



June 2016

Dear Colleagues/Friends:

We hope all of you have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Once again, here is our E-newsletter, ***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 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.

The State Finalizes FY 2017 Higher Education Funding

At about 10 p.m. on June 30th, Governor Christie issued his line-item veto of the Fiscal Year 2017 state budget, which totals \$34.5 billion.

Overall, higher education funding is maintained at a total of \$2.2 billion in fiscal year 2017, representing flat funding over FY 2016 for the state colleges and universities; the FY 2016 budget contained a seven percent cut in operating support from the FY 2015 funding level for these institutions.

Other highlights included:

- Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) increased by \$1 million for a total of \$42.4 million;
- Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) increased by \$17.8 million for a total of \$403.6 million in FY 2017;
- Database of Higher Education Institutions Research - a new state initiative - is allocated \$1.5 million. NJASCU (as a member of the New Jersey Council on Innovation), InnovationNJ and the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, strongly supports this exciting initiative.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

NJASCU Paul Shelly Legacy Symposium on Higher Education
Making Room with a View to the Future
Growing senior public higher education capacity - an opportunity for affordability, accessibility, and contributions to New Jersey.

October 28, 2016
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Montclair State University Conference Center

Keynote address by former NJ Governor Thomas Kean
Two panel discussions - panelists include higher education, business and government leaders in New Jersey.

[Learn more about symposium!](#)
[Registration is open now - Free Registration!](#)

State College/University Alumni Profile

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

Two of our most recent Alumni Profiles are:

TCNJ Graduates Kayleigh Shangle and James Shangle



[Read Kayleigh and James Shangle's Alumni Profile here.](#)

News and Notes

Who Wins, Who Loses After Christie Wields His Line-Item Veto Pen?

NJSpotlight.com

July 5, 2016

With overall spending going up by less than 3 percent, there isn't much extra money to spread around in the new, \$34.5 billion state budget that Governor Chris Christie signed into law late last week. Despite that modest growth, a closer look at the new budget reveals there are some who have reason to celebrate. They include retired

public workers, thanks to a boost in funding for the public-employee pension system, although it is still deep in debt. But businesses and homeowners, didn't fare so well. Christie used the line-item veto to remove nearly \$300 million from the spending bill that was sent to him by Democrats who control the Legislature. Other cuts date back to Christie's original budget proposal from February.

In New Jersey Student Loan Program, Even Death May Not Bring a Reprieve NYTimes.com

July 4, 2016

New Jersey's loans, which currently total \$1.9 billion, are unlike those of any other government lending program for students in the country. They come with extraordinarily stringent rules that can easily lead to financial ruin. Repayments cannot be adjusted based on income, and borrowers who are unemployed or facing other financial hardships are given few breaks - apparently even death fails to qualify for a reprieve.

The loans also carry higher interest rates than similar federal programs. Most significant, New Jersey's loans come with a cudgel that even the most predatory for-profit lenders cannot wield: the power of the state. New Jersey can garnish wages, rescind state income tax refunds, revoke professional licenses, even take away lottery winnings - all without having to get court approval.

"It's state-sanctioned loan-sharking," Daniel Frischberg, a bankruptcy lawyer said. "The New Jersey program is set up so that you fail."

Kean University to Acquire Michael Graves' Princeton Home, The Warehouse www.kean.edu

July 3, 2016

The Kean University Board of Trustees has voted to authorize the purchase of The Warehouse, the Princeton home of the late architect Michael Graves, and two other Graves' properties in Princeton for \$20. A gift to the University by the Graves estate, Kean plans to develop an education research center for architecture and design at The Warehouse. Graves, a renowned guiding force in the development of the Michael Graves College at Kean University and its School of Public Architecture.

Christie Freezes \$100 Million in Spending to Force NJ Public Worker Health Care Cuts NJ.com

July 2, 2016

Governor Chris Christie's administration is freezing \$100 million in aid to the state's depressed cities and social programs favored by Democrats until public employees heed his call to cut \$250 million in their health benefits. Christie issued an executive order late Thursday holding in reserve \$54 million in transitional aid to cities and \$45 million from social programs he did not veto from his budget. He said the funds will remain frozen until the joint employer-employee benefits committees agree to health care changes saving the state \$250 million this fiscal year. The freeze affects half of the appropriation for transitional aid, which typically goes to such low-income cities as Atlantic City, Camden, Paterson, Asbury Park, Harrison and Trenton. Christie's executive order also bars spending for such programs as domestic violence prevention, Holocaust survivor assistance and court-appointed special advocates for foster children.

Christie Line-Item Vetoes Even Modest Adds Democrats Made to Budget Plan NJSpotlight.com

July 1, 2016

A budget bill that Democratic legislative leaders sent to Gov. Chris Christie earlier this

week included more money for preschool education, senior property-tax relief, and several other safety-net programs - all with the goal of providing more help to New Jersey's most vulnerable residents.

But Christie used his line-item veto pen just hours before the state constitution's deadline for a new budget last night to slash that new spending. The second-term Republican blamed his cut of nearly all of the monies added to his original budget proposal on the Democrats, faulting them for taking an irresponsible approach to the budget. He said they used inflated revenue projections and were willing to drain surplus to help pay for the increased spending that they proposed.

What was left after the dust settled is a \$34.5 billion spending plan that went into effect after midnight as the state started its new fiscal year. The actual difference between the two budgets was minimal in the scheme of things, as Christie slashed \$292 million from the Democrat's budget, while they had added only \$275 million to his original proposal. Christie did not hold a public-signing ceremony to announce his action, but instead issued a statement through his press office.

Kean University to Buy Princeton Properties for Architecture Program **NorthJersey.com**

July 2, 2016

Kean University will buy three properties in Princeton owned by the late Michael Graves, including his studio and residence, for use by the school's budding architecture program that bears the name of the renowned architect. Well-heeled Princeton University, where Graves taught for decades, turned down the bequest of the properties on Patton Avenue in Graves' will, saying it couldn't meet the "terms and conditions" of the gift. But Kean, a state university where budgets are tight, was enthusiastic about the acquisition nearly 40 miles from its campus in Union. Kean trustees authorized the \$20 purchase earlier this week of The Warehouse, so-called for its one-time use, an adjacent residence and a storage house. The administration estimates that it will cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 annually to maintain the properties, which it says have been appraised for nearly \$3.2 million. Kean also plans to undertake about \$300,000 in renovations, and discussions are under way about obtaining the contents of the buildings from the estate. Kean said it plans to develop an education-research center for architecture and design at The Warehouse, which will give students and the public a window on how Graves worked.

Op-Ed: It's July 1 and There's No Transportation Funding Fix. What's Next? **NJSpotlight.com**

July 1, 2016

New Jersey Policy Perspective presents an analysis of how to move forward to fix the transportation funding - so vital to all New Jersey residents, corporations - and colleges and universities.

A Force for Good: Kean Alumnus Wins Fulbright Award to Study Deadly Force in London

Jjay.cuny.edu

June 30, 2016

Kean undergraduate alumnus and John Jay master's and doctoral alumnus James Drylie, a retired police lieutenant and current Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Department at Kean University, recently won a Police Research and Criminal Justice Scholar Fulbright Award that will take him to London this summer to continue his research on the police use of deadly force. Drylie first became interested in law enforcement during his years as an undergraduate at Kean College in the late 1970's, and soon thereafter joined the police department in his hometown of West Orange, New Jersey. After becoming a range master, he trained cadets in the use of deadly force at the academy, but he has had to use that training in real life on more than one

occasion. "I've been involved in incidents when I had to use deadly force, and I've had deadly force used against me," he said.

New Alexander Hamilton Discoveries to be Revealed at Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University

www.kean.edu

June 30, 2016

New discoveries about Alexander Hamilton that are sure to enthrall Hamilton scholars and fans of the Broadway musical

Hamilton will be revealed at Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University on Thursday, July 7th. Never before seen documents related to the first United States Secretary of the Treasury will be unveiled and a major story about Hamilton, embraced by most Hamilton authors as fact, will be completely refuted.

Kean University Professor is Recipient of Fulbright Award for Criminal Justice Research

www.kean.edu

June 30, 2016

James J. Drylie, PhD, executive director of the Kean University School of Criminal Justice and Public Administration and a Kean alumnus class of 1980, has received the Fulbright-Police Research and Criminal Justice Scholar Award, according to an announcement on June 30, 2016.

State Funds to Finance Renovation Projects at North Jersey Colleges, Universities

NorthJersey.com

June 29, 2016

Large renovation projects at Ramapo and Passaic County Community colleges and Montclair State and William Paterson universities are among those that will be financed by the proposed release of \$180 million announced by the Christie Administration on Tuesday. Thirty-five projects are next in line to get the money, according to a list released by Rochelle Hendricks, the Secretary of Higher Education. The largest is a \$22 million award to Stockton University to be used toward construction of a new campus near the ocean in Atlantic City. A classroom building and 500-bed dormitory would be built on the site. The school's main campus is about 10 miles west, in suburban Galloway.

\$100M NJCU Project Set to Receive 30-Year Tax Abatements

NJ.com

June 29, 2016

A nearly \$100 million project to build two five-story residential buildings on the New Jersey City University campus is slated to receive two 30-year tax breaks plus \$16 million in city-issued bonds. University Place, which is slated for a stretch of the university's western campus just south of Carbon Place, is designed to house 330 total residential units, 21,520 square feet of commercial/retail space and 344 parking spaces. The \$97.7 million development is part of a \$350 million expansion of the NJCU campus that includes a new dorm, a grocery store, a gym and more. NJCU President Sue Henderson said last year she hopes the expansion will create a "university village." The abatement would allow developers - Claremont Cos. - to pay a set fee in lieu of conventional taxes, with the free rising incrementally over 30 years. The city is expected to receive about \$1 million in revenue total from both towers in the first years of their abatement. The land is currently tax exempt.

Rowan, Stockton to Get Share of \$180 Million in State Grants

Philly.com

June 28, 2016

New Jersey colleges and universities are receiving more than \$180 million from the state for construction and renovation projects, the state announced Tuesday. The state announced 35 projects it will fund at 32 schools across the state. The biggest beneficiary is Stockton University, which is getting \$22 million for its [planned Atlantic City campus](#). The list of grants includes \$6 million for renovation of buildings at Rowan University in Glassboro and \$1 million for Rutgers-Camden to renovate two row houses for office space. Rowan received an additional nearly \$10 million to build an incubator space on the campus of a planned "health sciences" venture it is developing with Rutgers-Camden. Camden County College was approved for \$5.8 million for an additional space on that joint campus. The community colleges in Burlington and Gloucester Counties are receiving \$5.1 million and \$4.5 million, respectively, for campus projects. The list now goes to the Legislature. Lawmakers have 60 or 45 days to accept the projects, depending on the grant. If no action is taken, the grants are approved.

Construction Projects at 32 Institutions for 35 Higher Education Construction Projects Get \$180 Million

NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education Press Release
June 28, 2016

Secretary of Higher Education Rochelle Hendricks on June 28 sent the Legislature her certified list of 35 higher education capital construction projects grants that will boost technology, support the health sciences and renovate laboratories and classrooms at 32 institutions across the State, benefiting thousands of students.

"We have made an historic commitment to funding higher education in this State, which is continued today with the award of a second round of grant funding to ensure that New Jersey's colleges and universities have some of the best facilities in the nation," said Governor Chris Christie. The projects were submitted to the Legislature for further consideration, and the list of recommended project grants can be found here: http://www.nj.gov/njefa/pdf/Comprehensive_List_By_Sector.pdf

Explainer: What New Jersey's Graduating Seniors Need to Know **NJSpotlight.com**

June 28, 2016

Students who don't pass or take the PARCC exams can provide results from alternative tests, from ACT to PASAT/NMSOT and also can submit a portfolio of their work. Public high schools across New Jersey graduated more than 80,000 seniors this month, certifying to colleges, employers, and the world at large that they have learned what is needed to function in society.

The requirements students have to fulfill to get a traditional state-endorsed diploma are established in regulations. Unlike New York, New Jersey does not offer different levels of diplomas, with one more advanced than another, so all students complete the same requirements. They were revised to align with the Core Curriculum Content Standards, with all changes fully in effect for the Class of 2016. The requirements are twofold, encompassing both coursework and testing.

Students Create New Colorful Mural to Beautify Campus

William Paterson University Press Release

www.wpunj.edu

June 28, 2016

A new mural created by students in a summer mural painting class taught by Kyle Coniglio, professor of art, adorns an area in front of the Machuga Student Center. "This stylized approach allows us to play with both representation and abstraction," says Professor Coniglio. "Seen in its entirety the mural makes a coherent image, however while up-close, the image breaks down into flat geometric forms that can be

appreciated on their own as colors and shapes." The project was executed by undergraduate students Jamie Ashman, Kelli Buchholz, Desiree Feliciano, Daisy Ferro, Julia Fritz, Miwa Ishikawa, Nicole Kizza, and graduate student Maria Bovor. The project took three weeks to complete.

Budget Bill Sails Through, but Christie Brokers New Plan to Revise TTF **NJSpotlight.com**

June 28, 2016

The new trust-fund proposal features a 23-cent gas-tax increase to raise revenue to extend the Transportation Trust Fund for another eight years at \$2 billion in annual spending. Unclear is exactly what impact the new proposal to reduce the sales tax by 1 percent would have on the state budget once fully implemented, which would occur by the 2019 fiscal year. That's because the trust fund is an off-budget account dedicated to funding road, bridge, and rail-network improvements, while the sales tax provides revenue for the budget's general fund. As much as \$1.6 billion in revenue would come out of the budget under initial estimates. That would seem to put the sales-tax cut on a collision with Democratic leaders' plan to shore up the public-employee pension system. A proposed constitutional amendment that could go before voters this fall would see the state pension contribution more than double by the 2019 fiscal year before topping out at over \$5 billion. The sales tax cut is a reversal of a 1 percent sales-tax increase that was implemented by then-Democratic Governor Jon Corzine in 2006 after a six-day state government shutdown. That hike left New Jersey with the second-highest state sales tax, tied with four other states. California, at 7.5 percent, has the highest.

The List: By the Numbers - New Jersey's Busiest Public Libraries **NJSpotlight.com**

June 27, 2016

According to the American Library Association's State of America's Libraries Report, libraries are experiencing a shift in their role in society. Visitors are seeing libraries as community anchors and centers for both research and social programming. For New Jersey libraries this means investing in e-books, faster internet connections, and new programs like national summer reading initiatives to get people into their local libraries. In the Garden State, 43,073,784 people visited public libraries and library systems in 2015. This number is down from 44,828,878 visits 2014 and 45,845,465 in 2013. To try and raise attendance, in 2015 the **New Jersey State Library, an affiliate of Thomas Edison State University**, implemented a strategic plan to help the community libraries across the state become more efficient and relevant to patrons.

Unfazed by Christie Plan, Sweeney Pushes His Education Proposal **NJSpotlight.com**

June 27, 2016

When Senate President Steve Sweeney earlier this month proposed a new state commission to help solve New Jersey's school-funding woes, it was the only viable plan on the table to address one of the state's more complex and vexing issues.

But that all changed with a thump last week when Governor Chris Christie came back with his "Fairness Formula," a proposal to amend the state constitution to provide all school districts - rich or poor - the same state funding per pupil.

These Students Are Digitizing Water Company Records. Next Time a Main Breaks, You'll Thank Them **Philly.com**

June 27, 2016

This summer, the Voorhees-based water company New Jersey American Water is partnering with Rowan University and the nonprofit Hopeworks'N Camden to start

turning hundreds of thousands of old files into a database that can be used to precisely locate pipes and valves, predict problems, and guide maintenance and development work. At Rowan, 12 undergraduate students are led by three graduate students, spending 25 hours a week doing the tedious but relatively simple work: Pull up a scanned page and type the information into the database.

'3+1' Equals College Affordability Through Rowan College at Burlington County **BurlingtonCountyTimes.com**

June 26, 2016

As families and students throughout the country struggle with rising tuition, Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC) made history by earning approval to be the first community college in New Jersey to offer a junior year to students seeking a Rowan University bachelor's degree.

The "3+1" option was formally approved this month by the New Jersey Presidents' Council, a panel of all the state's college presidents that approves new programs. Beginning in January, pending approval from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, students can stay another year at RCBC, to achieve the same great education while saving money and avoiding high student debt.

Mere days after Rowan University President Dr. Ali Houshmand, RCBC President Paul Drayton and Rowan College at Gloucester County President Dr. Fred Keating announced the "3+1" concept, Money magazine called it one of the top five college affordability initiatives in the country.

Thousands of New York-Area Inmates Will Be Given Federal Funds for College Behind Bars

UniversityHerald.com

June 26, 2016

About 12,000 inmates nationwide will be eligible for Pell Grant for a pilot program.

The Obama Administration announced on Friday, June 24, the chosen schools (colleges and universities) for a pilot program, in which about 12,000 inmates at state and federal prisons nationwide will be eligible for Pell Grants. This is the first time since 1994 that inmates are granted for college education, which fund low-income college students, [Washington Street Journal](#) reported. The selected university in New Jersey is Rutgers, which will be eligible to receive PELL grants for up to 598 inmates and will have both associate and bachelor's degree programs.

Kean University Professors Win International Research Award **MyCentralJersey.com**

June 25, 2016

Kean University professors Victoria M. Rey, of Union, associate professor and director of development reading courses, and Ethel E. Young, of Basking Ridge, professor and director of the Reading Lab, were awarded the Best Paper Award during the education session at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference in Atlantic City. Their research paper, titled "Engaging Readers in Critical Thinking through Culturally Diverse Texts," indicated that "allowing students to apply their critical thinking skills through reading culturally diverse materials helps them to improve their reading comprehension as well as their understanding of other cultures," Dr. Young said.

NJ Statesman Ray Bateman, Lawmaker Who Created County Colleges, Dies at 88

1015.com

June 25, 2016

Raymond Bateman, the former Republican State Senate president who helped create New Jersey's county college system and who once ran for governor, has died. He was 88 years old.

The death was announced by Gov. Chris Christie, who issued a statement Saturday afternoon. "The state will miss his selfless service and his family will miss their patriarch," Governor Christie said. "He is a great example of a life well lived. Mary Pat and I extend to the Batemans, on behalf of all New Jerseyans who benefitted from Senator Ray Bateman's service, our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time."

Bateman defeated Tom Kean Sr. in the GOP gubernatorial primary but went on to suffer a landslide defeat in 1977 against Democratic Governor Brendan Byrne. Despite the loss, Bateman never left public service and inspired his son - Christopher "Kip" Bateman - to pursue public office. Bateman's son now serves in the state Senate in the Somerset County seat once occupied by the elder Bateman.

Democrats Introduced and Advanced Their Own Budget Bill This Week

NJSpotlight.com

June 24, 2016

Democrats who control the Legislature introduced and advanced their own budget bill yesterday, but unlike some prior years, their additions were modest and even gained some praise and votes from Republicans along the way. Whether that means Gov. Chris Christie will hold back his line-item veto pen or even put it away altogether next week remains to be seen. But it does seem to indicate there will be far less drama in the State House over this budget than there has been in recent years, when Democrats and the Republican governor feuded over the size of contributions to the public-employee pension system and whether taxes on millionaires should be increased. This time around there are no proposed tax hikes, and Democrats are adding just \$275 million to Christie's overall \$34.5 billion spending plan. The bulk of their new spending goes to senior property-tax relief, education, and safety net and social-service programs - additions that could be difficult for Christie to delete.

College Connection: Which Colleges Have the Highest "Yield" Rate?

MyCentralJersey.com

June 23, 2016

High school students worry greatly about whether they will get accepted to their college of choice. But college admissions officers worry as well. Their concern is whether the students they accept will actually enroll. And their apprehension is well founded, as only 25 colleges in the U.S. enjoy a "yield" (percent of accepted students who actually enroll) of more than 50 percent. These include all eight Ivy League institutions. The only other Northeastern universities in this category are Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Yeshiva University in New York. Even such highly acclaimed universities as Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, NYU, and Penn State (University Park campus) have yields that only hover around 33 percent. Boston College and Syracuse University have even lower yields at 29 percent and 24 percent respectively. In New Jersey, the colleges with the highest yields are NJIT (35 percent), Rutgers - New Brunswick (33 percent), The College of New Jersey (29 percent) and Seton Hall (13 percent). Why is there such a gap between the number of students who are accepted and the number who actually enroll? One reason is that a vast number of students are applying to a multitude of colleges. A recent Forbes article discussed students applying to 30 to 40 or even more schools.

What Stockton University's New Atlantic City "Island Campus" Will Look Like

Newswork.org

June 23, 2016

The project to overhaul Atlantic City's economy is about to go into overdrive. Not only is the city government facing an end-of-year deadline to dramatically cut its budget or

face an unprecedented state takeover, but a key recommendation to spur development appears set to begin bearing fruit, possibly within a few weeks - in the form of a new campus for Stockton University. The creation of the Atlantic County Development Corporation was among several recommendations offered a year and a half ago by Governor Chris Christie's advisory commission on gaming, which was tasked with analyzing the resort city's financial troubles and coming up with a rescue strategy. The not-for-profit AC Devco was set up last year and is poised to begin construction of its first project, a new \$200 million beachside campus for Stockton that will accommodate 1,800 students.

Stockton's Bond Rating Drops, But Could Get More State Aid

PressofAtlanticCity.com

June 23, 2016

Stockton University would get an extra \$4 million in state aid for 2016-2017 under the budget proposed by the state Legislature Thursday. According to bond rating agencies, they could use it. On Thursday Fitch Ratings downgraded bonds being sold on behalf of Stockton from A-plus to A, with a ratings outlook revised from stable to negative. The report cited university's capital debt, operating losses and material new debt. Moody's had also lowered the university's bond rating from A3 to Baa1. University officials said the new rating reflects their financial status last year, which included the ill-fated Showboat purchase, plus a very conservative view of the prospects for Atlantic City, where Stockton is building a campus. President Harvey Kesselman said the report also reflects the growth of the university and the need to borrow money to expand.

Mazzeo & Whelan Get \$4 Million for Stockton's Atlantic City Gateway Campus Included in Proposed 2017 Budget

Stockton Press Release

Stockton.edu

June 23, 2016

On June 23, Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo and Senator Jim Whelan, both Democrats from Atlantic County, announced that their budget resolution for increased state aid for Stockton University's future campus in Atlantic City was included in the Legislature's Fiscal Year 2017 state budget that will be sent to Governor Christie. A-4000, the Legislature's budget proposal, includes an additional line-item of \$4,000,000 for Stockton's "Gateway Campus" being built in the Chelsea neighborhood of Atlantic City.

Risk Taking: Public-Private Partnerships and Effective Governing Boards

AGB.org

May/June 2016

Dr. Michael Klein and Dr. Darryl Greer co-authored an article on public-private partnerships for higher education institutions. Diminished state and federal funding have contributed to a changed financial environment in which institutions must find new revenue streams, together with more efficient cost-management tools. One way is by building public-private partnerships with businesses and other constituencies outside of higher education.

Any successful partnership requires, from the beginning, explicit agreement on goals, a commitment to shared responsibilities, and transparent communications. And all public-private partnerships must, in the final analysis, serve the mission of the institution.

Darryl Greer is senior fellow, Higher Education Strategic Information and Governance, at the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, Stockton University. Michael W. Klein serves as CEO for the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Gov. Christie's School-Funding Plan: Bold or Botched - or Both?

June 22, 2016

All students getting the same would be fine in the leafy suburbs, but poorer districts would end up hemorrhaging money - and teachers. It's hard to say whether Gov. Chris Christie and his proposal yesterday to blow up the state's school-funding formula for a single everyone-gets-the-same plan is bold or delusional. Almost Donald Trump-like in both concept and execution, the plan looks as if it is going nowhere fast - immediately drawing criticism and rebuke from Democrats who will in all likelihood control the outcome. But it's sure to garner headlines and a lot of talk, maybe that was Christie's plan all along. After his 45-minute presentation of the proposal yesterday at Hillsborough High School, Christie sat for an interview with a handful of reporters - including NJ Spotlight - and gave the plan less than 50-50 odds, while countering that "I haven't started campaigning yet."

Stockton's Service Learning Director Gets a Prestigious Position within the American Democracy Project

News on the Campuses

June 21, 2016

Daniel Fidalgo Tomé, Stockton University's director of Serving-Learning, has been named chair-elect of the 2016-2017 national steering committee of the American Democracy Project (ADP), which focuses on higher education's role in preparing civically engaged citizens with 250 participating colleges and universities from 48 states and Puerto Rico.

Stockton's Marine Station to be Shown on "When Sharks Attack"

ThePressofAtlanticCity.com

June 20, 2016

Stockton University's Marine Field Station, based in Port Republic, will be featured Friday in a television episode of [Nat Geo WILD's "When Sharks Attack"](#).

The series delves into well-known shark attacks and other incidents, and attempts to explain the feared creatures and their behaviors.

The title of the episode featuring Stockton is "Carolina Chaos." Last year, along the coast of the Carolinas, several shark attacks were reported.

Montclair State's Feliciano School of Business Launches Online MBA

NJBiz.com

June 20, 2016

The Feliciano School of Business at Montclair State University has created its first completely digital offering. The school announced the addition of a fully online MBA program to its degree programs and will begin enrolling its first cohort of students in fall 2016.

Feliciano School of Business Dean Greg Cant said the new degree recognizes the hectic schedules of working professionals who are looking to continue their education.

"This format allows us to offer our high-quality, work-ready MBA to nontraditional students who aren't able to join us on campus," Cant said. "Our goal is to give students the flexibility they need to accommodate their work schedules as well as an innovative curriculum that develops the talents and skills necessary to compete in an increasingly global marketplace."

Kean University Foundation Raises \$315,000 for Student Scholarships

NJ.com

June 21, 2016

Signaling Kean University's commitment to educating New Jersey's next generation of healthcare practitioners and computer scientists, the Kean University Foundation held its 19th annual fundraising gala in the new North Avenue Academic Building on June 9th.

The state-of-the-art building will house the University's physical therapy, physician assistant, nursing and computer science programs starting in September 2016. The Kean University gala, with the theme *A Picture of Health*, raised \$315,000 for scholarships and other programs in support of Kean's mission to provide all students with an accessible and affordable world-class education.

Op-Ed: Striving for Student Success, Not Just Proficiency

NJSpotlight.com

June 20, 2016

According to one assessment, PARCC is a better predictor of college success than other tests that are supposed to do the same. We live in a world of hyperbole where everything is "amazing" or "the best" or "the greatest ever" so it's refreshing to see an educational tool do exactly what it was designed to do - without the exaggeration or qualifiers. The standardized assessment PARCC test is actually telling us whether students are ready for college or to enter the workforce. It seems a little silly to say that, after all, what are schools and educators doing from kindergarten through high school if not getting students ready for life after 12th grade? But unfortunately, national and international indicators have been telling us for years that too many students are graduating from high school underprepared for the rigors of what comes after that.

Cooper Medical School Achieves Full Accreditation

BizJournals.com

June 17, 2016

Cooper Medical School of Rowan University has achieved full accreditation for five years, the maximum time period available for a new school, from the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME).

The LCME is the nationally-recognized accrediting body for medical education programs leading to a doctor of medicine degree in the United States and Canada.

Stockton Hosts Higher Education Leadership Symposium Focusing on Student Success

News on the Campuses

June 16, 2016

More than 200 higher education leaders convened to share best practices at the Student Outcomes Symposium, hosted by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University on June 15th. The symposium, exploring students' academic success, workforce preparation and civic participation, attracted career counselors, academic advisers, admissions counselors and employers from 32 colleges and universities.

Colleges Use Sober Dorms to Combat Opioid Epidemic

PBS.org

June 15, 2016

The nation's opioid epidemic is focusing new attention on a strategy Rutgers pioneered back in 1988. Oregon State University will offer substance-free housing to students this coming school year. Last year, Republican Governor Chris Christie signed a law that requires all state colleges and universities in New Jersey to offer sober housing if at least a quarter of the students live on campus. The law gives schools four years to

comply, but the College of New Jersey was already preparing to open a sober dorm, which it did last fall. Texas Tech opened its [substance-free housing](#) in 2011.

Ramapo College and Ringwood Ramapoughs Join Forces in Health Program **NorthJersey.com**

June 13, 2016

A new partnership between members of Upper Ringwood's Ramapough community and nursing students from Ramapo College is proving to be beneficial to all of the participants so far.

Known as "Wellness Sharing Circles," the series enjoyed a successful inaugural semester this spring, with more than 60 people attending informative health forums and group discussions on a variety of topics, from diabetes to fitness and nutrition.

Adjunct Professor Status at New Jersey Colleges Debated **UnionNewsDaily.com**

June 12, 2016

Responding to a growing trend among colleges and universities to rely more heavily on the use of adjunct professors rather than employing regular, full-time professors, Sen. Richard Codey reached out to ten New Jersey higher education institutions last year to examine the scale of the issue. Of the eight institutions that responded to Codey's request for information, an average of about 40 percent of all professors at seven colleges were full-time faculty.

But according to Michael Klein, Executive Director of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, senior public colleges and universities are transparent about the composition of their faculty.

The New Jersey College Student and Parent Consumer Information Act, enacted in 2010, requires the four-year public institutions of higher education in the state to publicly provide information on faculty, including the percentage of faculty employed as tenured professors, full-time, non-tenured professors, and adjunct or visiting professors. In addition, under the Higher Education Restructuring Act of 1994, all public colleges and universities in the state must file an annual report on the condition of the institution that includes a faculty profile, including the ratio of full to part-time faculty members, and major research and public service activities.

Klein asserts that the data paint a different picture than what Codey has reported. "Significantly for students, the majority of courses at New Jersey's senior public colleges and universities are taught by full-time faculty," Klein told LocalSource. "Equally important, the percentage of courses taught by full-time faculty has not changed significantly over the past five years."

Klein said that in 2010, 59 percent of courses at senior public colleges were taught by full-time faculty, with a breakdown of 51 percent tenured or tenure-track, eight percent full-time non-tenure track, 33 percent part-time, and seven percent teaching staff or teaching assistants. In 2015, 55 percent of courses were taught by full-time faculty, with a breakdown of 45 percent tenured or tenure-track, 10 percent full-time non-tenure track, 35 percent by part-time, and 10 percent teaching staff or teaching assistants.

IN 2010, 46 percent of faculty were full-time, 44 percent were part-time, and 10 percent were teaching staff or teaching assistants. In 2015, 43 percent of the faculty were full-time, 43 percent part-time, and 14 percent teaching staff or teaching assistants.

While Klein concedes that there appears to be a slight trend toward hiring more part-time faculty at public colleges and universities, he cites a cut in state appropriations as

a significant part of this trend. "Between 2010-2011 and 2015-2016, the state cut the operating appropriations to the traditional state colleges and universities over \$14 million, about 7.3 percent," said Klein. "Over that same time period, New Jersey had the 11th-highest percentage increase in full-time equivalent enrollment at public institutions. The number of state-funded positions at the institutions - for which the state pays fringe benefits - did not increase over this time period. The institutions held the line on tuition and fees. The senior public colleges and universities had the fifth-lowest percentage increase in in-state tuition and fees between 2010 and 2015. To extend their resources while serving more students, some institutions hired more part-time faculty," he said.

Pam Hersh, Director of Communications for NJASCU and a board member at Mercer Community College, told LocalSource that adjuncts play a unique role on campus, particularly when it comes to career training. "It is my experience that adjuncts are particularly valuable for teaching skill-specific courses or job-specific courses where the adjunct has years of work-related experience," said Hersh. "In an era of workforce and job emphasis, adjuncts play a great role in teaching one or two classes relating to job training. Also, adjuncts are used for non-credit courses for students who are not seeking degrees but seeking to improve job skills and their marketability in the workforce," she said.

Klein agrees. "Adjunct faculty are dedicated and valued members of the state college and university communities, and I believe their relationships with their students are strong ones," said Klein. "It is unfair to adjunct professors to equate their faculty status with the quality of the education they provide. Adjunct faculty are experts in their fields, and they provide authoritative knowledge to their students."

Newark Resident was Sole American Graduate in Wenzhou-Kean University's Inaugural Class

Kean.edu

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Newark resident Akeem Miller was the sole American graduate to receive his degree with Wenzhou-Kean University's inaugural class on May 28, 2016. Akeem's journey has been a unique one from the start. Few college students can say that they oversaw an entire school before entering college. Akeem had that experience at Newark's St. Benedicts Prep. Akeem is prominently featured in the documentary film "The Rule" which highlights St. Benedict's extraordinary success educating Newark's youth and the school's unconventional approach to leadership. Miller continued to seek out leadership opportunities at Kean and hopes to make a career for himself in political arena. Akeem credits Kean University professor George Chang with sparking his interest in politics. "Dr. Chang told me something that resonates with me to this day, you always have to know what is going on in the world. Since then my interest in politics became less about me and more about protecting my loved ones," said Miller. "We can't always control what direction our country goes in, but I believe getting involved is a step in the right direction." Akeem sought out leadership roles at Kean, working with the University's Center for Academic Success as an instructional mentor. Now he looks forward to putting his political science knowledge to use with education policy leader and activist Joshua Thompson's New York mayoral campaign.

Stockton President Discusses Expansion Into Atlantic City

Patch.com

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About 520 Stockton University students will get a view overlooking the beach in Atlantic City, according to the plans for the school's expansion presented by President Harvey Kesselman this week. Dr. Kesselman made his presentation at the New Jersey Alliance for Action's annual higher education capital construction event in Edison. Stockton's planned Atlantic City campus, slated to open in 2018, will be located at the intersection of Atlantic, Albany, and Pacific avenues, and would "increase the university's already

significant presence there, benefiting students and contributing to the city's renaissance," Dr. Kesselman said.

Tuition Plan Should Help Bring Psychiatrists to Underserved Areas

NJSpotlight.com

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For far too many Americans suffering from the effects of mental illness, real help is out of reach. A national shortage of psychiatrists has left scores of sufferers struggling to get a timely appointment or find an appropriate provider nearby, experts agree. The problem is particularly acute in low-income areas, both urban and rural. A new proposal seeks to address the shortage here in New Jersey by offering tuition reimbursements for up to a year of medical school for psychiatry graduates who agree to serve in the state's most underserved communities for up to four years. Former acting governor and Sen. Richard Codey, (D-Essex), a longtime advocate for mental health, introduced the measure Thursday along with Sen. Joseph Vitale, (D-Middlesex), who chairs the health committee.

Cut College Costs by Starting at 2-Year School, Transferring

PressofAtlanticCity.com

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In the fall of 2014, almost 24,000 New Jersey college students moved from one college to another in New Jersey, according to transfer data compiled by the colleges for the U.S. Department of Education. More than 21,000 entered a four-year public state college, and two-thirds, almost 9,400, came from a community college.

The state's 19 two-year colleges have always provided an affordable entranceway to a four-year degree. But since the recession, and thanks to a state law that made the process easier and more efficient, more students have been taking that route.

State' Top Court Says No Retiree COLA Payments Until Pension System is Healthy

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June 10, 2016

New Jersey's Supreme Court served up a big win for Governor Chris Christie and state lawmakers yesterday with a ruling that preserves the state's right to hold back regular cost-of-living adjustments from retired public workers until the public-employee pension system is in much better shape.

The high court's 6-1 decision keeps in place one of the major elements of a bipartisan benefits-reform effort that Christie has touted as a signature achievement and a model for other states facing severe pension-funding issues since it was enacted in 2011.

Fine Print: Sweeney Proposes Commission to Report on School Funding

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State Senate President Steve Sweeney yesterday unveiled a bill to create the School Aid Funding Fairness Commission to present within a year a plan for fully funding New Jersey's School Finance Reform Act - the prime pump for state aid for public schools - within five years. The bill is a blueprint from Sweeney, an all-but-certain Democratic candidate for governor in 2017, for his plan to address what has become a gaping chasm between what the school funding law mandates and what has actually been provided. But the proposal for a study commission is hardly a bold step, and questions have been raised about whether only postpones the tough choices until after the gubernatorial election.

Rowan University Researchers Develop Blood Test for Alzheimer's

June 10, 2016

Researchers at Rowan University have developed a blood test to detect early-onset Alzheimer's disease, a development with great promise for treatment of the disease that destroys memory and other mental functions. Gerontology professor, Dr. Robert Nagele, who led the research team, spoke to NJTV about the breakthrough.

PSEG Institute Launches Green Teams - Montclair State University
Montclair.edu

June 9, 2016

The PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies (PSEG ISS) at Montclair State University welcomed the members of its new Green Teams pilot program for a special event on May 31 to mark the beginning of an initiative that features select graduate and undergraduate students and some of New Jersey's leading corporations.

Held in the University's new Center for Environmental Life Sciences, the morning program brought together the 35 undergraduate and three graduate students who will be participating in the 10-week program, which allows transdisciplinary teams to work together to aid New Jersey businesses in solving sustainability problems. As part of a PSEG ISS Green Team, students will have the ability to gain business connections and interact with local community members, while gaining experience in applied science and improving their abilities to work within a team.

Are New Jersey's Millionaires Really Fleeing to States with Lower Taxes?
NJSpotlight.com

June 9, 2016

A new report released by a liberal think tank yesterday made the case that those outmigration alarms may have been overstated; it cites figures that show New Jersey's millionaire population has actually grown by some 30,000 households over the last decade.

The report from Trenton-based New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP) also noted that two taxes that are supposed to be driving residents away in droves - estates and inheritance taxes - instead are projected to bring in a record haul for the state budget in the next fiscal year.

These New Jersey Colleges Reported the Most Rapes
NJ.com

June 8, 2016

New Jersey's four-year colleges and universities reported 84 rapes on campus in 2014, according to new federal data. Rutgers University, the state's largest university, [reported 32 rapes on its New Brunswick-Piscataway campus](#), the most in New Jersey and tied for seventh highest in the nation, according to an [analysis of the new data by the Washington Post](#).

Privately Funded Projects at NJ Colleges Put on Hold
NorthJersey.com

June 6, 2016

A fledgling commercial district with a mix of restaurants, stores and apartments is taking shape on the edge of The College of New Jersey. At Montclair State University, a \$211 million dorm complex added nearly 2,000 beds. And at Ramapo College, there have been new investments in solar power. The projects at these state schools weren't financed by public dollars but by private developers who paid for them in return for a chance to make money on their investments. They profit from rent and lease payments and the sale of energy.

In all, New Jersey's state colleges and universities have used the partnerships to generate more than \$600 million in construction statewide over the past six years. But a stalemate in Trenton may mean that The College of New Jersey's \$120 million Campus Town in Mercer County will be the last of those joint projects for a while. Plans now on the drawing board, including two dormitories at William Paterson University, are likely on hold. Governor Christie has refused to sign legislation that would allow the program to continue because the bill requires developers to pay union wages and benefits to construction workers, which the governor says could increase the cost of the projects. "We might have to wait until we have a new governor who is willing to renew and expand on the success of the program," said state Senate President Stephen Sweeney.

"It's been wonderfully successful - it allows us flexibility and gives us capital," said Michael Klein, executive director of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities.

New Jersey College Broke Law with \$250,000 Table, State Says

Philly.com

June 2, 2016

New Jersey's third-largest public university broke public bidding laws when it purchased a custom conference table shipped from China that ultimately cost nearly a quarter-million dollars, the state comptroller said in a report Wednesday. Officials at Kean University in Union County authorized a Chinese manufacturer to build and ship the 22-person, state-of-the-art table before obtaining approval from the school's board of trustees, according to the comptroller's 19-month investigation. Comptroller Philip James Degnan did not refer the matter to the Attorney General's Office. Instead, he recommended that Kean "provide the appropriate training to university staff, and create, update or modify its policies and procedures," to follow the law. In a statement, the 15,000-student university said it had complied with the law and that the report had "significant omissions."

Pushing to Protect the Educational Opportunity Fund from State Budget Cuts

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May 31, 2016

A group of lawmakers that includes key leaders from both parties is making it a priority to protect - and possibly even increase - funding for the state's Educational Opportunity Fund.

What makes this effort noteworthy is that it comes in the wake of an unexpected revenue shortfall that is forcing legislators to consider making spending cuts to other worthy programs as they get ready to approve a new budget by the end of June.

The Educational Opportunity Fund provides both personal support and financial aid to thousands of low-income students entering college throughout New Jersey.

Governor Chris Christie will have the final say, but those who are pushing to boost aid for EOF have a good reason for hope. When a new budget came together last year, Christie agreed to keep in place an increase in EOF funding that was inserted by lawmakers even as he trimmed more than \$1 billion from other programs at the last minute.

Now they're now hoping for a similar outcome as budget negotiations - and outright horse-trading - will play out over the next several weeks leading up to a June 30 deadline for a new budget.

Montclair State Accepting Student ID for Online Food Orders

CR80News.com

May 26, 2016

New Jersey's Montclair State University has partnered with Deals4Meals.com, an emerging online ordering and delivery service, to begin accepting the university's campus card and Red Hawk Dollars as a form of online payment beginning this summer.

Montclair State will join a pocket of Northeastern campuses to partner with Deals4Meals, which despite being in business since November 2011, is yet to make significant inroads on campuses nationwide. The company opened its Seed Funding Round on May 18th, and earlier this year partnered with the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ and New York's Pace University on both their Lower Manhattan and Pleasantville, NY campuses.

Deals4Meals has also worked with Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ since early 2013 and is looking to add other campuses in the Northeast in the early stages of its expansion. The company offers a virtual food court of sorts and a dedicated delivery service for restaurants and other local merchants. Students can order for pick up or delivery and pay with their student ID card just as they would on campus. Credit, debit and cash payments are also accepted.

Events/Activities

Stockton Visual Arts Alumni Exhibit

Stockton University Art Galleries - Galloway, NJ

July 5 - August 11, 2016

Ten Stockton visual arts alumni will display their recent work in the University's Art Galleries in Galloway from July 5 through August 11. A reception to meet the artists will be held Saturday, July 9 from 1-3 p.m. The art gallery is free and open to the public Tuesday through Thursday 12-4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Brian Bednarski, Bernard Delury, Ken Miranda, Chris Paxson, Donna Pfeffer, Tania Pomales, James Raczkowski, Danielle Rago, Nikki Robinson and Clayton Rossner will show a variety of media including painting, sculpture, video art, printmaking, photography, graphic design and illustration. Bednarski, Raczkowski, and Rago relocated to New York City but the other seven artists remain in South Jersey.

The variety of artwork spans from the earliest graduate, Chris Paxson (BA '90), the principal of Coastline Creations in Absecon, fabricating nature-based abstract sculpture, to U.S. Army veteran James Raczkowski's (BFA '12) paintings inspired by his experiences in Iraq. The most recent graduate, Clayton Rossner (BFA '14) will be showing his series of vinyl record still-life photographs which he says have "taken off" with galleries interested in exhibiting his new work.

For more information, visit: www.stockton.edu/artgallery

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