

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A MESSAGE FROM NJIT PRESIDENT JOEL S. BLOOM

A VITAL PARTNERSHIP

From the earliest days of Newark Technical School, those who impart knowledge in our classrooms and seek discovery in our laboratories have partnered with supportive individuals and organizations. Listed on documents now faded and fragile, NJIT's first supporters include names synonymous with technical and economic progress in our home city – among them Clarke in textiles and Weston in electrical equipment.

Science and technology have transformed the world since 1881 in ways that would astound even the highly educated of that era had they been able to peer into our century. Yet there has been a solid constant. It is the concern of all those who have contributed generously to expand NJIT's engagement in the life of Newark, our state and the nation over the decades.

Once again a special part of *NJIT Magazine's* spring issue, *Honor Roll* recognizes donors to the NJIT Foundation who sustain this tradition in the 21st century. As described in the feature articles that complement *Honor Roll*, they are indispensable partners in wide-ranging initiatives in research and education. This vital partnership is advancing NJIT's efforts to improve health with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, to gain greater understanding of the economic bubbles that impact our lives, and to serve a growing student community that will benefit from new, much-needed housing and educational facilities.

In a recent interview for this magazine, I had the opportunity to share my thoughts about becoming NJIT's president and to discuss the direction of the university. What we hope to accomplish will depend on numerous factors, not the least of which is the strong support of benefactors such as those named in *Honor Roll*.

More likely than not, we will be amazed to see how scientific and technological innovation will change life over the next century. But while the future may be very surprising, I believe that this change will stem, in part, from the classrooms and laboratories at NJIT, as it has over these past 130 years. I am also confident that generous NJIT supporters will continue to be dedicated partners on the journey forward.



Editor's Note: Mark your calendar! Dr. Bloom will be formally inaugurated as president of NJIT on September 14, following celebratory events on September 12 and 13.

Visit www.njit.edu/inauguration for news about all inauguration events on campus and to watch the September 14 installation ceremony online.

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