

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**A MESSAGE FROM
NJIT PRESIDENT JOEL S. BLOOM**

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Every gift to NJIT is an investment in science and technology research and education in New Jersey. Your donations greatly impact all aspects of the university, from scholarships to research programs, to centers and labs, and to facility improvements and equipment purchases that enable us to provide an environment that is conducive to learning and the exploration of ideas. Therefore, it is my privilege to present the *Honor Roll* listing of donors, a special edition of the magazine.

It is an exciting time for NJIT. Recently we introduced our strategic plan, “2020 Vision,” that calls for us to: add to our faculty beyond the 50 hired over the past three years; add student scholarships and fellowships; and build new facilities, including an Integrated Life Sciences and Engineering Building, a parking deck to serve our growing campus population, and a multipurpose facility that will provide space for a variety of events and intercollegiate athletics. The Wellness & Event Center will complement the ongoing transformation of our campus and the expansion of existing facilities that will enhance our reputation as a dynamic and growing STEM university. Look for a feature story on the Wellness & Event Center in the next issue of the magazine.

Riding the wave of national acclaim generated this past season by our Highlanders men’s basketball team, NJIT became the eighth member of the Atlantic Sun Conference in June. We share with Atlantic Sun a commitment to academic excellence, an exceptional student-athlete experience, and the value of long-standing partnerships and look forward to being part of what clearly is a remarkable conference at a very special point in its history.

The university continues to forge partnerships with its host city. “In Conclusion” describes the first-ever physical model of the entire City of Newark that was on display earlier this year as part of an exhibit in Newark City Hall. A joint project of NJIT’s College of Architecture and Design (CoAD) and the city’s Division of Planning, “People Planning Newark” was created with over 2,000 hours of volunteer labor by CoAD students, Newark residents, city workers, high school students and youth groups as part of a larger effort to promote democratic participation in planning by its residents.

Your generosity demonstrates that you share our confidence in today’s NJIT. On behalf of the university, I thank every *Honor Roll* donor for supporting the achievements described in this issue, and for your continued commitment and investment in building the university of tomorrow.



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