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Ribbon Cutting of New Jersey City University's School of Business

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The business-attired men and women at a December 1, 2015 reception in Jersey City's financial district were in a joyful mood, "high-fiving" as though the Dow had closed at an all-time high. Stock prices, however, had nothing to do with the high spirits among the reception participants. Business and civic leaders, faculty and staff, students and alumni, and friends of New Jersey City University (NJCU) gathered that Tuesday evening to celebrate the new location of NJCU's School of Business at Harborside Plaza 2, 160 Hudson Street in the Jersey City area known as Wall Street West.

Before the ribbon cutting commenced, the invited guests networked and talked about the school's spectacular facility and location. Situated in a 70,000-square-foot space leased from Mack-Cali Realty Corporation and designed by Clarke Caton Hintz to accommodate a cutting-edge business education program, the new business education facility sits directly on the Jersey City waterfront. It is adjacent to the Exchange Place PATH station and thus easily accessible to all the financial community's resources in New Jersey City and Jersey City.

The new home for the school features: a simulated trading floor with Bloomberg terminals at 30 workstations; a 20-workstation Data Science Center; two research labs with a total of 16 workstations; 19 classrooms; faculty offices; a conference space with breath-taking views of lower Manhattan; a broadcast studio from which NJTV will broadcast its business report every evening at 6:30 p.m.; a large lecture hall with top-notch screening capability, and state-of-the-art technology to accommodate the demands of the curriculum.



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The location centralizes NJCU's growing undergraduate and graduate business programs within the School of Business. Business is NJCU's academic area with the largest number of majors. The new Harborside facility will enable NJCU to meet the burgeoning enrollment demand.

During a brief formal program that included the ceremonial ribbon cutting, the presentations shifted the focus of the evening from bricks and mortar to human beings. Particular shout-outs went to those who envisioned the project, implemented the vision in record time (less than one year), and the students who will use the facility on their paths to becoming business leaders in the community, state, nation, and world. Speakers included: NJCU President Sue Henderson, NJCU Provost and Senior Vice President Dan Julius, U.S. Representative (Ret.) (14th District) Frank J. Guarini, Hudson County Freeholder Bill O'Dea, Jersey City Council President Rolando Lavarro, NJCU Board of Trustees Chair Rafael Perez, and NJCU School of Business Interim Dean Bernard McSherry.

Every speaker praised the "guts," "relentless determination," "energy," and "inspiring vision" of President Henderson. Dr. Henderson noted that the business school with its "world-class environment" is positioned to provide an "outstanding education to a hugely diverse population ... More important than the space, however, is NJCU's great faculty – the school's location is definitely an asset in attracting incredibly talented faculty members who are dedicated to our students ... the future leaders of this county."

Provost Julius commented that NJCU has become a major component in the growth and vibrancy of Jersey City. He noted, "NJCU's trajectory is staggering and the devotion of its faculty and staff is unparalleled."

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