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## 2017 NJASCU Higher Education Symposium

Dedicated to the Legacy of Paul Shelly\*

October 19, 2017

Trenton War Memorial

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



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

*NJASCU would like to thank the staff of the Trenton War Memorial and Melissa A. Maszczak at Thomas Edison State University for their assistance in today's symposium*

**New Jersey Association of State Colleges & Universities**  
150 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 – 609-989-1100

- 8:30 am **Registration and Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **Welcome: Michael W. Klein, JD, PhD, CEO, New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU)**
- 9:15 am **Keynote Presentation - The Honorable James Florio, former Governor of New Jersey**
- 9:45 am **Assistant Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development Jeffrey Stoller Presenting: "65 by '25 Initiative"**

**Panel Discussions**

Moderator: John Mooney  
*NJ Spotlight* Co-Founder, Editor

- 10:00 am ***The Importance of a Bachelor's Degree for New Jersey's Economy***
- Assemblywoman Mila Jasey – Legislator, chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee – District 27
  - Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker - Science educator – District 16
  - Dr. Susan Cole - President, Montclair State University
  - Dr. Harvey Kesselman - President, Stockton University
  - Dr. Kathleen Waldron – President, William Paterson University
  - Dr. Jeffrey Toney – Provost, Kean University
  - Michele Siekerka, JD. – President and CEO, New Jersey Business and Industry Association
- 11:00 am **Certificates of Appreciation: Participating Legislators; Private Corporations – Partners with Higher Education on Facilities Enhancements**
- 11:10 am **NJASCU CEO Michael Klein Presentation: "Need for Reforming the Procurement and Construction Provisions of the State College Contracts Law"**
- 11:20 am ***Institutional Strategies to Contain Costs, Emphasizing Public-Private Partnerships***
- Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr. - Legislator, Senate Minority Leader - District 21
  - Assemblyman Louis Greenwald - Attorney, Assembly Majority Leader - District 6
  - Dr. Barbara Gitenstein – President, The College of New Jersey
  - Dr. Bernard McSherry – Dean, New Jersey City University Business School
  - Dr. Peter Mercer – President, Ramapo College of New Jersey
  - Donald Moore, MBA – Senior Vice President, Facilities and Operations, Rowan University
  - Dr. George Pruitt – President, Thomas Edison State University
- 12:25 pm **Closing Remarks** – Michael W. Klein

**Honorable James J. Florio**



A proud alumnus of two New Jersey public institutions – B.A. from Trenton State College, now The College of New Jersey, and J.D. from Rutgers School of Law, Camden, Governor James Florio is a founding partner of Florio Perrucci Steinhardt & Fader and is a Senior Fellow for Public Policy and Administration at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University

Mr. Florio entered public service in 1969 when he served as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly. From 1974-1990, Mr. Florio was a member of the United States House of Representatives from the 1<sup>st</sup>

Congressional District. He then went on to become the 49th governor of the State of New Jersey from 1990 through 1994.

As governor of New Jersey, Mr. Florio's accomplishments included, among others, the following; The Clean Water Enforcement Act (1990), which was one of the strongest environmental laws of its type in the United States; the Quality Education Act that provided greater equity in New Jersey's school finance system; landmark welfare reform package; a health care cost reduction program; the nation's toughest assault weapons ban; and major mass transit infrastructure improvements.

As chairman of the House Subcommittee with jurisdiction over environmental matters, Congressman Florio was involved in the drafting or passage of virtually every major piece of federal environmental legislation. Very active in transportation infrastructure improvements, he – among many other things – sponsored all AMTRAK Reauthorization Bills.

Mr. Florio holds numerous honorary degrees and was the 1993 recipient of the "Profile in Courage Award" by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. Mr. Florio is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He served four years of active duty and 18 years in the Active Naval Reserve and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander in 1975.