

A Celebration of Giving

Four distinguished individuals were recognized for achievements beneficial to the state and our nation, as was an organization exceptional for its commitment to NJIT's mission, at Celebration, NJIT's annual fundraiser for campuswide scholarship endowment funds. The event was held Nov. 8, 2019 at The Pleasantdale Chateau in West Orange, N.J.

Since its inception in 1995, Celebration has raised more than \$6 million in endowed scholarship funds, ensuring that top-quality higher education is accessible for talented, motivated students.

"Because of your support, NJIT students have the resources they need to not just succeed but thrive," said NJIT President Joel S. Bloom. "And their success translates into higher rankings and an enhanced reputation for NJIT."

Robert Medina '75, founder of Medina 43 Business Strategies, LLC, and Kim Vierheilg '99, vice president and New Jersey managing principal, AECOM, served as co-chairs of the event. The Spinners provided the evening's entertainment.

Along with raising funds, Celebration is an occasion to recognize important friends and alumni of the university. Demetrios J. Stamatis '85, president and chief executive officer of The Louis Berger Group, Inc., was awarded the President's Medal for Lifetime Achievement.

Marion T. Conway '70, '73 of Marion Conway Consulting received the Edward F. Weston Medal for Professional Achievement, given to an alumnus or alumna in recognition of outstanding professional and civic accomplishments, as well as support of the university.

Langan Engineering & Environmental Services Inc. received the Outstanding Corporate Partner Award. David T. Gockel '81, president and chief executive officer, accepted the award on the organization's behalf.



J. Robert Hillier '17 HON and Barbara A. Hillier of Studio Hillier were honored as Special Friends of the University.

At the event, Jeremy Bedient '21, a junior in Albert Dorman Honors College studying industrial engineering, underscored how scholarship support has enabled him to pursue his personal and professional dreams.

"None of our successes would be possible without your generosity," he said. "Because of you, I know that I'll be able to support my children's education one day, and hopefully follow your example of supporting future generations of Highlanders." ■

TOP: (From left): J. Robert Hillier '17 HON and Barbara A. Hillier, Studio Hillier; Marion T. Conway '70, '73, Marion Conway Consulting; David T. Gockel '81, president and CEO, Langan Engineering & Environmental Services Inc.; and NJIT Board of Trustees Member Demetrios J. Stamatis '85, president and CEO, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.

LEFT: Jeremy Bedient '21 was the student speaker at Celebration 2019.

RIGHT: Kim Vierheilg '99, vice president and New Jersey managing principal, AECOM, and Robert Medina '75, founder of Medina 43 Business Strategies, LLC, served as Executive Dinner Committee co-chairs.