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Dear Colleagues/Friends:

NJASCU's "Press Clippings" communications has evolved into a more comprehensive E-newsletter, called ***NJASCU News and Notes***. The communication includes not only the compilation of media clips, but also a selection of feature stories highlighting NJASCU-member initiatives, alumni, and state legislative priorities.

Please check [www.njascu.org](http://www.njascu.org) for the most up-to-date information about the New Jersey public colleges and universities, as well as the AASCU "Daily Headlines" service for the national higher education news. Also, all graduation news from the schools is posted in a special section at [www.njascu.org](http://www.njascu.org).

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## State College/University Alumni Profile

Each month NJASCU features an Alumni Profile (<http://www.njascu.org/alumni-profiles.html>).

Our most recent Alumni Profile:



**Edward Shannon, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Class of 1985**

Let us know if you want to recommend someone for an Alumni Profile on our website.

# Public Policy Forum on Achieving Student Outcomes

**June 15, 2016**

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Stockton University Campus Center



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**October 28, 2016**

## **Making Room With a View to the Future: NJASCU Symposium 2016**

***Growing senior public higher education capacity - an opportunity for affordability, accessibility, and contributions to New Jersey.***

The first **NJASCU Higher Education Symposium** is scheduled to take place on **Friday, October 28, 2016**. Former Governor Thomas Kean is the keynote speaker, followed by two panel discussions featuring the presidents of New Jersey's senior public institutions of higher education. The symposium is dedicated to the memory of longtime NJASCU Communications Director Paul Shelly.

Registration is free. Please check [www.njascu.org](http://www.njascu.org) for updated information and the registration link.

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## **News and Notes**

### **Dreams Stall as CUNY, New York City's Engine of Mobility, Sputters**

[NYTimes.com](http://NYTimes.com)

May 29, 2016

On the [City College of New York's](#) handsome Gothic campus, leaking ceilings have turned hallways into obstacle courses of buckets. The bathrooms sometimes run out of toilet paper. The lectures are becoming uncomfortably overcrowded, and course selections are dwindling, because of steep budget cuts. The faculty of the college's well-regarded engineering school is so "disengaged and beaten," an assessment last year warned, that if "serious shortcomings" were not rectified, the school could fail to earn reaccreditation. The troubles at City College, and throughout the entire CUNY system, are representative of a funding crisis that has been building at public universities across the country. Even as the role of higher education as an engine of economic mobility has become increasingly vital, governments have been pulling back their support. Since the 2008 recession, states have reduced spending on public higher education by 17 percent per student, while tuition has risen by 33 percent, according to a [recent report](#) by the nonpartisan [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#). Arizona is spending 56 percent less, while students are paying 88 percent more. In Louisiana, students are spending 80 percent more on tuition, while state funding has been cut by 39 percent.

### **Christie Formally Nominates Acting Treasurer**

[NJBiz.com](http://NJBiz.com) - May 27, 2016

[NorthJersey.com](http://NorthJersey.com) - May 26, 2016

Governor Christie continued formally filling out his cabinet Thursday by nominating his acting treasurer eight months after he was hired. Ford Scudder, of Little Silver, was one of 20 people Christie nominated whose names were made public Thursday. The announcement came on the same day the Senate approved two other members of his cabinet - Cathleen Bennett as health commissioner and Richard Badolato as banking and insurance commissioner. Mr. Scudder was hired in October to oversee the state's finances, one of the most difficult jobs in Trenton. He had previously worked in Tennessee at Laffer Associates, founded by Arthur Laffer, a former adviser to President Ronald Reagan and known as the "father of supply-side economics." Barely a year into the job, Scudder faces a shortfall in income tax revenues has blown a \$1 billion hole in the state's 2016 and 2017 budgets.

### **See How Your District Did in Our Interactive Map**

[NJSpotlight.com](http://NJSpotlight.com)

May 27, 2016

The percentage of New Jersey high school seniors taking the SAT continued its steady rise last year, while the average score dropped to its lowest in three years. Still, New Jersey's students outperform the national average on the most widely used college admissions test.

### **NJ Court: State Funding of Yeshiva, Seminary Unlawful**

[Philly.com](http://Philly.com)

May 26, 2016

New Jersey higher education grants totaling about \$11 million to Beth Medrash Govoha yeshiva and Princeton Theology Seminary are unconstitutional, a panel of state appellate judges ruled Thursday. The state and national American Civil Liberties Union led a lawsuit filed in June 2013 against Rochelle Hendricks, the state Secretary of Higher Education, and Andrew P. Sidamon-Eristoff, then the state treasurer. The grants of \$10.6 million to the yeshiva and \$645,000 to the seminar, the ACLU said, were unconstitutional because of the religious nature of the schools. The grants were part of a \$1.3 billion pot the state put together, anchored by a \$750 million bond referendum approved by voters in November 2012, to support capital work - primarily construction, renovation, and infrastructure improvements - at colleges and universities in the state. Lawmakers and state officials touted the funded, which was awarded to 176 projects at 46 schools, as the first state-backed money for higher education construction in 25 years. But the ACLU and others challenged the \$10.6 million to the yeshiva and seminary.

### **The Promises and Pitfalls of State Free Community College Plans**

AASCU PolicyMatters

[www.aascu.org/policy](http://www.aascu.org/policy)

May 25, 2016

Free community college has gained greater interest from state policymakers in recent years as a way to make college more affordable and encourage more high school students to pursue the education and training necessary to fill high-skill, high-wage jobs. Starting with the Tennessee Promise in 2014, four states have enacted free community college plans, and lawmakers in at least 16 other states have put forth similar measures. The state-level free community college plans are generally "last-dollar" grants, which cover a student's tuition and fees remaining after accounting for existing federal and state financial aid.

This policy paper briefly explores the history of the free college movement, compares and contrasts the four statewide free community college plans enacted thus far, and outlines common elements across the free community college bills under consideration in the states. The paper then examines the potential benefits of these policy issues ("promises"), such as increased college affordability for some students, broader

participation in higher education, and a renewed focus on filling jobs that require an associate degree or technical certificate. The paper also outlines some of the potential negative effects of these policies ("pitfalls"), including diverting resources from the neediest students and redirecting more students to institutions with the fewest resources. The paper concludes with questions for lawmakers to consider in their deliberations over this policy proposal.

### **How Does Rutgers' Accounting Degree Program Stack Up in New Ranking?**

NJBiz.com

May 24, 2016

When it comes to choosing a college at which to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting, a would-be CPA could do worse than Rutgers University. A lot worse, in fact, according to the website College Choice.

### **With Less Money and Fewer Students, Community Colleges Compete with One Another**

Philly.com

May 23, 2016

As financial pressures mount on community colleges, some schools have begun to openly compete: crossing county lines and marketing to a wider pool of students.

In South Jersey, Camden County College has frozen its tuition and mandatory fees for a second year in part because nearby schools remain less expensive. Community colleges in Burlington and Gloucester Counties are aggressively marketing their partnerships with Rowan University to students throughout the region.

Driving increased competition are several long-term factors: fewer high school graduates, flat or falling enrollment, and reduction in state funding.

### **The List: All the Presidents' Pay and Perks at New Jersey's Public Colleges**

NJSpotlight.com

May 23, 2016

The salaries are nothing to sneeze at, and the benefits - from performance bonuses and annuity payments to housing and cars - must make an admittedly tough job a lot easier to take.

This week's list is part of a special package on salaries and benefits awarded to the presidents of New Jersey's public colleges. Follow [this link](#) to the main story.

No other public officials in New Jersey receive the levels of compensation that many college presidents enjoy - not even Governor Chris Christie or state Supreme Court justices. Ranked by salary, here is the list of what the presidents get at New Jersey's 30 public universities and colleges. This rundown includes links to each executive's contract, obtained by NJ Spotlight under the Open Public Records Act.

*Source: Employment contracts plus updated salary information obtained from the individual public universities and colleges under the state Open Public Records Act.*

### **NJIT President's \$5.3 Million Contract Takes Top Spot Among NJ College Chiefs**

NJSpotlight.com

May 23, 2016

To some critics, high salaries are hard to justify when students are struggling to pay tuition and more professors are needed at many schools.

At \$555,000 a year, Joel Bloom does not have the highest salary among New Jersey public college presidents. But counting his extra benefits and perks from New Jersey

Institute of Technology, Bloom has a taxpayer-supported deal that's second to none.

Bloom's five-year contract with NJIT is worth roughly \$5.3 million. And that doesn't count the cost of his pension, health insurance, vacation time, sick leave and expense account - not to mention the car and driver provided by the Newark-based research university.

### **NJ's Troubled Cities: Shrinking Tax Bases, Growing Need for Basic Services**

[NJSpotlight.com](http://NJSpotlight.com)

May 23, 2016

Trenton's story is not unusual, say the authors of "The Cost of Poverty: The Perpetuating Cycle of Concentrated Poverty in New Jersey Cities," a report issued by The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy at the Thomas Edison State College. The report was written in partnership with the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association and the Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey.

### **"Bachelorette" Suitor Will Haduch of New Jersey: 7 Things You Need to Know**

[NJ.com](http://NJ.com)

May 23, 2016

Bachelorette suitor Will Haduch is well educated. He's a 2012 graduate of The College of New Jersey with a bachelor's in civil engineering, where he also played football. He is employable in a field of work that actually exists. Unlike his fellow contestants, whose professions include "hipster" and "Bachelor" superfan, he worked until March as an assistant high rise superintendent at Toll Brothers and previously worked at Turner Construction. He cares. As part of a fundraiser for the Special Olympics, he wrote and performed personalized songs for contributors' Facebook pages.

### **MLS Commissioner Don Garber Will Deliver Montclair State's 2016 Commencement Address**

[Patch.com](http://Patch.com)

May 20, 2016

Longtime Montclair resident and Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber will be its 2016 honorary degree recipient and will deliver the keynote address at the university's annual commencement ceremony, which will be held May 25 at the Prudential Center in Newark.

### **Costs of Celebrity College Commencement Speakers Can Add Up**

[ChicagoTribune.com](http://ChicagoTribune.com)

May 20, 2016

When colleges pick their graduation speakers, many strive to put a celebrity behind the podium. It can bring prestige. It can bring publicity. And it can bring a steep bill.

This year, for instance, the University of Houston paid \$35,000 to book retired astronaut Scott Kelly as the commencement speaker. Rutgers University paid \$35,000 for journalist Bill Boyers, who spoke at one division's ceremony after the schoolwide keynote speech from the unpaid President Barack Obama. Kean University in New Jersey paid \$40,000 to each of its two speakers.

### **As State Funding to Colleges Erodes, Students Feel the Pinch**

[Philly.com](http://Philly.com)

May 19, 2016

Since 2008, state funding for higher education has eroded significantly across the country, according to the report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington think-tank. New Jersey was one of only nine states in the nation to cut funding to higher education for the 2015-2016 academic year, Michael Klein, chief

executive officer of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, wrote recently. That cut followed others over more than a decade, he noted.

## **Do NJ Colleges and Universities Get Enough State Aid?**

NJ.com

May 19, 2016

New Jersey is among a minority of state's not reinvesting in public colleges and universities following recovery from the 2008 economic downturn, according to a new study.

When adjusted for inflation, New Jersey's funding for higher education has [dropped by 23 percent since 2008](#), a decrease of more than \$2,250 per student, according to [a report by New Jersey Policy Perspective](#), a left-leaning Trenton think tank.

That decline is the 13<sup>th</sup>-largest percentage decrease and 12<sup>th</sup>-largest dollar decrease among the 50 states, NJPP said.

Meanwhile, New Jersey is one of just 11 states where per-student funding fell from 2015 to 2016, the report found, leaving colleges and universities to raise revenue through tuition increases.

"New Jersey's continued shortchanging of public colleges and universities cuts off a vital rung on the ladder of opportunity for too many families," said Gordon MacInnes, President of New Jersey Policy Perspective.

*Mike Klein's comment on NJ.com*

*"... leaving colleges and universities to raise revenue through tuition increases." Actually, New Jersey's public colleges and universities had the 9<sup>th</sup>-lowest percentage increase in tuition over the period studied in the report, a reflection of the hard work of the institutions' leadership and their focus on students and affordability.*

*The starting point for CBPP's analysis is 2008, the beginning of the recession. In New Jersey, public institutions of higher education started experiencing funding cuts 10 years earlier. Since FY 1997, which was the high-water mark of per-student funding at New Jersey's public colleges and universities, the state has reduced appropriations per student in all but two years, according to data from the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) association's State Higher Education Finance report: <http://www.sheeo.org/projects/shef-fy15>*

## **Stockton's William J. Hughes Center to Host College Outcomes Symposium June 15**

Stockton.edu

May 18, 2016

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University will host the College Outcomes Symposium focusing on students' academic success, workforce preparation and civic participation on Wednesday, June 15.

The free event will be held on Stockton University's Galloway campus in the Campus Center from 9 am - 3 pm.

Employers, academic leaders and support staff, career counselors, academic advisers and admissions counselors can benefit from hearing what students and graduates say are their most valuable college experiences and what employers say are the most valuable skills they seek in future employees. Attendees are coming from public and private colleges and universities, two- and four-year institutions, and from the business sector.

The keynote speakers are Stockton President Harvey Kesselman, Rochelle Hendricks, New Jersey's Secretary of Higher Education, and David Payne, vice president & chief operating officer, Global Education Division of the Educational Testing Service (ETS).

Research by Darryl Greer, the Hughes Center's Senior Fellow, as part of the Higher Education on Strategic Information and Governance (HESIG) project and the Stockton Polling Institute, found that recent college graduates believe the most important college outcome is to get a better job. HESIG's research has been supported by ETS and by the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education's Student Success Collaborative.

### **Not a Pretty Picture: New Jersey Third Most-Indebted State in the Union**

[NJspotlight.com](http://NJspotlight.com)

May 18, 2016

New Jersey finishes third from the bottom when it comes to total debt, as well as unfunded pension and unfunded retiree-healthcare costs. From traditional borrowing to pension debt to unfunded retiree healthcare costs, new state-by-state rankings put New Jersey among the nation's most indebted states across a number of different categories. The overall picture painted by The Pew Charitable Trusts' new "Fiscal 50" data isn't pretty, with New Jersey ranking third worst in total debt, and also third worst in both unfunded pension and unfunded retiree-healthcare costs. And those comparisons improve only slightly when other factors are considered, like the generally high personal income of New Jersey residents and the overall value of the state's pension fund.

### **State Reportedly Facing \$1.18 Billion Budget Shortfall**

[NJBiz.com](http://NJBiz.com)

May 18, 2016

The state Office of Legislative Services has distributed a memo projecting a previously unforeseen \$1.1 billion revenue shortfall for the current and upcoming fiscal years, as first reported Tuesday night by PolitickerNJ. Both the nonpartisan OLS and acting state Treasurer Ford Scudder are expected to discuss revenue projections Wednesday before the Assembly Budget Committee. While OLS now projects a revenue shortfall of \$621.6 million for 2017, its latest projection of a \$486.6 million shortfall for the current fiscal year is perhaps more pressing, given that Gov. Chris Christie's administration only has until June 30, the end of the fiscal calendar year, to address it. As recently as last month, the revenue projections from OLS were relatively comparable to those of the administration. But the new discrepancies are reportedly related to lower-than-expected income tax collections, which recently trickled in. New Jersey is currently operating on a \$33.8 billion budget. In February, Christie presented a \$34.8 billion spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **NJ State Colleges and Universities Relying More on Donations**

[NJ1015.org](http://NJ1015.org)

May 17, 2016

Backed into a corner by dwindling government support state colleges and universities in New Jersey claim they've had to depend more on donations from alumni to reach their financial goals.

It's never a predictable business, according to Susan Dolbert of the Rutgers University Foundation, but the institution has a goal of raising between \$150 million and \$20 million per year from alumni and other supporters.

Dolbert said the school switched from relying more on state funding to relying more on tuition about 13 years ago as a result of budget cuts and flat funding of higher education. Private support helps fill the gaps.

At Montclair State University, nearly \$8 million was raised from donors in the last fiscal

year to support scholarships and other initiatives. "We're hoping to hit that again but may not quite get there," said Lisa Hoyt with the university group devoted to fundraising and alumni relations. The annual scholarship dinner last month brought in more than \$750,000. Scholarships are the main attraction for benefactors of Ramapo College in Mahwah. According to Cathleen Davey of the Ramapo College Foundation, donated funds also help advance capital projects or renovate existing buildings.

### **Statewide Collective Impact VISTA Project**

[NJCampusCompact.org](http://NJCampusCompact.org)

May 17, 2016

The New Jersey Campus Compact Statewide Collective Impact (VISTA) project will involve 18 cross-sector collaboratives each comprised of thirty plus stand-alone organizations from the public, nonprofit, higher education and philanthropic sectors that operate and serve low-income individuals, economically disadvantaged students, and Opportunity Youth on a city-wide or county-wide level. The target populations we seek to serve are economically disadvantaged students and their families, Opportunity Youth, including formerly incarcerated youth, and low income individuals, including formerly incarcerated adults.

A nonprofit, 501c3 organization now based in Jersey City, New Jersey Campus Compact (NJCC) is a president's higher education coalition dedicated to furthering community prosperity through purposeful civic and community engagement. One of 34 state offices in the national Campus Compact network involving over 1100 colleges and universities, NJCC leverages the collective capabilities of its 20 member colleges, universities and partnering organizations to enhance the quality of life for all New Jersey residents - especially those residing in distressed urban areas. Underlying NJCC business practices is an unwavering commitment to collaborative action fostering community prosperity through the sustained efforts of an informed and activated citizenry.

### **Bergen Community College Unveils New Health Professions Center**

[NJBiz.com](http://NJBiz.com)

May 17, 2016

Where can you find a \$20 preventative dental service?

At Bergen Community College, which held a ribbon-cutting Tuesday for a new, high-tech Health Professions Integrated Teaching Center.

The new center has made it easier for residents to access the dental service, which already existed in the previous building.

Health care is the top employment sector in Bergen County, making the \$25.5 million, 63,000-square-foot building - funded by \$750 million in higher education bonds from the state, voted on by taxpayers in 2012 - a sensible investment, according to Bergen County Executive James Tedesco.

### **NJ College Among Website's Best for Health Care Administration**

[NJBiz.com](http://NJBiz.com)

May 17, 2016

A New Jersey college has landed on the College Choice list of the best bachelor's degrees in health care administration, the website announced Tuesday.

Berkeley College, which has five campuses in New Jersey - Dover, Newark, Paramus, Woodbridge and Woodland Park - ranked 14th on the list, College Choice said.

"The school is consistently nationally ranked among the best online bachelor's degree programs by U.S. News & World Report, ensuring that the school's online portal

continues to set a high standard of excellence for all online degrees," College Choice said on its website of the for-profit institution. "From the student support services to the high rate of employment after graduation, Berkeley College remains one of the beacons of online education.

"The most popular undergraduate degree is the bachelor's in health service management. This administrative degree ensures that students understand the legal, moral and practical issues facing the health care industry, as well as are equipped to solve those same issues."

### **Phil Murphy First to Announce He's Running for Governor**

[NJBiz.com](#)

May 16, 2016

Phil Murphy, the former US ambassador to Germany and Goldman Sachs executive, has announced that he intends to run for governor in 2017.

Long considered a likely Democratic gubernatorial candidate, the Middletown resident made it official in an email Monday acknowledging that, while it is an "unusual step" to launch a campaign more than a year out from next November's election, he did it "because New Jersey's challenges can't wait."

Other potential candidates for the Democratic nomination include Senate President Steve Sweeney (D-West Deptford) and Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop.

On the Republican side, Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno is also considered a possible candidate.

### **Tech Helps Disabled Students Soar at Jersey City School**

[Wall Street Journal](#)

May 15, 2016

A. Harry Moore, a New Jersey City University laboratory school, serves students between the ages of 3 and 21 who have a variety of disabilities, from blindness to muscle degeneration. The school is at the forefront of what experts say is a broader move to supplement special education with technology.

### **Obama Speaks at Rutgers: "Ignorance is Not a Virtue"**

[NJ.com](#)

May 15, 2016

President Barack Obama used his speech at Rutgers University's commencement Sunday to praise the 250-year-old school, while slamming the "anti-intellectualism" in American politics.

"If you were listening to today's political debate, you might wonder where this strain of anti-intellectualism came from ... In politics and in life, ignorance is not a virtue," Obama said.

Without directly referencing presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, Obama dismissed the candidate's calls to build a wall across the Mexican border and ban Muslims from entering the country.

In a thinly-veiled rebuke of Trump, Obama said isolationist policies run counter to the nation's history as a melting pot.

"That's how we became America. Why would we want to stop it now?" Obama said. "Can't do it."

### **Surprise! NJ College Announces Name Change at Graduation**

May 14, 2016

Centenary College ended its commencement ceremony Saturday with big news - the school is now a university.

Centenary College was granted university status by the state's Secretary of Higher Education, campus officials announced. The 2,200-private college becomes Centenary University, effective immediately.

Barbara-Jayne Lewthwaite, the college's outgoing president, helped announce the name change before more than 500 graduates at the commencement ceremony on the Hackettstown campus. The school surprised cheering graduates by unveiling a "Centenary University" banner at the end of the ceremony as confetti was thrown on the stage.

The university designation comes as the school is preparing to celebrate its 150th anniversary.

### **UMaine Has Wooed Students from Across the Northeast. Here's How It's Working Out**

[BangorDailyNews.com](http://BangorDailyNews.com)

May 14, 2016

A new University of Maine scholarship program has attracted so many first-year students from out of state for the coming fall that it's helping the university overcome the challenge of a dwindling population of college-age students from Maine. A side benefit is that the program could help to attract young, educated workers to Maine who might later stay here.

Under its Flagship Match program, qualified students from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and New Jersey will pay the same tuition and fees to attend UMaine this fall as they would at their own state's flagship campus.

### **New Certificate Program Prepares Students for Homeland Security Careers**

[Montclair.edu](http://Montclair.edu)

May 13, 2016

Beginning in fall 2016, Montclair State University will offer a fully online certificate program in Homeland Security that will prepare students for careers in a growing and dynamic field. Taught by experienced security professionals and practitioners, the program will accommodate up to 40 students who already hold a bachelor's degree.

The launch of the program reflects societal and global changes since 9/11, which have created a new need for security management in the United States.

"We no longer live in an insulated bubble," says Norma Connolly, deputy chair of Montclair State's Department of Justice Studies and the program's coordinator. "We now recognize that terrorism isn't our nation's only threat - today we also need to focus on emergency management and preparation. This is a reality of 21st-century life."

The 12-credit program addresses such key challenges with four courses: Fundamentals of Homeland Security; Intelligence and Homeland Security; Bioterrorism and Homeland Security; and Current Issues in Homeland Security. Students will take two consecutive eight-week courses in the fall semester and again in the spring semester, to earn the certificate in a single academic year.

"The Homeland Security Certificate provides our many students interested in employment in the homeland security area with an additional academic credential and a skill set for potential employment," explains Connolly. "Graduates in Justice Studies

and other related fields can go immediately into the workforce but still continue their studies, while professionals in other sectors can gain the training and credential they need to make a career change and enter this expanding industry. Since this is a strictly online program, we hope to reach a large pool of students - both from New Jersey and around the nation."

### **After Audit, 3 New Jersey Colleges Agree to Greater Transparency for Mandatory Student Fees**

[BizJournals.com](http://BizJournals.com)

May 13, 2016

Three public colleges in New Jersey are making changes in response to an audit by the state comptroller that showed mandatory student fees accounted for a third of the costs to attend those schools.

State Comptroller Phillip Degnan says those fees are a significant cost of attending the College of New Jersey, William Paterson University, and Kean University.

### **Bill Clinton Jabs at Trump's "Make America Great Again" in 2nd NJ Speech**

[NJ.com](http://NJ.com)

May 13, 2016

Former President Bill Clinton never mentioned Donald Trump's name as he stood on stage Friday at The College of New Jersey.

But he did utter the campaign slogan of the presumptive Republican presidential nominee - to make a point.

Clinton recounted for the crowd a conversation he had with disappointed voters who booed him during a recent appearance in West Virginia's "coal county."

"I said, 'if you believe things should be made as they once were - which is essentially, "Make America Great Again" - remember this: It wasn't so great for a lot of people the way things once were," Clinton said.

Appearing at his second New Jersey rally of the day to stump for his wife, Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton, the nation's 42nd president called for the crowd of 1,500 to embrace the future, largely by embracing diversity.

### **Op-Ed: Student Fees - the Equation is Simple, But the Problem is Complex**

[NJSpotlight.com](http://NJSpotlight.com)

May 12, 2016

NJASCU CEO Michael Klein wrote in his op-ed: State funding is the key to college affordability at New Jersey's public four-year institutions - a fact that should be considered by policymakers preparing for the Assembly Higher Education Committee's May 12th hearing on the Office of the State Comptroller's report on student fees. It is important to understand the connection between the costs charged by New Jersey's state colleges and universities in tuition and fees and the appropriations the institutions receive from the state.

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[Newswork.org](http://Newswork.org)

May 12, 2016

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State Comptroller Phillip Degnan says those fees are a significant cost of attending The College of New Jersey, William Paterson University, and Kean University.

"At all three schools mandatory fees represent approximately one-third of the total amount charged to students," Degnan said. "In fiscal year 2013 alone these three schools collected more than \$115 million in mandatory fees."

The three universities agreed to develop formal policies to update descriptions of the fees they charge and how the money is spent.

### **Christie Touts \$1.3 Billion Investment to New Jersey's Colleges, Universities** [NJ.com](#)

May 12, 2016

With Thomas Edison State University's new nursing school as his backdrop, Governor Chris Christie touted the state's investment in campus construction projects at its colleges and universities, saying it helps stem the tide of students leaving New Jersey for college.

"We need our colleges and universities to be responsive to the needs of the folks in our community if we want to keep them here," he said. "Because if we don't respond, they'll go to another state that is responding and they'll not only get their education there, but they'll work there and that brain drain for the State of New Jersey is not something that we want to happen."

In 2013, **the state announced that it would provide financing** to 176 projects at 46 institutions with the help of \$1.3 billion in bond proceeds, including the \$750 million Building Our Future Bond Act that was approved by voter referendum. It marked the first capital investment in higher education since 1988 under former Governor Tom Kean.

"Now those projects that we started just a few years ago are cropping up on campuses all over the State of New Jersey and that's incredibly important," Christie said. "While I'm certainly not a fan of debt, I am a fan of investment in things that will pay off much beyond what we've invested ... I hope that future governors will learn from this experience and that they won't wait another 25 years to invest capital money in our colleges and universities."

On Thursday, the governor toured the soon-to-be-finished nursing center at Thomas Edison. The 34,360-square-foot building will house the university's W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing and include a state-of-the-art nursing simulation laboratory, lecture halls, conference rooms and a testing center.

### **Around the Industry: The College of New Jersey Boosts Graduation Rates for Disadvantaged Students**

[EAB.com](#)

May 11, 2016

New Jersey: The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) is graduating 74 students in its Educational Opportunity Fund program this year, giving the program a four-year graduation rate almost equivalent to the school's overall rate. TCNJ's program is one of 41 funded by the state to provide additional support to educationally and economically disadvantaged students. (Lai, Philadelphia Inquirer, May 9, 2016)

### **Report Finds No Bias at Kean University, but Critics See Flaws**

[NorthJersey.com](#)

May 11, 2016

An in-house review - for which Kean University had hired a consultant with a criminal background - has absolved the school's administration of racial bias charges, but failed

to convince critics, who renewed calls for an outside inquiry.

"Taxpayers across the state should be infuriated that Kean's board of trustees paid \$15,000 for a flimsy report written by someone who was clearly paid to see no evil," said the Rev. Ronald Slaughter, the leader of a ministers' coalition that has alleged that African-American students and staff are not treated fairly at the Union campus.

According to a Kean press release Tuesday, the report, prepared by a board committee and accepted by the governing body on Monday, concluded that the university's "policies and processes are comprehensive and equitable and do not promote bias or other arbitrary or discriminatory practices"

### **At Cooper Medical School Graduation, Talk Focuses on Keeping Doctors Instate**

[NJBiz.com](#)

May 9, 2016

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University marked an important day in its history with the inaugural graduating class Monday.

Of the 43 students, a majority of which are from New Jersey, 12 are doing their residency in New Jersey, including nine at Cooper University Hospital, according to information from the school.

The remainder of students are within 100 miles, in Philadelphia or New York, said Dean Paul Katz.

"It's a time to celebrate," he said of the graduation. "Today is an opportunity to recognize the tremendous individuals who contributed in countless ways to help make the more than 40-year dream of a medical school in Camden a reality - a promise kept."

The 43 are the lucky ones from at least 3,000 applicants in 2011 when the joint effort by Rowan and Cooper was forged.

### **At TCNJ, Revamped Program Helps At-Risk Students Graduate**

[Philly.com](#)

May 9, 2016

Educational Opportunity Fund credited with student success. Tu Nguyen wanted to drop out of college before she began. As part of a pre-orientation summer program at the College of New Jersey in 2012, she took a race, class, and gender class and turned in her first-ever college essay. She felt good; Nguyen, a top student at Camden County Technical Schools in Pennsauken, had sent it to a high school teacher, who complimented the essay. It came back a C-minus. "I got my grade back and I cried. For two straight days I was crying," Nguyen said. "Transitioning from the top of your class to your below most of the students in the class was a tough transition for me," she said. Now, four years later, Nguyen is graduating from TCNJ with her bachelor's degree in interactive multimedia and has accepted a market-data analysis job in Princeton with Bloomberg, L.P. What kept Nguyen in school, she said, was the family she found in her fellow students in TCNJ's Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program.

### **Stockton Honors Late Trustee Dean C. Pappas for His Philanthropy and Service to the University**

[Stockton.edu](#)

May 9, 2016

The extraordinary contributions and legacy of Dean C. Pappas, the Stockton University trustee and former board chair who lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, were recognized today by the university community at a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

## **New Jersey State Colleges Brushing Up on Fundraising Tactics**

[NorthJersey.com](http://NorthJersey.com)

May 9, 2016

Rowan University turned to private donors recently to buy its president a \$1 million home, which it claimed was needed, perhaps ironically, to entertain donors to the state school. Alumni giving at Rutgers rose from \$66.7 million in 2006 to \$187.9 million in 2015. And William Paterson University tripled the donations to a scholarship fund that this year awarded more than \$1 million to students. New Jersey's state colleges and universities are relying more heavily than ever before on fundraising - for extras, like tricked-out sports facilities at Rutgers, but also for basics, like student scholarships.

## **Stockton Professor Bridging Communication Gaps in Universities**

[PressofAtlanticCity.com](http://PressofAtlanticCity.com)

May 8, 2016

People with Southern accents are perceived as being friendly, while those with German accents are viewed as more reserved. An English accent gives the impression of intelligence, but also arrogance. Stockton University associate professor Ameer Shah's research is helping faculty, students and other professionals understand the impact an accent can have on how they are perceived by the public, and how they perceive others. "Everyone has an accent," Dr. Shah said during a recent open house to introduce the new Cross-Cultural Speech Language and Acoustics Lab at Stockton, where she is the director. "We want to break down the barriers that happen when people come from different linguistic backgrounds. Accent bias exists."

## **Close Up: Thomas Beaver of The College of New Jersey**

[NJBiz.com](http://NJBiz.com)

May 8, 2016

Thomas Beaver at TCNJ is the new head media relations officer for The College of New Jersey. In this role, I lead all media engagement activities for the college, fielding press inquiries and developing and pitching story ideas to further enhance TCNJ's profile with external audiences. My goal is to make sure that we're maximizing TCNJ's standing as a premiere public college not only with audiences in New Jersey, but around the country. In particular, I'm interested in identifying linkages between our current student body and vast alumni network, illustrating how the value of a TCNJ education translates into a lifetime of personal and professional achievement.

## **Enoteca Ursino Restaurant to Open at Kean University on May 25**

[BroadwayWorld.com](http://BroadwayWorld.com)

May 8, 2016

The Terra Momo Restaurant Group, known for its "taste of place" culinary philosophy, will open its fourth New Jersey restaurant on May 25, 2016 and will locate that restaurant in Kean University's STEM building on Morris Avenue. Enoteca Ursino at Kean University will offer a farm-to-table, Italian-inspired menu in a welcoming, energetic atmosphere, featuring a variety of local sources and organic produce grown at the adjacent Liberty Hall Farm at Kean University.

## **Job Market Brighter for New College Graduates**

[KSL.com](http://KSL.com)

May 8, 2016

The job outlook for college graduates keeps getting better. The Class of 2016 is entering into the best job market since the recession, continuing a trend. As the unemployment rate has fallen to 5 percent nationwide and even lower in New Jersey, employers have crowded into on-campus job fairs and posted more openings on

campus websites. The National Association of Colleges and Employers recently said that employers expect to hire 5.2 percent more new graduates than last year.

### **Montclair State University Announces it is a "Stigma-Free Campus"**

[NorthJersey.com](http://NorthJersey.com)

May 7, 2016

Montclair State University is affirming the well-being of people on campus who have suffered or could be suffering from mental illness. During what is Mental Health Awareness Month, New Jersey's second largest public university has joined the Codey Fund for Mental Health's "Stigma Free" campaign.

President Susan Cole, faculty members, and students this past Tuesday joined with State Senator and former Governor Richard Codey to unveil a sign declaring the university to be a "Stigma Free Campus." Senator Codey, who established the fund in 2012 with his wife, Mary Jo Codey, spoke about mental illness affecting his family firsthand, referring to Mary Jo having suffered from postpartum depression after giving birth to their son Kevin. Another Codey son, Chris, an MSU graduate, stood in the audience to hear his father speak about the difficulty people confront in dealing with mental illness.

### **PRINCETON: Governor Christie Stops at Westminster Choir College to Tout State's \$1.3 Billion Investment in Higher Education**

[CentralJersey.com](http://CentralJersey.com)

May 6, 2016

Governor Chris Christie used a stop in Princeton on Thursday to tout the roughly \$1.3 billion investment the state made in higher education to help colleges and universities like Westminster Choir College make capital improvements. He visited the campus to tour an academic building that was funded partly with a \$4.2 million state grant. The \$8.5 million Cullen Center, which opened in 2014, was the first new building constructed at Westminster in 39 years. Standing inside a performance and rehearsal hall, Governor Christie said he was happy that the project had been funded and touted the benefits of arts education. In brief remarks, he said "you now have the opportunity to build in the great foundation of this institution because that's what we want to be doing here in New Jersey with our higher education." "We want to be making sure that we give people of our state the opportunity to lift themselves up," he said, "not in any one particular direction, but in the direction that they, in their heart, want to pursue." This was the second school Governor Christie had visited this week as part of his tour. He was in Newark on Tuesday to visit the New Jersey Institute of Technology, which received just shy of \$100 million. In all, 46 colleges and universities received a portion of the \$1.3 billion for 146 projects - paid mostly through a bond act that he had signed into law four years ago.

### **PARCC Foes Vow to Keep Fighting High-School Graduation Requirement**

[NJSpotlight.com](http://NJSpotlight.com)

May 5, 2016

Teachers Union, anti-test activists confront State Board of Education in battle that also involves the Legislature and courts.

With no sign of a compromise over the Christie administration's plan to use the controversial online PARCC tests as the main high school graduation exam, the state teachers union and school activists say they are digging in and preparing for a fight that could last for years. The DOE is gradually phasing in the requirement that high-school students pass two Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers tests, in Algebra I and 10th grade language arts. This year PARCC is one of several exams they may choose from, but it will become the only test option when current seventh graders reach the end of high school in 2021. Those who fail will still be able to graduate by submitting a portfolio of work demonstrating their academic skills.

## **Rowan to Guarantee Admission to MCCC Grads in these 14 Majors**

[NJ.com](#)

May 4, 2016

Rowan University is offering guaranteed admission to students who graduate from Mercer County Community College in one of 14 associate degree programs under a new agreement.

"It's necessary for all schools in New Jersey to have access to all of our programs," said Jeff Hand, Rowan's vice president for strategic enrollment management. "We want to be as community college-friendly as we can ... We are working actively to make sure no credits are wasted."

## **Montclair State Names Dean for New Nursing School**

[NJBiz.com](#)

May 4, 2016

Montclair State University has announced the founding dean of its new nursing college.

Dr. Janice Smolowitz, who is currently serving as the senior director of education, professional practice and research at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, is coming on board in time for the fall 2016 semester. That is when Montclair State will begin offering a registered nurse to Bachelor of Science in nursing, or RN to BSN, degree program, according to the university. Other undergraduate and graduate degree programs will roll out starting in 2017.

The move is the university's approach to a shortage of nurses.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts faster-than-average growth in the national demand for registered nurses, a 19 percent increase from 2012 to 2022, according to the university. In its 2010 report on the future of nursing, the Institute of Medicine recommended at least 80 percent of practicing nurses should have a bachelor's degree by 2020. Additionally, 79 percent of nursing-related jobs posted in 2014 required a bachelor's degree.

## **Stockton Grads Weigh Job Market, Staying Local**

[PressofAtlanticCity.com](#)

May 4, 2016

Andrew Raymond, 23, of Mays Landing will graduate from Stockton next weekend with a degree in biology. He has a good job opportunity lined up as a chemist with a company in South Jersey. He credits Stockton's new science building with helping him land that job. "I wanted to stay local," he said at the annual graduate toast in the Campus Center. "Everyone wants you to have two years of experience. But I found a local company that was expanding, and I know the equipment and processes they use because the new science building here has that equipment and I got to use it in chemistry labs. It helped that I was local and from Stockton." As some 1,500 newly minted Stockton graduates pick up their diplomas this month, their next step might be a job or graduate school. But whether they stay close to home or find greener employment pastures elsewhere may depend on their major and the local job market.

## **Christie Touts Results of Higher Ed Bond Act at NJIT Tour**

[NJBiz.com](#)

May 4, 2016

On May 3, 2016, Governor Chris Christie took a tour of New Jersey Institute of Technology's Central King Building and saw the investments the college has made with the money provided by the Building Our Future Bond Act.

## **How Many Freshmen Graduate from New Jersey Colleges in Four Years?**

NJ.com

May 4, 2016

NJASCU CEO Michael Klein wrote an [op-ed](#) in response to the above which appeared as a slideshow online (by Kelly Heyboer) and then as a front page bar graph in the May 8, 2016 print edition of the Star Ledger and the Times of Trenton.

## **Dean Pappas, Owner of Food Processing Firm, Philanthropist, Died April 30**

Philly.com

May 4, 2016

In the early 1960s, Dean C. Pappas, a student at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, was inspired when he heard the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. speak there. "What impressed him was the passion that Dr. King had for the civil rights cause and how he figured out something deeply important to him," Mr. Pappas' son, Dimitri, said. "It was one of several things," Dimitri Pappas said, that caused his father "to examine his own life." The inspiration he gained as a young man, Mr. Pappas was able to put fully into action a year after he retired. In 2012, he established the Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Visiting Fund at what is now Stockton University with a \$1 million donation. Stockton president Harvey Kesselman said the gifts of the Pappases "have made a significant difference in the lives of so many of our campus community members, and his legacy will live on a Stockton forever."

## **Free Training Program in Jersey City Sponsored by NJCU and WomenRising**

NJ.com

May 2, 2016

New Jersey City University and WomenRising are sponsoring a free four-week training program for men and women.

The training program will include courses leading to certifications in Forklift Operation, Fundamentals of Warehousing and Occupational Safety and Health. The program provides the opportunity to learn about the growing opportunities in the transportation, logistics and distribution industry.

There will be an open house on May 5 at which officials will discuss the program. The open house begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Job Bank and Resource Center in Jersey City. A high school diploma or a GED is required for participation in the program.

## **The Sky is the Limit for Learning with New ISTE Book on Teaching With Drones**

Benzinga.com

May 2, 2016

There's no question that drone sales are soaring, and now a new book from the International Society for Education (ISTE®) shows how educators can use these small aircraft to help student learning take flight. *Drones in Education: Let Your Students' Imaginations Soar* was written for educators who want to know more about the advantages incorporating drones can have on the effectiveness and appeal of their curriculum.

In the first guide to integrating drones into learning and teaching, authors Chris Carnahan, Laura Zieger, and Kimberly Crowley provide everything teachers need to know to get a drone program off the ground at their schools.

Laura Zieger, PhD, is the chairperson and a professor in the Department of Educational Technology at New Jersey City University. Her research and involvement in online parenting communities has been published in *Family PC* magazine and *Sesame Street Parents*.

Christopher Carnahan, PhD, is the doctoral program coordinator and assistant professor in the Educational Technology Department at New Jersey City University. His research centers on the implementation of innovative technologies such as drones, robotics and virtual learning environments to improve student engagement and achievement.

**Bernard J. Milano, President and trustee of KPMG Foundation and Member of the Board of Directors of Campus Compact, to Receive Honorary Degree from William Paterson University**

[WPUNJ.edu](http://WPUNJ.edu)

May 2, 2016

Bernard J. Milano, president and trustee of KPMG Foundation, and president and trustee of the KPMG Disaster Relief Fund, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during William Paterson University's graduate commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 18, 2016

**William Paterson University Student is One of Five in New Jersey to Win National Award for Civic Engagement**

[WPUNJ.edu](http://WPUNJ.edu)

May 2, 2016

Kody Guedes, a sophomore majoring in communication and media production at William Paterson University, was one of 218 students in the nation and only one of five in New Jersey to receive the 2016 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellows Award for civic engagement.

Mr. Guedes received the award for showing his strong commitment to the ideals of Compass Compact, a national coalition of nearly 1,100 colleges and universities committed to the public purposes of higher education.

**Unwashed Hands are Hazardous to Public Health - WPU Biology Professor Miryam Wahrman Leads Forum on the Topic**

[WPUNJ.edu](http://WPUNJ.edu)

May 2, 2016

Unwashed hands can be hazardous to your health, and are a threat to public health, says William Paterson University biology professor Miryam Wahrman. Wahrman is the author of the forthcoming book, *The Hand Book: Surviving in a Germ-Filled World*, which documents the growing threat society faces from germs in the home, daycare and healthcare facilities, and the community, and recommends simple acts of hygiene, namely handwashing, that can protect us and keep us healthier.

**Two New Jersey Universities Pay Big Commencement Fees**

[Philly.com](http://Philly.com)

May 2, 2016

Two New Jersey universities pay their commencement speakers sums much higher than their peers across the region, according to an Inquirer survey. Rutgers University is paying \$35,000 to veteran journalist Bill Moyers for speaking at its New Brunswick commencement ceremony May 15. (President Obama, who will be the featured speaker, did not accept the invitation until after Moyers had been announced. He will not be paid.) Kean University's undergraduate and graduate commencement speakers will both be paid \$40,000. The practice of paying commencement speakers has been controversial at times, as when the University of Houston last year paid actor Matthew McConaughey \$135,000, when critics asking whether the money could be better used elsewhere.

**Rowan University E-Mail System Attacked by Ransomware**

[NJ.com](http://NJ.com)

April 29, 2016

According to the email notification sent to students, there were an increased number of ransomware email messages sent to addresses on the university's network.

The emails are disguised as messages from internal senders, specifically copiers and other internal document scanning stations. Attached to the emails is a ZIP file containing a malicious payload created to encrypt files on computers, h: drives, and other shared folders, that students are prompted to click.

"The way these types of ransomwares work is they send hundreds of emails to email accounts of an organization which prompt the users to open this attachment," said Joe Cardona, Rowan University spokesman. "Once enough have been opened, the senders take control of the network and send a message to the organization telling them that they've taken control and want a certain amount of money, a ransom, to release the network."

### **\$700 for Getting an A? "Microscholarships" Come to New Jersey**

[NJ.com](#)

April 29, 2016

You get \$700 for an A in class. \$300 for participating in an extracurricular activity. \$100 if you have perfect attendance at school.

Think of it as an incentive plan for students to do well. And, students who want to go to college in New Jersey now have access to it.

[Raise.me](#), an online platform that connects high school students with colleges across the country, has partnered with its first school in New Jersey, Bloomfield College.

"This partnership with Raise.me is exciting because it is one of those rare ventures that truly benefits all parties involved - the college, Raise.me, school counselors and, especially, prospective students and their families," Adam Castro, Vice President for Enrollment Management at Bloomfield College, said in a statement.

### **Hearing to Be Held to Examine Fees Charged by New Jersey State Colleges**

[NorthJersey.com](#)

April 29, 2016

A legislative hearing will examine the high fees charged by New Jersey's state colleges and universities, it was announced Friday, following the release of a report that faulted three of the schools for a lack of transparency in passing on the cost to students.

"Given the amount of money that students and families are investing in higher education in the state, it is only right that they are made aware of how their hard-earned money is being spent," Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, D-Essex, said in a press release announcing that the hearing would be scheduled.

Earlier in the week the state comptroller's office issued a report on the mandatory fees, singling out William Paterson and Kean universities and The College of New Jersey. The three have "a heavy reliance" on fees that range up to \$4,600 annually per student and account for more than a third of the cost of attending the schools, the report found.

### **Could Democrats Cut a Deal on State Tax Deduction for Charitable Contributions?**

[NJSpotlight.com](#)

April 29, 2016

They might, as part of a swap on gas-tax hike; meanwhile, Republicans claim charitable deduction would benefit nonprofits - as well as the wealthy Republican

lawmakers have tried in vain for roughly a decade to convince Democrats who control the state Legislature to create a new tax break for New Jersey residents who make charitable contributions.

But this year Democrats in the Senate are taking a second look at the issue, offering new hope to the GOP sponsors who want to see New Jersey added to the list of states that permit charitable donations to be deducted from state income taxes just as they can deduct contributions from federal taxes.

### **NJ University Adding New Nursing School Amid Spike in Demand**

[NJ.com](#)

April 28, 2016

With demand surging for registered nurses with bachelor's degrees, one of New Jersey's largest universities is adding a new nursing school.

Montclair State University announced Wednesday it has appointed the founding dean of a new School of Nursing scheduled to open in the fall.

Janice Smolowitz, currently a senior director at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, will take office next month, university officials announced.

The nursing school will open in the fall with a "RN to BSN" degree program, which is designed for current registered nurses to earn a Bachelor of Science degree. Other degree programs are scheduled to begin rolling out in 2017, campus officials said.

### **Some New Jersey State Colleges Owe Students Fee Explanation: Comptroller**

[NBCPhiladelphia.com](#)

April 28, 2016

New Jersey's comptroller says three state colleges and universities aren't clear with students on how the fees they charge are being spent.

The Record newspaper reports the Office of the State Comptroller said Wednesday that William Paterson and Kean universities and The College of New Jersey have a "heavy reliance" on fees that cost students up to \$4,600 every year.

### **NJ Comptroller: William Paterson, 2 Other Colleges Owe Students Explanation of Mandatory Fees**

[NorthJersey.com](#)

April 28, 2016

New Jersey's state colleges and universities have long saddled students with fees that have helped make the colleges among the costliest public schools in the country, and on Wednesday the state singled out three of them for not making it clear how the money was being spent. (Read the report [here](#).) The Office of the State Comptroller said William Paterson and Kean universities and The College of New Jersey have a "heavy reliance" on fees - for everything from technology to athletics to payroll - that cost students between \$3,600 and \$4,600 annually. The comptroller faulted the schools, which charged students a combined \$115 million in fees in 2013, with hiding payroll costs within the fees. Pam Hersh of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities said the decisions are approved at public meetings each summer and the public has a chance to testify.

### **\$3,600**

[NJSpotlight.com](#)

April 28, 2016

Talk about college becoming unaffordable, a New Jersey state comptroller audit of three state schools found that the average student paid between \$3,600 and \$4,600 in fees,

over and above tuition and board. The comptroller audited The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), Kean University, and William Paterson University and found that these schools charged full-time students more than \$115 million in mandatory fees for fiscal year 2013.

William Paterson was the only one of the three that could provide documentation justifying its fees. At TCNJ, the Office of the State Comptroller was told that fees were not assessed on an individual basis - for instance, lab fees for lab courses - but assessed and increased at the same percentage in order to balance the school's budget.

### **Online Degree Program is Developing Public Service Leaders (with Related Video)**

[AmericanCityandCounty.com](http://AmericanCityandCounty.com)

April 27, 2016

Public servants: Do you want to join the next generation of leaders for local, state and federal government? The [Master of Public Service Leadership](#) (MPSL) degree program at [Thomas Edison State University](#) (TESU) could be the answer. The John S. Watson School of Public Service and Continuing Studies at TESU offers the degree.

With the MPSL offering, graduates can also assume leadership posts in nonprofit, philanthropic, faith- and community-based organizations.

### **Audit Finds 3 NJ Colleges Don't Explain Fees to Students**

[NBCNewYork.com](http://NBCNewYork.com)

April 27, 2016

A New Jersey comptroller's office audit singled out three state universities Wednesday for a "heavy reliance" on fees that it doesn't explain to students.

The audit, released Wednesday, found that Kean and William Paterson universities and The College of New Jersey charged students more than \$115 million in fees in 2013 for everything from technologies to athletics, often without explaining what the money went to.

### **Montclair State Hosts Earth Day Press Conference with US Senators Booker and Menendez**

[Montclair.edu](http://Montclair.edu)

April 26, 2016

On April 22, 2016, US Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez gathered for an Earth Day press conference with Montclair State University faculty, students and environmental advocates from across New Jersey in the University's Center for Environmental and Life Sciences. The senators announced legislation to prohibit seismic offshore fossil fuel exploration in the Atlantic Ocean - a practice that could have potentially devastating impacts on the state's coastal economy and threaten endangered species populations.

### **NJCU to Host Forum on Puerto Rican Debt Crisis**

[NJ.com](http://NJ.com)

April 26, 2016

The current debt crisis in Puerto Rico will be the topic of discussion during a special forum Thursday night at New Jersey City University.

The panel discussion, hosted by NJCU, the Jersey City Puerto Rican Heritage Festival and Parade and Puertorrieuenos Asociados for Community Organization, Inc. (PACO), is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. in the Gilligan Student Union Building's Multipurpose Room A.

Attendees of "Understanding the Debt Crisis in Puerto Rico" will hear from a variety of elected officials, community leaders, educators and scholars, civil rights advocates, and attorneys.

Juan Cartagena, the president and general counsel of Latino Justice - Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF) will serve as the keynote speaker and moderator of the event.

### **JetBlue, Cigna, Starbucks, Pizza Hut, Fiat: Reaping the Rewards for Investing in Employees**

[USNewsUniversityDirectory.com](http://USNewsUniversityDirectory.com)

April 26, 2016

Companies that help employees further their education get a return many times beyond what they invest, a new study from the Lumina Foundation has found. It's long been known that a college degree can improve income and career opportunities for those who earn one. However, the new report finds there also are big benefits to businesses that help pay those costs.

### **STEM Symposium at Rowan College at Burlington County April 29**

[Patch.com](http://Patch.com)

April 25, 2016

Students in the newly renamed Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program at Rowan College at Burlington County will present the findings from their year-long research at the annual Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium on Friday, April 29 at the Mount Laurel campus, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Thomas Plummer, a Lockheed Martin Fellow, who is responsible for all cybersecurity and tactical programs within Lockheed Martin's Mission Systems and Training, will be the guest speaker. "Rowan College at Burlington County's Undergraduate Research Program challenges students at a level that cannot be found at most two-year institutions," Rowan College at Burlington County President Paul Drayton said. "RCBC's Undergraduate Research Program, and honors courses that will begin this fall, along with our partnership with Rowan University, a top research university, gives our students incredible opportunities in the STEM field that is well beyond what their peers can find at similar institutions."

### **Princeton High School Freshmen Earn Full College Scholarships**

[Patch.com](http://Patch.com)

April 25, 2016

Five freshmen at Princeton High School have been awarded full scholarships to Rowan University, Montclair State University, The College of New Jersey, or Saint Peter's University by the [Give Something Back Foundation](#) (GSBF), according to the Princeton Public School District. They are among GSBF's inaugural New Jersey class.

The GSBF, founded by Bob Carr, is a nonprofit organization that provides mentors and scholarships to help Pell Grant-eligible students go to college and graduate in four years debt free. Give Something Back Foundation awards scholarships to students of modest means (Pell Grant eligible). The foundation's GSBF Media publishes books and websites that inspire low-income students and provide a blueprint for scholarship programs. We offer resources to help all students become financially literate and navigate the complexities of funding a college education.

### **Groundwork Elizabeth Launches New Agricultural Program at Liberty Hall Farm at Kean University**

[TapInto.net](http://TapInto.net)

April 22, 2016

City residents can now reap the benefits of farm fresh food, thanks to a new, state-

funded program from Groundwork Elizabeth, launched April 15, at Liberty Hall Farm at Kean University. More P.E.A.S. (Permaculture Education Agricultural Systems) is a community-based, sustainable agriculture initiative aiming to transform brownfields and underused properties into healthier, sustainable areas in Elizabeth, Union Township, and other areas of Union County. The program promotes environmental stewardship, social and cultural revitalization, and reinvestment and recycling. Its objectives are to improve access to healthy foods, strategies to build sustainable agricultural systems, development of green-focused career opportunities, and quality of life in socially and economically challenged areas.

### **New Jersey College's Board Fires President and Top Lawyer**

The Chronicle of Higher Education (subscription) blog  
April 22, 2016

Essex County College, a community college in Newark, New Jersey, has fired its president and top lawyer.

The board has accused both officials of raiding employee hard drives and of blocking communication between other officials and the trustees. The two have maintained that the discipline is in retaliation for attempts to speak out about financial irregularities.

### **Sun Shines on 3rd Annual Run with Color, \$7,500 Raised**

RamapoNews.com  
April 20, 2016

The student organized run raises money for the Ramapo College Annual Fund, which benefits scholarships to underprivileged students, as well as infrastructure projects to fix things around campus," said junior Meg Patel, who helped run the Run with Color event.

### **Documentary by WPU Professor Vince Parrillo Selected for Ridgewood Guild International Film Festival**

WPUNJ.edu  
April 20, 2016

William Paterson University sociology professor Vince Parrillo will screen his documentary, Paterson and Its People, at the Ridgewood Guild International Film Festival. The viewing will take place Thursday, April 21 in the Warner Bow Tie Cinema in Ridgewood with a red carpet ceremony preceding the screening.

Paterson and Its People debuted September 26, 2015 on NJTV, and was screened at the University's Shea Center for Performing Arts on September 30, 2015. The film has received critical acclaim, winning a PBS television documentary award.

The documentary examines Paterson's ethnic and racial diversity throughout history. The city has evolved from a population of native Lenape Indians, to a settlement for English and French immigrants and has continued with recent influxes of Hispanic and Middle Eastern populations.

### **TCNJ School of Business Remains No. 1 in New Jersey, According to Businessweek**

NJBiz.com  
April 20, 2016

The College of New Jersey's School of Business jumped 28 places to No. 35 in Bloomberg Businessweek's 2016 ranking of the top 100 undergraduate business programs in the nation. TCNJ has the number one undergraduate B-school in New Jersey, according to the publication's survey of Best Undergraduate Business Schools.

### **Rowan Faculty, Staff Say University President's House Should be in Glassboro**

April 20, 2016

Rowan University's faculty and staff are calling for the college's president to abandon plans to move into a recently-purchased \$925,000 house in Mullica Hill and instead find another residence in Glassboro. The Rowan University Senate resolution delivered Wednesday to the college's Board of Trustees cites the importance of President Ali Houshmand maintaining strong ties with Glassboro and close proximity to campus. "We would urge the University Foundation, Board of Trustees, and President to work to find a Presidential Home in the Borough of Glassboro," according to the resolution. The Rowan University Foundation purchased a 5,700-square-foot house on 1.43 acres in Mullica Hill for \$925,000 to serve as the president's residence. Dr. Houshmand plans to move into the Bailey Road residence, which is about 4½ miles from Rowan's campus, later this year.

### **Talent Development Center for Transportation, Logistics and Distribution Industry of New Jersey Established at Union County College**

[TapInto.net](#)

April 20, 2016

Union County College will take the lead in preparing the workforce in New Jersey for the demands for skilled workers in the transportation, logistics and distribution sector of the state's industry. On Thursday, April 14, Governor Chris Christie visited Union County College's Cranford campus to announce the \$900,000 grant through which the college will run the TLD programming. Partnerships include the NJ Community College Consortium for Economic and Workforce Development, New Jersey City University, Middlesex and Camden County Community Colleges, Rowan College at Burlington County, and Smith & Solomon.

### **Kean University Hosts Human Rights Conference**

[UnionNewsDaily.com](#)

April 19, 2016

The Human Rights Institute at Kean University held a conference on prison reform, "Locked Up in America: The Business of Mass Incarceration," which explored three major aspects of the United States prison system: the school-to-prison pipeline - the term referring to the policies and practices that pushes our nation's schoolchildren out of the classroom and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems - prison profiteering, and the overuse of solitary confinement.

The conference, which was held April 8 and attended by both high school and college students, educators and activists from across New Jersey, focused on the need for more humane practices within the U.S. criminal justice system. The program was the institute's ninth annual human rights conference.

### **Keeping a Watchful Eye Drives Up College Costs**

[Philly.com](#)

April 19, 2016

When college tuition rates go up this year - as they will at most schools - one of the driving forces will be the cost to prevent football concussions, combat sexual assault, and keep hackers out of school networks.

Responding to growing legal and regulatory requirements and wary of becoming the next crisis in the headlines, colleges and universities have added staff, increased employee training, and overhauled policies.

Complying with new laws and regulations has "created a much better environment" said Harvey Kesselman, the president of Stockton University. "But there is a real cost associated with it, and we can't deny that very real truth."

Stockton employs at least 41 people, in departments including student affairs and human resources, whose primary jobs are to ensure that the university is in line with various regulations, he said.

### **Stockton Business School Wins Rare International Accreditation**

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Stockton University's School of Business has won accreditation from an international group that currently gives that status to fewer than 5 percent of the academic business programs in the world, Stockton officials announced Tuesday.

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, an international body, notified the university of the honor. Stockton's AACSB accreditation came after a "rigorous ... process that typically takes five to seven years," said Janet Wagner, dean of the business school. "AACSB accreditation adds prestige to our graduates' degrees. Prospective students and their families often ask about accreditation, and graduate schools look favorably on degrees from AACSB-accredited schools," she said.

### **Stockton School of Business Earns Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Accreditation**

[Stockton.edu](http://Stockton.edu)

April 18, 2016

Stockton University's School of Business on April 18 earned accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), an international body whose accreditation has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world's business programs.

"Accreditation by the AACSB is considered the hallmark of excellence, and we are proud that Stockton is among such select company worldwide," said University President Harvey Kesselman. "Dean Janet Wagner and our distinguished faculty deserve to be recognized for the academic pre-eminence of the School of Business, which is one of only five institutions in the United States to have earned this accreditation in the past year."

The School of Business, which was established as a separate school in 2007 at the university in Galloway, New Jersey, achieved this recognition after undergoing the rigorous accreditation process, which typically takes five to seven years, Wagner said.

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