

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A MESSAGE FROM NJIT PRESIDENT ROBERT A. ALTENKIRCH

*"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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