MEET TEIK C. LIM, NJIT’S NINTH PRESIDENT

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2021 HONOR ROLL
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A MESSAGE FROM NJIT PRESIDENT JOEL S. BLOOM

HONORING THE PAST, CELEBRATING THE FUTURE

I want to begin by expressing my profound gratitude for the privilege of working for the last 32 years, in various capacities, with the students, faculty, staff and inspired, committed alumni who constitute the brilliant Highlander community. It has been a tremendous honor to lead this great university at such a thrilling, consequential time in its history.

As NJIT embarks on a new era this July under the leadership of its next president, Dr. Teik Lim, I know that he, too, will advance our vital mission in the world as a leading polytechnic university by tapping into the rich reserves of Highlander ideas, experiences and talents.

You will get to know Dr. Lim better in the pages of this issue. In our cover story, the engineer, inventor and enterprising educator describes how his early interest in becoming a pilot led him to mechanical engineering and to devising new ways to control vibrations and noise in vehicles, and how his belief in higher education as a beacon of opportunity propelled him to take on the training of young minds. You’ll also learn about his innovative approach to academic programming, which includes forging powerful partnerships with companies to bring real-world problem-solving to students on campus. You also will learn about his view that research is integral to an undergraduate education and his commitment to further integrating new digital and experiential learning methods to expand NJIT’s educational offerings.

While we look to the future, we also celebrate a historic milestone in this issue: the 40th anniversary of the College of Science and Liberal Arts (CSLA). Created in 1982 by uniting six departments, CSLA is our most academically diverse school and is a driver of interdisciplinary collaboration. CSLA’s growth has shaped the NJIT campus, paving the way with its honors program for the Albert Dorman Honors College and giving rise to two additional new schools, the Martin Tuchman School of Management and the Ying Wu College of Computing.

In this Honor Roll issue of the magazine, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of our donors for their generous support of NJIT. Their gifts enrich our entire community, allowing us to make ambitious plans for the future and enabling us to prepare individual students to become the scientists, engineers, technologists and leaders of tomorrow.

I hope you enjoy this issue of NJIT Magazine, and please join me in welcoming Dr. Lim to our university! •
NJIT has reaffirmed its place among the nation’s most elite and productive research institutions by once again achieving R1 status — the highest designation — from the Carnegie Classification®. Institutions that grant doctoral degrees are divided into three tiers based on their research and development expenditures and doctorates awarded, with the coveted R1 indicating “very high research activity.” NJIT is among only 146 universities in the U.S. to earn that ranking and just one of three in New Jersey.

NJIT’s rise as a research university has been swift and profound. In 1979, the university’s research expenditures totaled $375,000; in 2021, it surpassed $165 million. Since 2010, total R&D expenditures have increased by 70%. Research is among five critical priorities in the university’s strategic plan and one that drives the others. NJIT’s objectives in research include promoting collaboration, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, and forging partnerships with the goal of becoming nationally and internationally recognized for high-impact findings.

Since 2017, 14 NJIT faculty researchers have earned CAREER awards from the National Science Foundation. Their work ranges from solving problems that rely on large-scale mathematical optimization, to developing smart gels that are used as sealants and valve controls, to creating new ways of designing lenses and mirrors that precisely control the intensity pattern and phase of light beams. Supporting the spike in research are one 140 labs, centers, and institutes. In particular, NJIT strives to lead in five areas of multidisciplinary research: biotechnology, data science, management, the environment and sustainability, material science and engineering, and robotics and machine intelligence.

NJIT GUIDED COALITION IS A FINALIST FOR BUILD BACK BETTER MONEY

A regional coalition led by Newark and New Jersey Institute of Technology is among 60 finalists vying for up to $100 million from the U.S. Economic Development Administration’s $1 billion Build Back Better Regional Challenge. Each finalist, chosen from a pool of 529 applicants, received a grant of $500,000 to perfect its proposal and submit it in March. Some 20-30 winners will be announced in September.

The Newark proposal, known as the Greater Newark Smart Port Regional Growth Cluster, is a supply chain accelerator and job multiplier that will spur economic development throughout the region. In sum, it aims to transform the Port of New York and New Jersey facilities in Newark and Elizabeth by applying advanced engineering, modeling, and artificial intelligence-based technologies to freight handling, transportation and tracking and delivery, and by supporting more efficient smart port operations that increase capacity and security.

Such efforts would create more than 15,000 jobs and 150 new and enhanced businesses in a region with socioeconomically underprivileged communities and fuel the regional and state economy. Also, more than a third of the jobs would go to workers from underserved communities.

Beyond Newark, Elizabeth and NJIT, the coalition includes Rutgers University, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, and the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority.

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOCUSES ON SUSTAINABILITY

NJIT’s new assistant director of sustainability, Prabhakar Shrestha, is central to the future of ecological sustainability on campus. Shrestha is ultimately data-driven and is looking for ways to measure NJIT’s course to sustainability. First, though, he’s working with the university administration to develop a set of commitments. That, in turn, will give rise to an achievable climate action plan for NJIT.

“We’re establishing a norm here. If NJIT can do it, I can do it in my house and business, too,” Shrestha said. “When you’re talking about community improvement, that takes everyone.” Before NJIT, Shrestha was director of sustainability at the University of Nebraska, where he also earned a Ph.D. in natural resource sciences and a master’s in agricultural economics.

NJIT is well-positioned to pursue its sustainability goals. This year, the university earned global recognition from the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking for its pursuit of and progress toward targets set forth by the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, ranking No. 90 globally for affordable and clean energy.

New campus buildings — including the soon-to-open Maple Hall — are designed to be more environmentally friendly, with low-flow water systems and paints and finishes made out of organic compounds. At the same time, NJIT’s Center for Resilient Design researches and performs sustainable retrofits.

Finally, students at Albert Dorman Honors College are creating great biodiversity on campus and exploring the development of an urban forest. Indeed, sustainability already informs much of NJIT’s work. Shrestha hopes to channel all that energy and move it forward.

‘ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION’ FOSSIL DISCOVERY REVEALS NEW SPECIES

They’ve famously survived the vacuum of space, and even returned to life after being frozen for decades in Antarctic moss. But as hard as it is to kill the bizarre microscopic animal, the tardigrade, it’s harder to find one fossilized. In fact, only two have ever been discovered and formally named — until now.

In a report published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B, researchers at New Jersey Institute of Technology and Harvard University described just the third fossil tardigrade on record — a new genus and species Paradoryphoribius chronocaribbeus gen. et sp. nov. (Pdo. chronocaribbeaus), which is fully preserved in 16-million-year-old Dominican amber from the Moscav. Measured at just over half a millimeter, the specimen has been identified as a relative of the modern living tardigrade superfamily and represents the first tardigrade fossil recovered from the Cenozoic, the current geological era beginning 66 million years ago.

Researchers find the pristine specimen to be the best-imaged fossil tardigrade to date — capturing micron-level details of the eight-legged invertebrate’s mouth parts and needle-like claws 20-30 times finer than a human hair. The new fossil is deposited at the American Museum of Natural History Division of Invertebrate Zoology.

“The discovery of a fossil tardigrade is truly a once-in-a-generation event,” said Phil Barden, senior author of the study and assistant professor of biology at NJIT. “Tardigrades are a ubiquitous ancient lineage that has seen it all on Earth, from the fall of the dinosaurs to the rise of terrestrial colonization of plants. Yet, they are like a ghost lineage for paleontologists with almost no fossil record. Finding any tardigrade fossil remains is an exciting moment where we can empirically see their progression through Earth history.”

ABSTRACTS
NJIT NAMES INTERIM PROVOST AS SEARCH BEGINS

NJIT Senior Vice Provost for Research Atam P. Dhawan will assume the role of interim provost and senior executive vice president, as the university seeks a new provost to succeed Fadi P. Deek ’85, ’86, ’97. Dhawan’s appointment takes effect July 1 and could last up to a year, as NJIT conducts its search. At the same time, Deek will return to teaching as a distinguished professor after decades of administrative roles.

During Deek’s nine years as provost, the university raised its academic profile, achieved the top status in research (R1), and specialized labs more than tripled — from $32 million in fiscal year 2014 to $87.4 million in fiscal year 2021. During the same period, the number of institutes, centers and specialized labs more than tripled — to 140.

In announcing Dhawan’s appointment, President-Elect Teik Lim noted his versatility. “He has served NJIT in many roles since joining the university in 2000, and has established a record of prolific accomplishment in research, teaching and administration throughout his tenure.”

COMMENCEMENT 2022

A record 3,123 students earned bachelor’s and graduate degrees at the university’s 106th commencement, held on May 17 at the Piscataway Complex Center in Newark. Among them were 22 students who earned the President’s Medal for Academic Excellence, which honors those with perfect 4.0 GPAs. Family, friends, faculty and administrators saluted the graduates during a ceremony that included a keynote speech by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute President Shirley Ann Jackson, performances by the Newark Boys Chorus, the awarding of three honorary degrees, video congratulations from U.S. Sen. Cory Booker and awards for top marks and exemplary doctoral work.

GOALKEEPER MOLLY SAYLOR IS “WOMAN OF THE YEAR”

Women’s soccer goalkeeper Molly Saylor was honored by the New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NJAIAW) as NJIT’s Woman of the Year. The association recognizes the athletic, academic and community achievements of outstanding female student-athletes from the Garden State’s high schools, junior colleges and four-year colleges and universities.

Saylor and the other New Jersey honorees were feted as the organization and country celebrated the 50th anniversary of Title IX.

In three seasons as the Highlanders’ primary goalkeeper, Saylor has started all 44 games she has played, accumulating 251 saves and achieving program records for career shutouts (14) and shutouts in a single season (nine, tying Amelia Sapirman ’18). In addition, Saylor twice earned both all-conference honors and America East Defensive Player of the Week.

Under Saylor’s leadership of the defensive unit, the team earned the No. 3 seed in the 2021 America East Tournament and hosted its first league tournament since joining the conference in July 2020.

Academically, Saylor has maintained a high grade-point average — making the America East Academic Team in 2021 — as she pursues both a bachelor’s and master’s in civil engineering.

Saylor is the second straight NJIT women’s soccer player and the fourth in the last decade to earn the NJAIAW honor, after Nicole Loehle in 2021, Samantha Bersett in 2016 and Jenny Cidlo in 2015.

MEN’S FENCING WINS 3RD STRAIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

The NJIT men’s fencing team won its third consecutive Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association (MACFA) Championship, as Cristian Candescu and Rourke Hillyer earned gold medals in their respective weapons. It was the team’s fourth such title in six years. Competing against 12 schools, NJIT combined for 86 team victories to place first, followed by Johns Hopkins University (85) and Drew University (80). Candescu paced the foil squad to 23 victories, securing his second straight gold medal after the 2020 MACFA Championship. (There was no championship last year due to COVID-19.) He was followed by Thomas Manley (third place) and Kevin Katayama (eighth place).

Hillyer led the epee squad to 29 victories, recording a first-place finish while teammate Brett Bogert came in third. Bogert was first at the 2019 MACFA Championship.

Hillyer’s success throughout the season earned him honorable mention in epee when the U.S. Fencing Coaches Association named its all-region teams for the Mid-Atlantic/South. In the saber competition, Pedro D’Avila earned third place, leading the squad to 24 total victories.
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The entire NJIT community extends special thanks to the members of the 1881 Society for their very generous investments in the university.

In the past year alone, NJIT has welcomed 20 alumni and friends as new members of the 1881 Society. These generous donors have made more than $5 million in planned giving commitments to NJIT.

The 1881 Society is NJIT’s premier recognition group for alumni and friends who have included the university in their estate plans, have established life income-generating gifts, or have made other planned gift arrangements. More than 300 individuals belong to this exclusive group of benefactors, whose generosity provides funding for student scholarships, faculty research, campus enhancements and other initiatives.

On behalf of the students and faculty at NJIT, thank you!

For information on becoming a member of the 1881 Society, please contact us today.

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TEIK LIM

SCHOLAR, INVENTOR, EDUCATOR ... AND NJIT'S NEWEST PRESIDENT

By Tracey Regan
T ilk C. Lim, a mechanical engineer, inventor, prolific scholar and exuberant academic administrator who recently steered the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) through the COVID-19 pandemic as interim president, notching a milestone in student graduation rates and research acclaim along the way, became NJIT’s ninth president on July 1. Lim takes an innovator’s approach to education. He vows to strengthen student success with more experiential, problem-focused academic programming, a heightened emphasis on power skills such as communication and collaboration on extended, multidisciplinary projects, and new opportunities to work directly with businesses via co-ops, internships and through the use of shared resources. He is committed to expanding and diversifying digital teaching methods and other effective modes of delivery developed during the pandemic, in part to free up time and space for more hands-on learning and research. He has championed system-wide tools, such predictive analytics, time-management coaching, peer and other free tutoring, and supplemental instruction in classrooms to keep students on track to graduation.

A researcher who has devised novel methods to control sound and vibrations in vehicles, beginning in private industry after earning his Ph.D. at The Ohio State University, Lim holds numerous patents and is a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI), UTA, as R1 research university under the Carnegie Classification with the greatest number of NAI fellows in the state, received yet another accolade during the pandemic: the coveted “Texas Tire One” designation for learning and research that is held by just three other universities in the state. Throughout his academic career, Lim has forged powerful relationships with regional companies that provide students with the chance to conduct applied research and on-the-job work training. The campus-based simulation center he created in 2008 as Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Cincinnati in partnership with Procter & Gamble grew into one of the largest interdisciplinary university-industry research centers on campus, and has been replicated several times around the world.

In the following interview, Lim discusses his career, his plans for NJIT and his thoughts about the future of higher education.

Q: What sparked your interest in engineering?
A: Growing up in Malaysia, I attended a science school and many of my peers aspired to be either a doctor or an engineer. I wanted to be a pilot. I was told that one must first enlist in the Air Force, so I wanted to skip college and join the military to be a pilot. Unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, because it would have changed the trajectory of my life, I did not have 20-20 eyesight, which was the requirement back then to be a military pilot. I was very good at math and science, and I thought perhaps, as an engineer, I could design an airplane for others to pilot.

Q: What area of engineering did you pursue?
A: I was always fascinated with machines, such as automobiles and aircrafts. While pursuing my undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering at Michigan Tech, I met several excellent professors who got me really interested in structural acoustics and vibrations. My doctoral dissertation, funded by NASA, was a fundamental study about the vibratory behaviors of rotocraft gearboxes. My first engineering job combined my interest in vibro-acoustics and motor vehicles, and I got to work on making automobiles more pleasant and joyful to ride in from a vibration and sound quality perspective.

Q: What invention are you most proud of?
A: My students and I developed a patented active noise control algorithm that can perform spectral shaping to achieve a desired sound quality outcome. This algorithm is being applied to automobiles to enhance the interior sound quality. This research went on for nearly two decades involving many graduate students before it became feasible for use in real-world applications. The concept we invented now is used in some shape or form in many automobiles sold around the world.

Q: After a stint in industry, what drew you to higher education?
A: Public institutions like NJIT are a tremendous engine for social mobility and is beacon of life-changing opportunities. I experienced it firsthand; I grew up with limited means, supported myself through college and became the first member in my family to earn a college degree. This country took me in, accepted me and gave me a great public education, as well as a wonderful career and life. My way of giving back is to be involved in the higher education of young minds. That is why I became a professor.

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Q: How should NJIT amplify its impact?
A: In the old days, innovation and entrepreneurship occurred almost by chance among university students and faculty. That limits equity, impact and opportunity. Today, we must make available opportunities with excellent, effective and deliberate programs that enhance individuals’ ability to innovate and invent, and then to be entrepreneurial about bringing the ideas to market for the benefit of humanity.

Q: How has the pandemic changed our thinking about teaching and learning?
A: The pandemic did not change the course of higher education, but rather accelerated us into the future. The institution that embraces digital learning and teaching and research will flourish, and those that don’t will be left behind. We need to invest in digital and physical infrastructure to support a continuous spectrum from 100% in-person learning to 100% online, with every modality in between. What we’re thinking about is a revolution similar to 3D printing, which would allow us to customize, though we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. But like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size, we haven’t arrived there yet. Like buying clothes measured for you in just your size...

Q: What role should businesses play in an NJIT education?
A: In the old days, the college education of a student was mostly the responsibility of the faculty. Today, college education is becoming more holistic, complex and experiential, which requires stronger partnerships between institutions and industries to ensure student learning is more complete and effective. When I proposed working with Procter & Gamble to establish the University of Cincinnati Simulation Center, a college administrator said, “They only make diapers, nothing fancy.” When I talked to P&G, they said, “The university is not practical enough.” There are a lot of misconceptions on both sides. I discovered that making diapers is one of the most complex processes in the world and, at the same time, I also was able to convince P&G to recognize that universities have things they can use — we are innovative and we have intellectual capacity. One of the first collaborative projects in the Center was a mechanism intended to enhance the production line P&G was working on for two years without much success. We put a student team together and within six months formulated a novel solution. These students had never seen the problem and were thinking outside the box. That is innovation! I see corporations collaborating and engaging on the NJIT campus, which is great because not every university is willing to partner with industry and move at the speed of business. We need to do more of it, and having an entity like NJIT is a difference-maker here that enables NJIT to be a better-valued-added member of the business community. This is why I say NJIT is one of the most innovative and entrepreneurial institutions in the country.

Q: Besides providing real-world opportunities, how else can businesses enhance an NJIT education?
A: Here are two more ideas. One is sharing resources. A way that companies can enhance the art of the experimental or production capability that they sometimes don’t use. Let’s say a student wants to perform a unique chemical analysis critical for a class research project. What if we don’t have that equipment or capability on campus? We can still teach the student with a computer program that simulates the lab, but the actual experiment is being done somewhere in Newark, for example, at a company that loaned time on that equipment to the university. We call that a digital twin. With digital learning, many things that are not possible in the past are possible now. The second is encouraging relevant corporate employers to serve as mentors for our students. They can share their professional experience, lessons learned or simply give encouraging support. These simple acts can go a long way toward keeping students excited about staying in school and focused on finishing their studies. Also, these students are often better prepared for the workplace.

Q: What role do you see NJIT playing in the future of higher education?
A: As soon as I start at NJIT, I will focus on getting to know our external stakeholders. I want to connect with local, state and federal legislators, as well as civic leaders of Newark and New Jersey. I plan to meet with key corporate executives of companies that have NJIT students outside and engage with NJIT in various projects. I will reach out to high schools and community colleges that feed students into NJIT and meet with presidents of other institutions in this region to introduce myself and set the stage for further collaborations in the future. It is important to me, and to NJIT, that we be at the table each and every time there is a discussion about education, the workforce and economic development, and that we be in the position to lead or contribute to major initiatives in the country.

Q: How can NJIT attract more women to fields such as engineering and computer science?
A: There are at least three things we need to do better, but this is a marathon, so it will take time. We need to explain better that engineering is not just about building vehicles or planes, but also about coming up with ideas where engineers and scientists can design, construct and implement systems that bring joy to living for humanity. I think the curriculum also needs to be enhanced to include more open-ended problem-solving exercises and then teach students the skills needed to find practical solutions. The second way is hiring more female professors, because women students need to see that there are trailblazers they can emulate. The third is to see collaboration with middle and high schools. If you look at the outcomes data for being able to do an engineering curriculum successfully, it’s the same for males and females, but we need to begin outreach at a very early age to encourage female students to see themselves as a successful engineer or scientist when they grow up.

Q: Could NJIT be more diverse?
A: I am a strong believer that diversity is the hallmark of a successful and vibrant institution. We should intensify efforts to achieve the designation of being a Hispanic-serving institution, as well as an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution. We are close, but still need to attract higher percentages of under-represented minority students, including African American students. We must also recruit more excellent and diverse faculty and staff to work at NJIT so that our campus workforce better mirrors the diversity of our student body. As the first president of color at NJIT, it gives me a platform to further enhance NJIT’s diversity, equity and inclusion plans so that we make NJIT a truly welcoming and inclusive teaching and learning environment for all.

Q: ow might new digital capabilities transform the curriculum?
A: Let’s take a straightforward three-credit-hour course taught entirely in the classroom. In the future, I predict — and this will take some time to evolve — that course would become a combination of classroom learning and experiential learning opportunities. For example, students can spend 15 minutes below an airplane in the community collecting and analyzing data, and using their remaining time in the course to develop tangible solutions and apply what they just learned. The course would still amount to a three-credit-hour effort as before, but the modality would be very different from what it is today. Those rows of chairs and desks that you sit at in lecture halls are going to be the chalk board, a thing of the past, eventually.

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It’s a year of celebration at the College of Science and Liberal Arts (CSLA), as it reaches the incredible milestone of 40 years since its birth — an event that profoundly shaped NJIT’s history.

The college has a storied past of being among the most academically diverse at NJIT. CSLA’s six academic departments house philosophers, artists and historians under the same roof as mathematicians, neurobiologists, forensic scientists, chemists, solar physicists and even U.S. Air Force officers through its ROTC program.

The mix has proved fertile ground for innovative research, academic programs and collaborative initiatives that have transformed life at NJIT. In fact, three of NJIT’s six colleges originated out of CSLA programs.

“CSLA has been evolutionary … from the beginning of NJIT’s ascension as a comprehensive public polytechnic university,” said CSLA Dean Kevin Belfield, who assumed his role in 2014. “We’re now home to state-of-the-art research facilities, world-renowned faculty and students who successfully compete for the nation’s most acclaimed scholarships and fellowships. … But the CSLA of today was likely unimaginable at its founding 40 years ago.”
A BRIGHTENING RESEARCH REPUTATION

As CSLA has grown, so has NJIT’s research reputation, especially in the field of solar-terrestrial physics.

A major moment came in 1997, when the CSLA physics department’s Center for Solar-Terrestrial Research assumed control of the Big Bear Solar Observatory (BBSO), which held the record for the world’s largest solar telescope until 2019. Since then, BBSO has been a focal point for leading explorations of the Sun and some of our galaxy’s most explosive space weather phenomena.

Growth of such programs and centers has propelled CSLA to where it is today. It accounts for nearly 30% of research grants awarded to NJIT, a top-tier R1 research university since 2019.

Research among CSLA’s 1,100 students regularly attracts honors such as Goldwater Scholarships, which are prized for STEM undergraduates pursuing research careers. Often, these student successes reflect CSLA’s interdisciplinary roots.

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The generosity of the NJIT community continues to inspire our faculty and students and fuel the university’s unprecedented growth. Thanks to donations from 5,444 alumni, friends, corporate partners and foundation supporters, last year NJIT created 38 new student scholarships while raising $19.2 million — a new record for the university. These generous philanthropic commitments represent significant and even life-changing resources, as they enable hardworking and high-achieving students to bring their talents and dreams to New Jersey Institute of Technology, regardless of their financial circumstances. Your gifts also help the university attract and retain highly accomplished faculty, support in-demand academic programs and leading-edge research, and maintain and improve campus facilities. Your investments in these and other areas are critical to NJIT’s rising national and global profile as a leading public polytechnic university.

I am also happy to report that, for the fourth consecutive year, a record number of NJIT alumni made gifts in support of their alma mater. These donations boosted the university’s undergraduate alumni giving rate to 10.8%. This number is more than double the national median for public universities.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention that NJIT’s transformation into a world-renowned STEM-focused university has happened under the watchful eye and guiding hand of President Joel S. Bloom. With his tenure coming to an end in June, I hope you will join me and the rest of the NJIT community in thanking Dr. Bloom for his more than three decades of distinguished service to our university.

And, as one chapter comes to a close, another begins. Following an extensive national search, the Board of Trustees appointed Teik C. Lim, a distinguished scholar and seasoned higher ed administrator, to succeed Dr. Bloom as NJIT’s ninth president. I know Dr. Lim is eager to connect with all of you, and he looks forward to working with our many dedicated alumni and friends to sustain the amazing progress that our university has achieved in recent years.

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Finally, to everyone who invested in our talented and deserving students, our world-class faculty and the university as a whole during the past year, please accept my most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your dedication to NJIT. Together, we are ensuring an even more prosperous future for our university. Our gratitude for your generosity is deeper than ever.

With appreciation,

Kenneth Aleno, Jr.
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Daniel A. Perry '81
José D. Collins '81
Norma J. Clayton '81
Steven G. Santero '81

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Lawrence J. Stolk '82

Annuity Fellow

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Robert E. Zampolin '81
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2003

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2007

Foundation Board
Sohai Zamir '06
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2012

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Sameer Govil '10, '12
Richard Della Rovere '10
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2015

Foundation Board
Randy Garcia '13
President's Circle
Gary M. Leverington '13
Patrick Magness '13
Xinzel Pan '13

2016

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Walter J. B. Withers '14
Ralph Imbimbo '14
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Randy Garcia '13

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2018

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Ralph Imbimbo '14
President's Circle
Randy Garcia '13

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On November 1, 2021, President Just Bloom and Dr. Minh Kim, Dean of the Network College of Engineering, were honored to thank Ebberht Society ‘76, its family, and the consortium, West-Asia, for their generous support of NTU through the naming of the Ebberht Society ‘76 and family. Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Laboratory, the laboratory was renovated in 2021 with state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment and new classroom furniture.

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