benefits of this project include:

- Expanding college opportunity for low- and middle-income students, keeping college affordable, and developing an educated and engaged citizenry, prepared to participate productively in society and contribute to the economy.
- Providing high-quality academic facilities and modern technology to keep more of New Jersey's highest-achieving students in-state, stemming the "brain drain," and enhancing the quality and the depth of New Jersey's workforce.
- Enhancing the state's ability to create new jobs and to stimulate and sustain economic growth, creating an attractive environment for business investment.
- Enhancing and expanding research that creates new knowledge and technological innovation, builds partnerships with business and industry, attracts new businesses, and garners greater federal and private support for research and development.



The Presidents' Council moved this important item to the top of their agenda for 2005. The result is the *New Jersey Colleges and Universities Proposed Capital Bond Projects*, which presents the needs of all institutions of higher education in the state. New Jersey colleges and universities have identified \$5.8 billion in capital needs. The requested \$2.705 billion will begin to enable New Jersey's colleges and universities to build the facilities that will serve all of the citizens for years to come!

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The year 2005 was an important year for higher education with a pending change in state leadership. In keeping with the responsibility of advocating for higher education, the Council sponsored a Gubernatorial Forum on September 19, 2005. Attended by college presidents, education leaders and students, it was broadcast by NJEDge to college campuses throughout New Jersey.

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Higher education plays a key role in the overall quality of education in the state. In addition to providing quality educational opportunities, the higher education community is also capable of providing support and assistance to the entire educational system. By doing so, this ensures the success of students from the beginning of their education through high school and college and to ultimately become involved citizens and productive members of the New Jersey workforce.

This past year the Presidents' Council endorsed the benchmarks of the American Diploma Project and developed a working group to pursue productive engagement in the ADP project. The Council is committed to partnering with the K-12 community to improve the academic achievement of all high school graduates.

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The Presidents' Council is committed to pursuing alternate funding sources in support of higher education and the important research that comes from this community. The Council's Research Committee is working with the Commission on Higher Education and the Commission on Science and Technology to coordinate efforts that support this goal and to develop specific strategies to achieve it.

New Jersey has increased its amount of both federal and external research dollars over the last two years.

<i>Federal Research Dollars for NJ Higher Education</i>			
	2002	2003	2004
New Jersey	\$316,912,000	\$361,174,000	\$419,811,000
<i>Total External Research Dollars for NJ Higher Education</i>			
	2002	2003	2004
New Jersey	\$485,508,000	\$535,929,000	\$585,839,000
Source: Update 2005:A Blueprint for Excellence, New Jersey Commission on Higher Education			



Jon Corzine called higher education "the most important economic development tool in our society."



Early in 2005, the Presidents' Council's Homeland Security Committee began meeting to revise and update the *Homeland Security Best Practices Guidelines for New Jersey*. The purpose of these guidelines is to help preserve, protect, and sustain domestic security at colleges and universities in New Jersey. The resulting *Best Practices Guidelines for the Higher Education Sector* was endorsed by the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force and approved by former Acting Governor Codey. The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education will disseminate, implement and monitor compliance with these guidelines as well as facilitate training and technical assistance.

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The Presidents' Council and Commission on Higher Education developed NJ TRANSFER to promote and ensure the transferability of community college students to the state's four-year institutions. The program has gained national attention for its success as a comprehensive college planning and career tool. Highlights for 2005 include:

- All participating four-year institutions but one have completed the evaluation of all New Jersey community college courses. The one remaining four-year institution is expected to complete the evaluation of courses for its three main feeder community colleges in early 2006.
- Fifteen additional two- and four-year institutions completed Phase III of the Initiative, bringing the total number of colleges and universities capable of sending and/or receiving electronic transcripts to 32. During 2005, these schools sent 17,230 and received 19,443 transcripts electronically, greatly reducing costs including printing, mailing and labor.
- **NJ TRANSFER** is working with the Department of Education to implement an electronic information system at the secondary school level. A pilot electronic transcripts program with a South Jersey school district will begin in spring 2006.





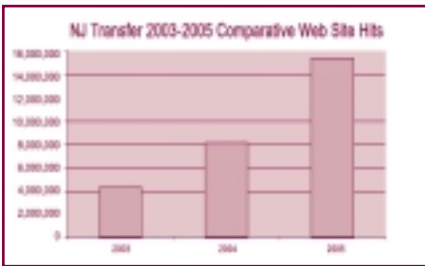
Since 2002, the NJ TRANSFER Web site has logged almost 35 million hits and provided over 700,000 visitors information empowering them to make informed decisions about their choice of college, program of study, career and future.

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This past year the Presidents' Council endorsed the Green Design Guidelines as established by the New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability (NJHEPS). These guidelines will assist colleges and universities as they plan new buildings. Green design saves money by reducing energy consumption and helps the environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. All fifty-six NJ Presidents signed the "Sustainability Covenant" of the NJ Greenhouse Gas Action Plan to reduce CO2 emissions 3.5% below 1990 levels by 2005. NJHEPS also produced the Energy Toolkit which seeks to help New Jersey college and university administrations make energy-smart decisions. These decisions will reduce energy costs and emissions, and recognize and support investments of time and money that advance green energy.

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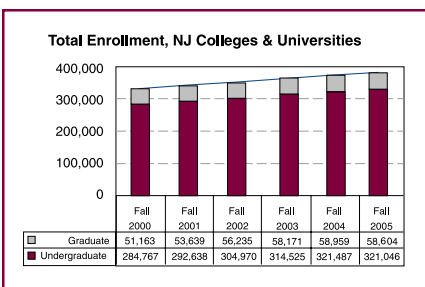
NJEDge.Net, a non-profit consortium of the Presidents' Council, provides resources to facilitate and promote inter-institutional collaboration and the development of joint programs and initiatives among the higher education community and provides powerful new tools to remotely deliver academic course offerings as well as community based workforce development initiatives anywhere within the state. This past year NJEDge.net was able to provide the following services:



- Utilizing its videoconferencing resources, NJEDge.Net hosted 32 faculty symposia and professional development seminars at multiple member sites around the state.
- NJEDge.Net negotiated a next generation regional optical network that will provide its members with a 230% increase in bandwidth capacity at an average cost savings of 22% over current costs resulting in annual savings of \$900,000.
- Through a bulk purchasing agreement for Internet Bandwidth, NJEDge.Net negotiated wholesale rates which led to a 60% cost reduction for its members.
- Member institutions utilize over 16 million minutes of long distance telephone service and by leveraging the collective minutes achieved an annual savings of \$600,000.
- NJEDge.Net also achieved a \$300,000 savings to the membership on the purchase of network equipment.

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Program Review: One of the most important roles of the Presidents' Council is to review new academic programs. This responsibility ensures that programs are in keeping with an institution's mission, are cost-effective and are non-duplicative and that they will, in effect, serve the needs of New Jersey citizens. This past year, the Council reviewed 62 new programs including three doctoral, 15 Master's, 16 Baccalaureate, and 28 Associate degree programs. Programs ranged from traditional college degrees like Education, English, Mathematics, Nursing to contemporary areas like Aquatic & Coastal Sciences, Audiology, Bioinformatics, Energy Utility Technology, Entertainment Technologies, Oral Biology, Technical Studies and, Glass Art.



Source: NJ Commission on Higher Education 7th Annual System Wide Accountability Report



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