EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A MESSAGE FROM NJIT PRESIDENT
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“My theme for philanthropy is the same approach
I used with technology: to find a need and fill it.”
An Wang

The perspective on technology and social concern expressed by the computer
pioneer An Wang, founder of Wang Laboratories, resonates very strongly at NJIT.
Our mission has long been to identify society’s evolving technological and economic
needs, and to meet those needs through leading-edge research and the preparation of
talented students for productive work in a growing range of disciplines.

Topics in this issue clearly highlight such engagement. “Finding the Right Cues” focuses on Associate Professor
Treena Arinzeh and Assistant Professor Cheul Cho, members of the Biomedical Engineering Department.
Their tissue-engineering research has very personal implications for millions of individuals beyond the
NJIT campus who are afflicted by bone disease and liver failure.

“From Campus to Commerce” provides an overview of NJIT’s initiatives in technology transfer
and commercialization. Judith Sheft, associate vice president for technology development, explains how NJIT – like other universities today – has taken on a new
and essential role in promoting economic progress both regionally and nationally. Success in this role requires a broad spectrum of knowledge, skills and physical
resources.

These articles, however, comprise just half of the message communicated by
this issue. They are complemented by Honor Roll, the annual list of donors to the
NJIT Foundation. It’s equally important to acknowledge the significance of the
commitment to our university made by this generous group of contributors.

In donating to NJIT, the individuals and organizations named for 2010 also have
a philosophic bond with An Wang. Among many institutions and causes worthy
of support, they have perceived a special need to assist NJIT achieve its goals in
education, research and economic development. As in the past, the generosity of all
those listed in Honor Roll is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to comparable
future participation in what we seek to accomplish at NJIT.

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