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NJCU and Jersey City – Perfect Together in Ethnic Diversity and Excellence

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As reported in an *NJSpotlight.com* article on February 14, 2018, “New Jersey is known for a lot of things, its ethnic diversity included. Moreover, it’s home to the most ethnically diverse city in the nation: Jersey City.”

That’s according to *WalletHub*, the personal-finance website, which has just released a [report](#) analyzing more than 500 cities in the United States for their ethno-racial diversity, linguistic diversity, and birthplace diversity.

New Jersey City University (NJCU) in Jersey City has attained the same level of ethnic distinction as its host city. *US News and World Report* ranks NJCU Number One among the public universities in New Jersey for ethnic diversity, as well as Number One for campus ethnic diversity for regional universities in the state.

NJCU, however, represents diversity plus – with the plus being academic excellence. NJCU is a top producer of Fulbright Scholars. Four of the five NJCU students and alumni who were named semi-finalists for Fulbright U.S. Student Awards for 2016-2017 have received the prestigious grants through the highly competitive program.

Established by the United States Congress in 1946, the Fulbright Program is the largest international exchange program in the country, offering opportunities for students, teachers, scholars, and professionals to study, teach, lecture, and conduct research in more than 155 countries worldwide. Sponsored by the United States Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright program selects participants on the basis of academic merit and leadership potential.

In addition, NJCU has received accolades for: the quality of its Instructional Technology Program; being “Military Friendly;” its Fire Science Program; and the fact that NJCU students graduate with the lowest debt burden of all public four-year colleges and universities in New Jersey.

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The academic quality of NJCU reflects what is happening in Jersey City itself, which is becoming known as one of New Jersey's most desirable places to live and work. Jersey City is a regional employment center with over 100,000 private and public-sector jobs that create a daytime swell in population. Many jobs are in the financial and service sectors, as well as in shipping/distribution, wholesale and retail. Jersey City's tax base grew by \$136 million in 2017 giving Jersey City the largest municipal tax base in the State of New Jersey.

The university and the city intersect most notably in the culture and the arts. The NJCU Center for the Arts brings the University's cultural offerings together under one creative umbrella.

With New York City just across the river, NJCU Center for the Arts is a cultural hub of North Jersey, hosting guest artists and speakers in the performing, visual, film, and literary arts, alongside student presentations. For example, the public is invited to an evening with cultural icon Judith Jamison, dancer, choreographer and Artistic Director Emeritus of the renowned Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

Judith Jamison
Wednesday, February 28 – 7 p.m.
Skyline Room, NJCU School of Business
[Free with RSVP](#)

As a dancer, Ms. Jamison became one of modern dance's great performers and she was appointed Artistic Director of the company in 1989 at the request of Alvin Ailey, himself. She will reflect on her life and the importance of the arts in our culture.

Ms. Jamison's appearance is presented in partnership with NJCU's Hagan Africana Studies Center and part of the University's Black History month celebration.

<https://www.njcu.edu/about/center-arts>