



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Sustaining vital partnerships

*“Society is indeed a contract. It is a partnership in all science; a partnership in all art; a partnership in every virtue.” — Edmund Burke*



NJIT has long engaged in partnerships with individuals and organizations vital to the university’s success in education, research and economic development. We have partnered with generous donors who have advanced our mission over the decades, and with groups in the public and private sectors that have expanded the scope of the opportunities available to our students. The continuing significance of these partnerships is clearly evidenced in the pages that follow.

The cover portrait of NCE Dean Sunil Saigal was taken in the new Vincent A. Stabile Systems Engineering and Management Laboratories. This state-of-the-art facility was made possible through the foundation created by the personal generosity of Vincent and Antoinette Stabile. The laboratories and graduate fellowships endowed by the recent gift from the Stabile Foundation will prepare students studying industrial and manufacturing engineering for leadership in the global economy. In their generosity, Vincent and Antoinette Stabile join numerous supporters of NJIT in a partnership critical to the success of

talented young women and men, as well as to the prosperity of our nation.

Increasingly in the 21st century, successful careers must be built on a combination of classroom instruction and real-world experiences. That’s why universities nationwide are partnering with businesses, government agencies and non-profit groups to provide students with opportunities for adding the value of experiential learning to higher education. NJIT students are benefiting from our partnerships with large corporations, startups, government agencies at all levels, and many other organizations. Each semester, a growing number of students gain an edge essential for entry into the workplace as interns, co-op employees and participants in other experiential learning programs.

NJIT greatly values the commitment of all who help to sustain these partnerships. Two hundred years ago, the preeminent Irish statesman Edmund Burke alluded to the social importance of such partnering. It remains vital to what we aspire to achieve in the present century.

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### *Editorial Note —*

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