

NJIT NEXT TOPS \$100 MILLION

NJIT NEXT, the university's comprehensive campaign, has secured more than \$100 million towards its \$150 million goal, a milestone in ensuring support vital for sustaining and advancing the university's leadership in education, research and regional economic development.

Specific campaign goals include \$50 million for endowed scholarships and fellowships for all NJIT colleges to provide essential assistance for students pursuing degrees in the university's core academic specialties. Another

\$25 million will be allocated for endowed chairs and professorships to retain and recruit outstanding faculty to enhance NJIT's distinctive learning environment and support professor-student research projects.

An additional \$75 million will continue the development of NJIT's Next-Generation Campus, which will involve deployment of advanced wireless technology to enhance connectivity between people and information to benefit the entire University Heights neighborhood and serve both on-campus and off-campus communities. Capital investments will include a center for the STEM disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, new and upgraded engineering and science laboratories, and a recreation, wellness and athletics center.

Construction of the Warren Street Village and renovation of the Central King Building (formerly Central High School) are two more projects moving ahead with NJIT NEXT support.

The Warren Street Village is a three-acre mixed-use complex that will add 600 beds to NJIT's existing inventory of residential housing, including 360 beds for the residential Honors College. The complex also features dining services, a convenience store, fitness center, and five duplex houses for NJIT fraternities and sororities.

A complete renovation of the Central King Building will include smart-classroom technology, state-of-the-art telecom and computer networks, and additional upgrades. It will also house the new STEM center, providing educational opportunities at all levels, including pre-college programs.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS

Working to build on NJIT NEXT's current success are national co-chairs C. Stephen Cordes '72, chief operating officer of Clarion Partners; Nicholas M. DeNichilo '73, '78, president and CEO of Hatch Mott MacDonald; and Vincent Naimoli '62, chairman and CEO of Anchor Industries International and chairman emeritus/founder of the Tampa Bay Rays.

"Attracting the nation's best students to NJIT benefits not only our university but the local community and the State of New Jersey," says Cordes. "Enabling these young people to study in Newark raises the profile of NJIT as a whole, and being associated with a university that nurtures this kind of talent is positive for me and every other graduate."

DeNichilo notes that engineering must become the theoretical basis and foundational architecture for solving the most critical problems facing our world today and into the future. "NJIT needs the help of all of its friends to make this vision a reality and become the nation's lead institution for educating next-generation engineers."

"The academic and physical growth of NJIT have been amazing, and new facilities on campus are a sign of the university's progress," adds Naimoli. "I'm especially proud that the Naimoli family is helping to provide a physical fitness and athletic facility for the entire NJIT community. My family's investment, however, is not just in bricks and mortar. It is in the lives of the young men and women who have enrolled



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Research and education on every scientific frontier will gain from NJIT NEXT.

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at NJIT to gain the knowledge and skills so vital to our nation’s progress in the 21st century.”

ADVANCING THE MISSION

Commenting on the mission that will be advanced by NJIT NEXT, President Joel Bloom emphasizes the university’s commitment to educating the leaders of a technology-based economy. NJIT’s success in this mission has been clearly confirmed by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, which recently praised NJIT’s academic programs as “making a disproportionate impact in higher education given its means” and “providing a first-class education and college experience to a diverse student body.”

“Our Class of 2016 is not only our largest ever but our most talented, with the highest math and reading SATs 140 points above the New Jersey and national averages,” Bloom says. “We will also intensify research that sparks new industries, with emphasis on critical economic and quality-of-life issues such as sustainable systems and the environment, life sciences, health care, and wireless technology. NJIT will continue to expand its partnership with the private sector to shape educational and research programs that meet the needs of industry.

“The NJIT NEXT campaign is an opportunity to keep all of our promises to the next generation of students and to invest in the future of a great university. At no other time in our history has strengthening skills in science and technology been more critical. And at no other time has



An architectural rendering of the Warren Street Village, scheduled for completion in 2013.

financial assistance for deserving students been more important.”

For well over a century, NJIT has led the way in science and technology in New Jersey, educating the leaders and innovators who shape industry and create new technologies. NJIT is challenged to sustain this success, and to give future generations the same opportunities that have benefitted their predecessors as students and as professionals who have contributed to progress in New Jersey and across the nation.

Join the leaders who are helping to meet this commitment to a better future by contributing to NJIT NEXT. ■

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The completely renovated Central King Building will provide much-needed facilities for education at all levels.

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