

A MESSAGE FROM NJIT PRESIDENT ROBERT A. ALTENKIRCH

*"I want to bring out the best in a community
and contribute something of permanent value."*

I. M. Pei

NJIT's success in education, research and economic engagement is rooted in the contributions of many individuals and organizations. These include faculty, staff, alumni, and numerous friends of the university in the private and public sectors. Diverse and evolving, their contributions span instruction in the classroom, leading-edge work in the laboratory, dedicated advisory service and essential financial support. All are helping to foster the best that the NJIT community can offer with respect to technological and social advances of significant value.

The two feature articles in this issue comprise a strong statement about the scope of what we seek to accomplish at NJIT through the efforts of individuals with wide-ranging knowledge and experience. In the field of wireless communications, NJIT researchers and alumni have long led technological innovation. Today, they are bringing the economic and social impacts of wireless into sharper focus as well. The knowledge gained is invaluable in developing applications that tap the power of wireless technology to satisfy the needs and expectations of consumers in the global communications marketplace.

The issue's cover story tells of the exciting transformation of New Jersey School of Architecture, now one part of the new NJIT College of Architecture and Design along with the recently established School of Art+Design. Building on NJIT's pioneering expertise in digital-design systems, an expanded range of degree options includes concentrations in applying digital technology to interactive media, virtual reality environments, marketing, industrial design and interior design.

The College of Architecture and Design will enable NJIT to make new contributions to the personal success of students, and to the success of businesses with growing needs for the skills which will be taught. As with NJIT's initiatives in the wireless field and many other areas, these contributions promise to be of enduring value.



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