

**2017 NJASCU Symposium on Higher Education**  
Dedicated to the Legacy of Paul Shelly\*

**Trenton War Memorial**  
**October 19, 2017**

**Agenda**

8:30 am **Registration and Breakfast**

9:00 am **Welcome: Michael W. Klein, JD, PhD, CEO, New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU)**

9:15 am **Keynote Presentation - The Honorable James Florio, former Governor of New Jersey**

9:45 am **Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development Jeffrey Stoller Presentation: "65 by '25 Initiative"**

**Panel Discussions**

Moderator: John Mooney

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10:00 am ***The Importance of a Bachelor's Degree for New Jersey's Economy***

- Assemblywoman Mila Jasey – Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, and member of: Housing and Community Development; Education; Joint Committee on Housing Affordability; Joint Committee on the Public Schools – District 27
- Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker - Science educator, member of: Judiciary, Regulated Professions, and Telecommunications and Utilities– District 16
- Dr. Susan Cole - President, Montclair State University
- Dr. Harvey Kesselman - President, Stockton University
- Dr. Kathleen Waldron – President, William Paterson University
- Dr. Jeffrey Toney – Provost, Kean University
- Ms. Michele Siekerka – President and CEO, New Jersey Business and Industry Association

11:00 am **Certificates of Appreciation: Participating Legislators; Private Corporations – Partners with Higher Education on Facilities Enhancements**

11:10 am **NJASCU CEO Michael Klein Presentation: "Need for Reforming the Procurement and Construction Provisions of the State College Contracts Law"**

11:20 am ***Institutional Strategies to Contain Costs, Emphasizing Public-Private Partnerships***

- Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr, Senate Minority Leader, member of Higher Education, Commerce, Legislative Services Commission, Legislative Oversight – District 21
- Assemblyman Louis Greenwald - attorney, Assembly Majority Leader, member of Legislative Services Commission, District 6
- Dr. Barbara Gitenstein – President, The College of New Jersey
- Dr. Bernard McSherry – Dean, New Jersey City University Business School
- Dr. Peter Mercer – President, Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Mr. Donald Moore – Senior Vice President, Facilities and Operations, Rowan University
- Dr. George Pruitt – President, Thomas Edison State University

12:25 pm **Closing Remarks – Michael W. Klein**

*\*\*The NJASCU Symposium on Higher Education is an annual policy program dedicated to the legacy of Paul Shelly, who served as director of Marketing and Communications at NJASCU for 26 years. He always loved to engage in thought-provoking conversations on an assortment of higher education issues, thus a symposium focused on discussion and problem-solving seemed to be a most appropriate way to honor him. We miss him greatly, but his contributions to our world will inspire us indefinitely. Paul both professionally and personally lived, by the principle that it is always the right time to do the right thing.*

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