NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR MURPHY TELLS NJIT GRADUATES TO “ALWAYS RETAIN A PROPER PERSPECTIVE” AT 2019 COMMENCEMENT

NJIT conferred 1,733 bachelor’s degrees at the 103rd commencement ceremony on May 21, 2019, at the Prudential Center in Newark. New Jersey Governor Philip A. Murphy received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters and delivered the commencement address in which he advised graduates to “always maintain a proper perspective on things.”

“Don’t ignore what may seem like small details, because those details can loom extraordinarily large later in life,” he said. “And, likewise, don’t get caught up in the latest outrage for outrage’s sake, because in the grander scheme of issues facing our society, there are likely more pressing and existential issues. Don’t mistake the molehills for mountains, and vice versa.”

IN CONCLUSION

$2.8 billion economic impact annually to the State of New Jersey; an increase of $270 million since 2015

17,400 jobs generated annually in the Garden State; an increase of 9 percent since 2015

$423 million additional programmatic impact since 2015

“The intentional focus of NJIT on the economic development aspect of its mission has resulted in close partnerships with our state’s most essential industries and a significant annual economic impact on New Jersey — more than $2.8 billion.”

Joel S. Bloom
President, NJIT