





## HISTORY OF NJIT



The New Jersey Institute of Technology that we know today has a rich history with its beginnings developing from the industrial age. Like many of the port cities around the world, the Newark of the late 19th century was a thriving industrial center. Its factories churned out thread, metals, paints and leather goods. In Newark, Thomas Edison set the stage at his Ward Street factory for his later achievements, and Edison rival Edward Weston established the first factory in the United States for commercial production of dynamo electric machines.

On March 24, 1880, the Essex County assemblyman in the state legislature introduced “An Act to Provide for the Establishment of Schools of Industrial Education.” The Newark Board of Trade sponsored the bill. The act established three schools of industrial education: one in Newark, one in Trenton and one in Hoboken. The first Board of Trustees met July 1, 1884. The Newark Technical School opened Monday, February 9, 1885, with 88 students who attended despite a terrible snowstorm.

The first class, mostly evening students, attended classes in a rented building at 21 West Park Street. Soon the facility became inadequate to house an expanding student body. To meet the needs of the growing school, a second fundraiser — the institution’s first capital campaign — was launched to support the construction of a dedicated building for Newark Technical School. In 1886, under the leadership of the school’s dynamic first director, Dr. Charles A. Colton, the cornerstone was laid at the intersection of High Street and Summit Place for the three-story building later to be named Weston Hall in honor of the institution’s early benefactor. A laboratory building, later to be called Colton Hall, was added to the campus in 1913. Daniel Hodgdon served as the director of Newark Technical School from 1918 to 1920.

Under Dr. Allan R. Cullimore, who led the institution from 1920 to 1949, the modest

Newark Technical School was transformed into the Newark College of Engineering (NCE). Campbell Hall was erected in 1925. During the lean years of the Depression and World War II, only the former Newark Orphan Asylum, now Eberhardt Hall, was purchased and renovated by the college.

The postwar period was one of enormous activity during which President Cullimore — like today’s post-Cold War university presidents — challenged the college to turn “wartime thinking into peacetime thinking.”

In 1946, about 75% of the freshman class had served in the armed forces. Robert W. Van Houten was acting president of NJIT from 1947 until 1950 when the board of trustees named him president. Cullimore Hall was built in 1958 and two years later the old Weston Hall was razed and replaced with the current seven-story structure. Doctoral-level programs were introduced and six years later, in 1966, an 18-acre, four-building expansion was completed. William Hazell succeeded Dr. Van Houten as president of NJIT in 1970.

In 1973, with the addition of the New Jersey School of Architecture, the institution had evolved into a technological university, emphasizing a broad range of graduate and undergraduate degrees and dedication to significant research and public service. A stronger-than-ever Newark College of Engineering remained intact, but a new university name — New Jersey Institute of Technology — signified the institution’s expanded mission.





A broadened mission called for the creation of a residential campus. The opening of NJIT's first dormitory, Redwood Hall, in 1979 began a period of steady growth that continues today.

Under the leadership of Saul K. Fenster, who served as president of NJIT from 1978 to 2002, four new schools were established at the university: the College of Science and Liberal Arts in 1982; the School of Management in 1988; Albert Dorman Honors College in 1995; and the College of Computing Sciences in 2001. During the administration of Robert A. Altenkirch, who served from 2003 to 2011, the New Jersey School of Architecture was reconstituted as the College of Architecture and Design in 2008.

Joel S. Bloom, who served as president of NJIT from 2012 to 2022, saw the first phase of the Gateway Project completed in 2013. It included the creation of Warren Street Village, a three-acre, mixed-use residential housing complex that added 600 beds to NJIT's existing inventory of residential housing.

The complex includes the Honors College Residence Hall and five duplex homes for NJIT's Greek organizations, as well as dining services, a convenience store and fitness center for the university community.

On April 13, 2017, more than 200 students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the university witnessed the official ribbon cutting of the renovated Central King Building, part of a campus transformation designed to enhance the student experience and solidify NJIT's position going forward as one of the nation's leading public polytechnic universities. On November 10, 2017, NJIT cut the ribbon for the 220,000-square-foot Wellness and Events Center. On December 11, 2017, NJIT officially opened its Makerspace, a large, well-equipped space for collaborative design and testing, featuring state-of-the-art machinery,

including additive manufacturing equipment; CNC machines; a water jet; machinery for laser cutting, grinding and milling; and a large assortment of tools, devices, and metrology and precision measurement appliances. The 23,000-square-foot space is used for classes, design projects, team efforts and preparation for national competitions in the area of vehicle and drone design.

On November 9, 2018, NJIT launched its newest school, the School of Applied Engineering and Technology (SAET), within the university's Newark College of Engineering. SAET encompasses NCE's engineering technology programs in two divisions (Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Technology Division and the Built Environment Division); the baccalaureate degree General Engineering program; and a division focused on Engineering Education practice and research. SAET serves about 1,000 NJIT students.

On December 5, 2019, NJIT had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its Microfabrication Innovation Center (MIC). The MIC houses advanced equipment and a cleanroom environment that provides a state-of-the-art facility for the fabrication of micro- and nonoelectronic and microfluidic devices and sensors. These devices and sensors will transform technology across a range of areas and will accelerate work on smart devices. In the area of health care, for example, biomarker sensors may be developed that can communicate with medical information systems to support point-of-care diagnostics and therapeutic intervention.

Along with the York Center for Environmental Engineering and the Life Sciences and Engineering Research Center, the MIC is an integral part of NJIT's strategic effort to produce translational research on microchip and microfluidic devices with applications not only in health care, but in environmental technologies and advanced manufacturing.

In 2022, Teik C. Lim, a mechanical engineer and inventor, became the ninth president of NJIT. Dr. Lim, who also holds the title of Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering, is internationally recognized as a leading scholar in the field of structural vibrations and acoustics as well as modeling and simulation technology. He was named a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors in 2018.



# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 2023



*May Sixteenth*

*Two Thousand and Twenty-Three*

*10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.*

*New Jersey Institute of Technology*

*Wellness and Events Center*

*Newark, New Jersey*

*Conferral of Master's and Doctoral Degrees*

*May Nineteenth*

*Two Thousand and Twenty-Three*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Prudential Center*

*Newark, New Jersey*

*Conferral of Baccalaureate Degrees*

*Granted by the following colleges*

*Newark College of Engineering*

*J. Robert and Barbara A. Hillier College of Architecture and Design*

*College of Science and Liberal Arts*

*Martin Tuchman School of Management*

*Ying Wu College of Computing*

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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### COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES

**Master's Commencement Ceremony Honoring:**  
**Newark College of Engineering and Martin Tuchman School of Management**  
Mansoor Ahsan, P.E., Chief Executive Officer, Bridgefarmer & Associates

**Master's Commencement Ceremony Honoring:**  
**College of Science and Liberal Arts, J. Robert and Barbara A. Hillier College of Architecture and Design, and Ying Wu College of Computing**  
Asha Saxena, CEO and Founder, Women Leaders in Data and AI

**Ph.D. Commencement Ceremony**  
Vincent L. DeCaprio, Ph.D. '72, '20 HON, Vice Chair Emeritus

**Baccalaureate Commencement Ceremony**  
Kim Hanemann, President and Chief Operating Officer, PSE&G

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### STUDENT SPEAKERS

**Baccalaureate Commencement Ceremony**  
Mark Nashed, Student Senate President

**Ph.D. Commencement Ceremony**  
Audrey Biondi Kellogg, Ph.D.

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### STUDENT CEREMONIAL PARTICIPANTS

**Master's and Ph.D. Class Crier**  
Daniel Mottern, Graduate Student Association President

**Baccalaureate Class Crier**  
Gurleen Kaur, Senior Class President

**National Anthem Singer**  
Debbie-Ann Spence '23

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### AIR FORCE ROTC DETACHMENT 490 COLOR GUARD

Michael Advensky	Nolan Rollison
Isaac Allen	Michael Ruzzi

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### ALMA MATER SINGERS, NJIT GIGABEATS

Nana Asmah	Angie EL Hayek	Ryan Ryu
Curtis Asral	Bruce Kirschbaum	Frankie Vazquez
Anushka Dixit	Kie Li	Eileen Yin
Maxwell Gregorio	Dale Nacianceno	

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Information in this program is compiled prior to final certification of candidates for graduation. Only the diploma and certified transcript of each student are official documents which attest to the granting of a degree.

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MASTER'S CEREMONIES  
NJIT WELLNESS AND EVENTS CENTER  
TUESDAY, MAY 16

<i>Newark College of Engineering</i> Kjell de Graaf	<i>College of Science and Liberal Arts</i> Kristian Nestor	<i>Ying Wu College of Computing</i> Swathi Kumar Venkatesh
<i>J. Robert and Barbara A. Hillier College of Architecture and Design</i> Manushiben Patel	<i>Martin Tuchman School of Management</i> Ahmad Chaudhry	

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PH.D. CEREMONY  
NJIT WELLNESS AND EVENTS CENTER  
TUESDAY, MAY 16

<i>Newark College of Engineering</i> Ludvik Alkhoury	<i>College of Science and Liberal Arts</i> Elizabeth Cronin	<i>Ying Wu College of Computing</i> Firas Gerges
<i>J. Robert and Barbara A. Hillier College of Architecture and Design</i> Esther Zipori	<i>Martin Tuchman School of Management</i> Pelin Ayranci	

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BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY  
PRUDENTIAL CENTER  
FRIDAY, MAY 19

<i>Albert Dorman Honors College</i> Elizabeth Kowalchuk	<i>J. Robert and Barbara A. Hillier College of Architecture and Design</i> Constance Chu	<i>Ying Wu College of Computing</i> Janae Anderson
<i>Newark College of Engineering</i> Ymer Dinoshi	<i>College of Science and Liberal Arts</i> Paolo Elguera Grandez	<i>Alumni Association</i> Vatsal Shahm '08H, '09, '15
	<i>Martin Tuchman School of Management</i> Muhammad Waleed Cheema	

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*Listing of Candidates graduating with Master's degrees begins on page 26.*

*Listing of Candidates graduating with Baccalaureate degrees begins on page 36.*

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*Listing of Veterans who served in the Armed Forces appears on page 59.*

## HONORARY DEGREES

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By its charter, New Jersey Institute of Technology is empowered to confer honorary degrees upon individuals of distinguished achievement in recognition of their personal and professional accomplishments and their contributions to society.

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## THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, *HONORIS CAUSA*

Presented to

MARTIN TUCHMAN B.S. ME '62

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (1996-2002)

BOARD OF OVERSEERS (2002-CURRENT)

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Martin Tuchman is Chairman and Chief Executive of the Tuchman Group, a firm with holdings in real estate, banking, and international shipping. During his time at the Railway Express Agency, he worked with a group of engineers at the American National Standards Institute to create the current standards for intermodal shipping containers and chassis.

Tuchman co-founded Interpool, one of the nation's leading container leasing companies, and later formed Trac Lease, the largest chassis leasing company in the U.S. Along with his partner, he sold both companies in 2007 for \$2.4 billion.



He has served on the Board of Directors of FTAI Aviation Ltd., a NASDAQ listed company, since 2015. In banking, Tuchman served on the Board of Directors of Yardville National Bank and as Chairman of the Board of First Choice Bank. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Princeton, a community bank with over \$1 billion in assets.

As Chairman of the Tuchman Foundation, he is active in Parkinson's disease philanthropy and works with organizations such as the Michael J. Fox Foundation, The Parkinson Alliance, and Parkinson's Unity Walk to raise funds and secure National Institutes of Health research grants. Tuchman is also on the board of the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

Tuchman was named Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young and, while at Interpool, earned a Grand Prize in Cisco's Growing with Technology Awards program. He also received the Smithsonian Institute's Hero Medal and oversaw the inclusion of Interpool's material as part of the National Museum of American History. Additionally, the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society awarded Tuchman its coveted Business Achievement Award, an honor he was nominated for by Seton Hall University's Stillman School of Business in 2011.

The Tuchman Foundation, in partnership with University Hospital in Newark and NJIT, was responsible for the design, construction, and financing of the Mobile Medical Care Unit project, for which modified shipping containers were repurposed as triage centers for coronavirus testing in 2020.

Tuchman earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology and a master's degree in business administration from Seton Hall University. A recipient of NJIT's Alumni of the Year Award, he has been a member of the university's Board of Trustees, is currently on its Board of Overseers, and serves as a member of NJIT's Joint Investment Committee. NJIT's School of Management, which shapes students to become technology leaders and managers, was named in his honor as the Martin Tuchman School of Management.

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## THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, *HONORIS CAUSA*

Presented to

DEACON PETER CISTARO B.S. IE '68

NJIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2001-2021)

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Peter Cistaro was born to Peter and Margaret Cistaro and raised in Elizabeth, N.J. He attended the Newark College of Engineering where he earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering in 1968. Immediately after graduation, Cistaro started his career with Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G). During his almost 40 years at PSE&G, he held a variety of management and executive positions in gas distribution operations, labor relations, marketing, and total quality management. In 2007, he retired as the company's Vice President for Gas Delivery.



Cistaro earned a master's degree in business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University and participated in the Public Utility Executive Program at the University of Michigan and the Program for Management Development at Harvard University.

He held leadership positions in several natural gas industry organizations, including Trustee of the Gas Research Institute, Chairman of the Operating Section of the American Gas Association, and Chairman of the Distribution Committee of the International Gas Union. In addition, Cistaro served on the boards of several philanthropic organizations including the New Jersey State Safety Council, the March of Dimes, the American Red Cross, and Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

In 2001, Cistaro was appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology, where he served for 20 years. During his tenure, he served as Chairman for the board's Advancement and Nominating Committees. As an alumnus dedicated to supporting students, he has funded the *Peter A. Cistaro '68 Family Endowed Scholarship* since 2007.

In 2009, Cistaro was ordained a Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church and currently ministers at Saint Peter the Apostle Church in Parsippany, N.J. He has been serving as the Director of Deacons for the Diocese of Paterson since 2014. He is also a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, a Trustee of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson, and a Trustee for two low-income, senior housing projects in Paterson: Martin de Porres Village and RIESE Housing Corporation.

Cistaro was married to his first wife, Josephine, for 25 years, before she passed away. He has been married to Mary Ann for 24 years. They currently reside in Boonton, N.J. and have four adult married children and nine grandchildren.

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**THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, *HONORIS CAUSA***

Presented to

**KIM HANEMANN**

**PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PSE&G**

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Kim Hanemann was named President and Chief Operating Officer of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), effective June 30, 2021. Headquartered in Newark, N.J., PSE&G is one of the largest combined electric and gas companies in the United States and New Jersey's oldest and largest publicly owned utility, serving approximately 2.6 million customers, nearly three-quarters of the state's population. PSE&G is a subsidiary of Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) of which she is a member of the Senior Executive Team.



Previously, Hanemann was PSE&G's Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In that role, she was responsible for PSE&G's electric, gas and customer operations, as well as the company's asset management and centralized services organization. She also oversaw the on-time, on-scope, and on-budget execution of the company's large construction projects.

Prior to being named Chief Operating Officer in January 2020, Hanemann held numerous leadership positions in both electric and gas field operations, as well as in utility support operations. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Middlesex Water Co., the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, and the New Jersey Utilities Association. Additionally, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of Children's Specialized Hospital.

Hanemann graduated from Lehigh University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and received a master's degree in business administration from the Rutgers Graduate School of Management.

## AWARD

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### THE HASHIMOTO PRIZE

Presented to

RAVI TEJA VELPULA '22

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Over a distinguished lifetime, Kazuo Hashimoto garnered more than 1,000 patents and applications related to his invention of the telephone answering machine and other technical devices in electronics and telecommunications. One hundred of these were awarded in the United States alone. He was a recipient of Japan's Medal of Honor, the Yellow Ribbon, and was one of the select individuals in his country esteemed as a Living National Treasure.

New Jersey Institute of Technology, in recognition of his extraordinary body of creative work and his encouragement of invention, awarded him the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa, at these ceremonies in 1994.

In May of 1995, the Hashimoto Endowment was established at NJIT through the generosity and vision of Dr. Hashimoto, who found this university to provide an environment in which applied research and scholarship flourish.

A key element of the endowment's purpose is the annual award of the Hashimoto Prize to a doctoral candidate in electrical or computer engineering who has demonstrated high achievement and promise in the field.

New Jersey Institute of Technology is proud to announce the recipient of the Hashimoto Prize is Ravi Teja Velpula '22, an outstanding scholar who has earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy through distinguished scholarship and research in electrical and computer engineering.

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**APPLIED PHYSICS**

(Degree conferred jointly by NJIT and Rutgers-Newark, Newark, New Jersey)

\* **Christopher M. Bolton**

Dissertation:

*Monostatic Electromagnetic Reflection Enhancement by Printed Metallic Structures*

Advisors:

John F. Federici, Ph.D.

Ian Gatley, Ph.D.

† **Yi Chai**

Dissertation:

*Waves and Oscillations in a Sunspot: Observations and Modeling of NOAA AR 12470*

Advisor:

Dale E. Gary, Ph.D.

**Matthew Cooper**

Dissertation:

*Large-Scale and Meso-Scale Ion Dynamics of the Near-Earth Space Environment*

Advisor:

Andrew J. Gerrard, Ph.D.

\* **Adrien P. Genoud**

Dissertation:

*Photonic Monitoring of Atmospheric Fauna*

Advisor:

Benjamin Thomas, Ph.D.

† **Nian Liu**

Dissertation:

*Understanding the Role of Magnetic Field Evolution in the Initiation and Development of Solar Eruptions*

Advisors:

Haimin Wang, Ph.D.

Ju Jing, Ph.D.

† **Yingjie Luo**

Dissertation:

*Diagnostics of Energy Release in Solar Flares with Radio Dynamic Imaging Spectroscopy*

Advisor:

Bin Chen, Ph.D.

† — August 2022 graduates

\* — December 2022 graduates

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\* **John T. Stefan**

Dissertation:

*Helioseismic Diagnostics of Active Regions and Their Magnetic Fields*

Advisor:

Alexander G. Kosovichev, Ph.D.

**Yuqian Wei**

Dissertation:

*Coronal Magnetometry and Energy Release in Solar Flares*

Advisors:

Bin Chen, Ph.D.

Haimin Wang, Ph.D.

\* **Yanxing Yang**

Dissertation:

*Interactions of Amyloid Peptides with Lipid Membranes*

Advisor:

Cristiano L. Dias, Ph.D.

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**BIOLOGY**

(Degree conferred jointly by NJIT and Rutgers-Newark, Newark, New Jersey)

† **Elizabeth M. Cronin**

Dissertation:

*Flexibility vs Consistency: Quantifying Differences in Neuromodulatory Elicited Patterns of Activity*

Advisors:

Dirk Bucher, Ph.D.

Farzan Nadim, Ph.D.

**Audrey Biondi Kellogg**

Dissertation:

*Biologically Inspired Fin for Underwater Robotics: A Study of Mola Mola Swimming Mechanics*

Advisor:

Brooke E. Flammang, Ph.D.

† **Subash Kusum Ray**

Dissertation:

*Brainless but Smart: Investigating Cognitive-Like Behaviors in the Acellular Slime Mold Physarum Polycephalum*

Advisor:

Simon Garnier, Ph.D.



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**Christine Sosiak**

Dissertation:

*How to Survive a Mass Extinction: Detangling Drivers of Extinction in Deep Time*

Advisor:

Phillip M. Barden, Ph.D.

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**BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**

*(Degree conferred jointly by NJIT and Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, Newark, New Jersey)*

\* **Ozan Cakmak**

Dissertation:

*Improving the Stimulation Selectivity in the Human Cochlea by Strategic Selection of the Current Return Electrode*

Advisor:

Mesut Sahin, Ph.D.

**Meng Cao**

Dissertation:

*Neural Correlates of Post-Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Attention Deficits in Children*

Advisors:

Xiaobo Li, Ph.D.

Tara L. Alvarez, Ph.D.

† **Esma Cetinkaya**

Dissertation:

*Sensorimotor Content of Multi-Unit Activity in the Paramedian Lobule of the Cerebellum*

Advisor:

Mesut Sahin, Ph.D.

† **Vishnu Deep Chandran**

Dissertation:

*Decoding Human Movement Through Experiments and Simulation*

Advisor:

Saikat Pal, Ph.D.

**Naphtaly Ehrenberg**

Dissertation:

*Biomechanical and Psychophysical Underpinnings of Balance Dysfunction in Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)*

Advisors:

Sergei Adamovich, Ph.D.

Karen Nolan, Ph.D.

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**Michael Hanna**

Dissertation:

*Elucidating the Link Between Cytoskeleton and Altered Calcium Signaling Post Traumatic Brain Injury*

Advisor:

Bryan J. Pfister, Ph.D.

\* **Apurva N. Limaye**

Dissertation:

*Naturally Derived Fibrous Scaffolds Containing Metabolic Factors for Bone Tissue Engineering*

Advisor:

Treena Livingston Arinzeh, Ph.D.

† **Ashley Joyce MontJohnson**

Dissertation:

*Development and Evaluation of a Hand Exoskeleton for Neurorehabilitation Post Stroke*

Advisor:

Sergei V. Adamovich, Ph.D.

\* **Zain Siddiqui**

Dissertation:

*Angiogenic Supports for Microvascular Engineering*

Advisor:

Vivek A. Kumar, Ph.D.

**Scott Stratton**

Dissertation:

*A Piezoelectric Gelatin Scaffold for Schwann Cell-Induced Spinal Cord Repair*

Advisor:

Treena L. Arinzeh, Ph.D.

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## **BUSINESS DATA SCIENCE**

† **Pelin Ayranci**

Dissertation:

*Passive Interpretable Deep Learning from Cell Phone Activity for Mental Healthcare*

Advisors:

Cesar Bandera, Ph.D.

Hai Phan, Ph.D.

† **Colette Therese Malyack**

Dissertation:

*Integration of Customer Preference to Smart Locker Location Planning for Last Mile Delivery Optimization*

Advisor:

Pius J. Egbelu, Ph.D.

\* **Jiali Wang**

Dissertation:

*Twitter Sentiment Analysis: Applications in Healthcare and Finance*

Advisor:

Zhipeng Yan, Ph.D.

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## **CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

**Alina Emelianova**

Dissertation:

*Molecular Simulations of Mechanical Effects of Adsorption in Gas and Liquid Phases*

Advisor:

Gennady Y. Gor, Ph.D.

\* **Gulenay Guner**

Dissertation:

*Microhydrodynamic, Kinetic and Thermal Modeling of Wet Media Milling for Process Optimization and Intensification*

Advisors:

Ecevit A. Bilgili, Ph.D.

Lisa B. Axe, Ph.D.

\* **Andrew House**

Dissertation:

*A Novel Biomaterial Platform for Cardiac Tissue Engineering*

Advisor:

Murat Guvendiren, Ph.D.

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**Siming Huo**

Dissertation:

*Cu/BNx Catalysts for Electrocatalytic Reduction of Nitrogen and Nitrate Waste*

Advisor:

Xianqin Wang, Ph.D.

**Sangah S. Kim**

Dissertation:

*Direct Blend-Direct Compaction (DB-DC) Formulations Enabled Through Reduced API Cohesion and Agglomeration via Dry Coating*

Advisor:

Rajesh N. Davé, Ph.D.

**Zhongyu Li**

Dissertation:

*Development of Non-Viral Nano-Carriers for Gene Delivery and COVID-19 Vaccines*

Advisor:

Xiaoyang Xu, Ph.D.

**Nontawat Muanpaopong**

Dissertation:

*PBM and DEM Simulations of Large-Scale Closed-Circuit Continuous Ball Milling of Cement Clinker*

Advisors:

Ecevit Bilgili, Ph.D.

Rajesh N. Davé, Ph.D.

\* **Aida López Ruiz**

Dissertation:

*Platinum Nanoparticles, Targeted Therapy for Triple Negative Breast Cancer*

Advisors:

Kathleen McEnnis, Ph.D.

Prateek Shekhar, Ph.D.

† **Nguyen Nhat Anh Tong**

Dissertation:

*Addressable Microfluidics Platform for Minimally-Invasive Manipulation of Cells and Chemicals Within Live Cultures*

Advisor:

Roman S. Voronov, Ph.D.

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\* **Baran Teoman**

Dissertation:

*Hydrodynamic Investigation of the Discharge of Complex Fluids from Dispensing Bottles Using Experimental and Computational Approaches*

Advisor:

Piero M. Armenante, Ph.D.

† **Peter S. Totaro, Jr.**

Dissertation:

*Effect of Current Density Ramping on the Anodic Reaction and Morphology of Aerospace Aluminum Alloys*

Advisor:

Boris Khusid, Ph.D.

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**CHEMISTRY**

\* **Jie Dou**

Dissertation:

*Amphiphilic Block Copolymers and the Applications in Therapeutics Delivery*

Advisor:

Yuanwei Zhang, Ph.D.

**Gaddi Baffoe Eshun**

Dissertation:

*Sustainable Nanomaterials for Sensing and Antimicrobial Characterization*

Advisor:

Omowunmi Sadik, Ph.D.

\* **Ali Hasani**

Dissertation:

*Combustion Soot Nanoparticles: Mechanism of Restructuring and Mechanical Properties*

Advisor:

Alexei Khalizov, Ph.D.

**Daniel Kasungi Isika**

Dissertation:

*Design, Synthesis, Biological and Computational Studies of Flavonoid Acetamide Derivatives*

Advisor:

Omowunmi Sadik, Ph.D.

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**Mohammad Saiful Islam**

Dissertation:

*Development of Novel Hybrid Structure for Fast Dissolution of Hydrophobic Drugs*

Advisor:

Somenath Mitra, Ph.D.

**Xiaokai Zhang**

Dissertation:

*V-Shaped Temperature Dependences and Pressure Dependence of Elementary Reactions of Hydroxyl Radicals with Several Organophosphorus Compounds*

Advisor:

Lev N. Krasnoperov, Ph.D.

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## **CIVIL ENGINEERING**

**† Catarina Baptista Pereira**

Dissertation:

*Effect of Fluid Penetration on the Damage Processes and Micro-Seismicity Due to the Hydraulic Fracturing of Rocks*

Advisor:

Jay N. Meegoda, Ph.D.

**Jin Fan**

Dissertation:

*Multi-Physics Numerical Simulation of Corrosion and Service Life Evaluation of Novel Reinforced Concrete Systems*

Advisors:

Matthew J. Bandelt, Ph.D.

Matthew P. Adams, Ph.D.

**Mohab A. Hussein**

Dissertation:

*Modeling Uncertainties in the Resistance of Driven Files in Intermediate Geomaterials: Interpretable, Probabilistic, and Data-Driven Machine Learning Methods*

Advisor:

Rayan H. Assaad, Ph.D.

**\* Jitendra Anil Kewalramani**

Dissertation:

*The Ultrasound Technology for Remediation of Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Environmental Media*

Advisor:

Jay N. Meegoda, Ph.D.



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**John G. Lyssikatos**

Dissertation:

*Expert System for Risk Scoring and Mitigation of Lender-Financed Building Construction Projects*

Advisor:

Fadi Karaa, Ph.D.

**Seyed Masoud Shirkhorshidi**

Dissertation:

*Corrosion Performance and Durability of Advanced Reinforced Concrete Systems for Transportation Infrastructure*

Advisors:

Matthew J. Bandelt, Ph.D.

Matthew P. Adams, Ph.D.

† **Noah A. Thibodeaux**

Dissertation:

*Behavior of Novel Cementitious Composites for Use in Sustainable Construction and Rehabilitation*

Advisor:

Matthew J. Bandelt, Ph.D.

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## COMPUTER ENGINEERING

† **Haoyue Liu**

Dissertation:

*Analyzing Fluctuation of Topics and Public Sentiment Through Social Media Data*

Advisor:

Mengchu Zhou, Ph.D.

† **Fatemeh Mohammadi Shakiba**

Dissertation:

*Artificial Neural Networks and Their Applications to Intelligent Fault Diagnosis of Power Transmission Lines*

Advisors:

Mengchu Zhou, Ph.D.

Seyyedmohsen Azizi, Ph.D.

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COMPUTER SCIENCE

\* **Yasser Abdullah**

Dissertation:

*Machine Learning-Based Data Analytics for Understanding Space Weather and Climate*

Advisor:

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Isaiah L. Cruz	Mitchell Malakhov	Ameera Kavita Seetahal
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*summa cum laude* — with highest praise  
grade point average 3.850 - 4.00

*magna cum laude* — with great praise  
grade point average 3.650 - 3.849

*cum laude* — with praise  
grade point average 3.400 - 3.649



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	Vincent H. Tews	
	Srijan Thota	

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	Eniola Toluwanimi Oriyomi	
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	Christopher Anthony Pane	

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Nikhil Tae Yang Ramesh	Vraj A. Shah	Angelo T. Velardi
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Abhishek Chetan Ranpura	Nicholas J. Slamka	Nicholas A. Wagner
Anas Rashid	John P. Spero	Dominique Wiktorowski
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	David Tobon	
	Jeremy Tolentino	
	Evan Tran	
	Jordan Anthony Trigger	

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Michael Cordero	McGregor Sylvain
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## AWARDS

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### AWARDS EARNED FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN THE YEAR OF GRADUATION

*Allentuch Scholarship*  
Sayuri Naito

*American Society of Highway Engineers  
Scholarship*  
Nestor Garica

*ASCE North Jersey Branch Scholarship Award*  
Heba Yousef

*Association for Computing Machinery*  
Logan Emigdio Reyes

*Avanade Inc. STEM Scholarship*  
Lizete Afonso

*Frederick and Florence Bauder Scholarship*  
Andrew McBride

*BGK Endowed Scholarship*  
Jason Ogbebor

*Diane and Joel Bloom Scholarship*  
Jennifer Cabral

*Chemical Engineering Department  
Annual Scholarship*  
Jason Ogbebor

*Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Campaign Scholarship*  
David DaGraca

*Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Leadership Award*  
Nestor Garcia

*COAD Dean's Endowed Scholarship*  
Constance Chu

*COAD Freshman Highlander Achievement  
Scholarship*  
Constance Chu

*Cruz Family Endowed Scholarship*  
Situ Amarvi

*CyberCorps Scholarship for Service*  
Logan Emigdio  
Samuel Itman

*Irene DeCaprio Memorial Scholarship*  
Sayuri Naito

*Anthony M. Dinallo Scholarship*  
Situ Amarvi

*Exxon Mobil Honors College Scholarship*  
Andrew McBride

*Frederick Farley Memorial Honors Scholarship*  
Matthew Cordes

*Glass Scholarship*  
Andrew McBride

*John C. Hartmann Endowed Scholarship*  
Sheimaa Abada  
Brandon Cannizzo  
David Kayal

*Highlander Scholarship*  
David DaGraca

*Highlander Freshman Scholarship*  
Arun Aryal  
Joshua Lipko  
Jason Ogbebor

*Highlander Persistence Scholarship*  
Ege Atay  
Brandon Cannizzo

*James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship*  
Joshua Kobuskie

*Jacqueline Kane Endowed Scholarship*  
Lizete Afonso

*Landsberger Foundation Annual Scholarship*  
Jennifer Cabral

*Linkletter Scholarship*  
Constance Chu

*Maher Resident Scholarship*  
Jennifer Cabral

*J. Ray & Manuelita Michaud Endowed  
Scholarship*  
Sraavya Anne  
Zachary Lane  
Alan Nguyen

*Moles Scholarship*  
David DaGraca  
Heba Yousef

*National Starch and Chemical Foundation  
Scholarship*  
Andrew McBride

*New Jersey Construction Roundtable Scholarship*  
Heba Yousef

*New Jersey Undergraduate EOF*  
Sayuri Naito  
Cyril Shenuoda

*Newark College of Engineering  
Board of Visitors Endowment Scholarship*  
Nicholas Carrillo

*Newark College of Engineering  
Outstanding Senior Award in the  
School of Applied Engineering and Technology*  
Nicholas Carrillo

*Newark College of Engineering  
Outstanding Senior Award in  
Biomedical Engineering*  
Arun Aryal

*Newark College of Engineering  
Otto H. York Service and Research Award in  
Chemical and Materials Engineering Department*  
Jason Ogbebor  
Vincent Tews



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*Newark College of Engineering Merit Scholarship*  
Matthew Cordes

*Newcombe Endowed Scholarship*  
Heba Yousef

*NJIT Academic Excellence Scholarship*  
Jibran Absarulislam  
Forrest Ahles  
Janae Anderson  
Abdelmalek Benaissa  
Jennifer Cabral  
Constance Chu  
Matthew Cordes  
Patrick Czachor  
David DaGraca  
Marc Fayad  
James Fell  
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Joshua Lipko  
Mark Mosaad  
Sayuri Naito  
Mark Nashed  
Jason Ogbebor  
Samad Qadri  
Patrick Sansone  
Cyril Shenouda  
Sarabveer Singh  
Michael Tuma  
Bryan Velez

*NJIT Academic Scholar Award*  
Sraavya Anne  
Arun Aryal  
Hao Massimo Chen  
Hans Pocholo Hugo  
Zachary Lane  
Alan Nguyen

*NJIT Academic and Student Service Award*  
Nikole Martin

*NJIT Honors Excellence Scholarship*  
Jennifer Cabral

*NJIT Honors Scholarship*  
Forrest Ahles  
Jennifer Cabral  
Constance Chu  
Matthew Cordes  
Patrick Czachor  
Meghan Flynn  
Joshua Kobuskie  
Zachary Lane  
Mark Mosaad  
Alan Nguyen  
Patrick Sansone  
Michael Tuma

*NJIT Honors Room Scholarship*  
Forrest Ahles  
Sraavya Anne  
Matthew Cordes  
Patrick Czachor  
Meghan Flynn  
Zachary Lane  
Mark Mosaad  
Mark Nashed  
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*Congratulations to our daughter and sister*  
*Soraya L. Abellard*

We are so very proud and love you very much!  
Mom, Dad and Ethan

*Congratulations*  
*Jibran G. Absarulislam*

Run, Jibran, Run! Keep running, Pa! Don't stop! Your relentless effort, hard work, strive, dedication have paid off. Your dream is our dream that has come true. You did it! Our heartfelt congratulations! We are so proud of you. May Allah Bless all. Baba, Mama and Ate

*Congratulations to our son and brother*

*Sergio A. Acevedo*

We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Tati and Niky

*Congratulations to our beloved son*

*Favour Adelufosi*

on this great accomplishment. Words cannot explain the peace, comfort and hope you represent in our lives as your parents. You will continue to move from glory to higher glory in Jesus mighty name.

Pastors Samson and Kami Adelufosi

*Congratulations to our beautiful, unique and hardworking daughter and sister*

*Maryam Abdelhalim*

We are so proud of you! Go forth and make a difference in the world. We love you.

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*Congratulations to my son*

*Jose G. Alvarez*

I'm so proud of you and how far you've come. I wish you nothing but the best for you and your future. Love, Mom

*Congratulations to our son*

*Abhiroop Arun*

We are so proud of you! Mom and Dad

*Congratulations Ellis!*

*Ellis A. Ballard*

We're so proud of you.

Mom, Dad and Spencer

*In honor of my son*

*Nathan N. Beauvais*

I am so very proud! Booboo, you are the light of my life and looking forward to what the next chapter brings. You deserve only the best that life has to offer. Love always, Mom

*Congratulations to our dear son*

*Omar W. Benavente, Jr.*

The future is all yours now. Go for it!

May the Lord bless your steps and watch over you. Mom, Dad and sister

*Congratulations to our son*

*Cole James Bienert*

Onward and upwards into a bright future!

Love, Mom, Dad and Chase

*Congratulations and best of luck*

*Devin Bommarito*

What the mind can conceive and believe – it can achieve! Mom, Eddie and Solia

*Congratulations to our daughter*

*Courtney A. Branch*

We are so proud of you!

Love always, Mom and Dad

*Let's Go #6*

*Liam P. Brown*

Congratulations! Much success in your future.

Love, Mom, Dad, Danny and Erin

*Congratulations to our son and brother*

*Thomas R Capalbo*

Love, Mom, Dad, Jim and Melanie

*Congratulations*

*Nora A. Chamesian*

We are so proud of you! May your future be filled with happiness and success and may God bless you and guide you always.

Love Dad, Mom and Michael Chamesian

*Congratulations to our dear son*

*on your graduation*

*Antonio Costa*

May God's blessings be upon you forever and ever.

With love, Mom, Dad and Diogo

*In honor of*

*Reynaldo "RJ" Cobarrubias*

Congratulations on this wonderful accomplishment! Love, Mom and Dad

*Congratulations Jack Cudia*

*and to the class of 2023!*

The world welcomes talent with open arms.

Time to be embraced! Great job on an amazing 4 years. Live your dream and be happy.

Love Mom and Dad

*Congratulations to our daughter*

*Christina DeRosa*

Love, Mom and Darrell

*Congratulations to my granddaughter*

*Christina DeRosa*

Love, Grandmom

*Congratulations*

*Anthony J. DeTorfino*

We are so proud of you!!

Love, Mom, Dad and Nicholas

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*In Honor of our daughter and sister  
Julia Racquel Devino  
Cento di questi giorni  
Mom and Lissy*

*Dear Joe DeVito  
Congratulations Joe, we know how  
hard you worked for this!  
Love Mom, Dad, Chris and Bono*

*Casey T. Duran, wishing you all the best!  
Congratulations! God Bless You Always.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Carla and your Philippines  
family – Madelein, Jeff and Carla Duran*

*Congrats Carlos Espana!  
Your family is happy to be part of this  
achievement!*

*In honor of  
Da'mir D. Faison  
Da'mir, the plan you endured physically  
prepared you to stay strong mentally.  
We are proud of you and know this is the  
beginning of your many accomplishments.  
Congratulations! Love you, Mom and Dad*

*Felicidades nuestro hijo!  
Christian Gaba  
Mom, Dad, Grandma and Siblings  
Vivian and Harrison Eghan*

*Congratulations to our son  
Hunter Grimm  
We are very proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad and Annaleise*

*Congratulations to our son and brother  
Nicholas Grippaldi  
Mom, Dad and Marissa*

*Congratulations kiddo – you did it!  
Manny Grova III  
Love, Mom, Dad, Angelica and Adam*

*Congratulations  
Peter Habib  
We are so proud of you  
and all your accomplishments.  
Love you always, Mom and Dad*

*Congratulations to our dearest  
Menaal Haque  
Sending you prayers and blessings for your  
graduation and for your future. May God grant  
you success and all that is good for you. We love  
you today and are proud of you.  
Love, Baba, Mama, Nunoo, Palo and Krusty*

*In honor of our son  
Bruno Hinostroza  
We thank God for your graduation.  
The fruit of your efforts and dedication  
continue to grow! Proudly, your parents  
- Graciela and Alfredo*

*Congratulations and well-earned  
Andrew "AJ" Jones  
We are so very proud of the incredible son  
you have always been and the accomplished  
man you are. We love you very much and look  
forward to seeing what you do next in life.  
Love Mom, Dad and Hailey xxxooo*

*Congratulations  
Jacob Jones  
We are so very proud of you!  
Mom, Dad, Marcus and Bailey*

*Congratulations!  
David M. Kayal  
Be proud of your accomplishments, success will  
follow. Best of everything. Love, Mom*

*Congratulations to our son and brother  
Jack R. Kidea  
Love, Mom, Dad, Maggie and Janie*

*In honor of  
Nakul Kochar  
We're so proud of you and honored to celebrate  
graduation day with you!  
Congratulations graduate!  
Love you, Mom, Dad and your sister*

*Congratulations  
Elizabeth M. Kowalchuk  
We are so proud of you!  
Love Mom and Dad Kowalchuk*

*We are so proud of you!  
Joseph Dante Landi  
Looking forward to what awaits you in the next  
chapter! Love, Mom, Dad, Marie, Michelle,  
Theresa and Dante*

*Congratulations to our son and brother  
James W. Lavender  
Dad, Mom, Leah, Martina, Ray and Cat*

*In honor of our son  
Addison James Lifrak  
We are so proud of the man you have become.  
Love, Mom and Dad*

*Congratulations on your graduation  
Jason L. Louison  
The sky is the limit! Fly High!  
Love, Jacquie and Fran and Jonathan Louison*

*Congratulations  
Kurtis J. Martin  
We are so proud of you!  
Dad and Erik*

*Congratulations!!!!  
Carlos Martines  
We are proud of you and wish you the best.  
Dad, Mom, your sisters wish you the best in  
all your future endeavors and remember the sky  
is the limit and enjoy every moment of this new  
chapter of your life.  
Congratulations Class of 2023!*

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*Congratulations to  
Nicolas R. Martinez  
Fortune favors the bold!  
Love the Martinez Family*

*Congratulations to  
Roark McFadden  
Roark. Our son. Our Friend.  
May the road rise to meet you.  
Proud ever! Parent and Grandparents*

*In honor of our son and brother  
Derek A. Mejia  
You did it! Congratulations on this outstanding  
accomplishment. Love, Mom, Dad and Katrina*

*Congratulations and Happy Graduation day!  
Engelo P. Merado  
We are so proud of you!  
Dad, Mom and Jelly*

*Congratulations!  
Haylee Merola  
Do great things in life!  
We love you and we are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad, JD and Amma*

*Congratulations on your success.  
Sakar G. Michel  
All the best. With love, Mom, Dad, and Jude*

*Congratulations  
Nicholas Millar-Falzo  
Love you, Moms and Erin*

*Congratulations!  
Kristen Mogerman  
Wishing you all the success, happiness, and  
opportunities the world has to offer. We love  
you and could not be more proud!  
Mom, Dad and Nicole Mogerman*

*Congratulations to our  
Gabriel Moyet  
We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dave,  
Tia Vero, Barb, Angel and Kristina*

*Congratulations  
Dominic Mozeika  
Your Family is so proud of you!*

*Congratulations to my son  
Hector L. Muniz  
Today is a new beginning. Just dream,  
believe and keep smiling. Love, Mom*

*In honor of our daughter  
Sofia Nasiek  
Congratulations and we are so proud!  
Mom, Dad, Julia and Luisa*

*Congratulations to our son  
Howell-John Nunez  
We are so very proud of you!  
Love, Mami and Papi*

*Congratulations to our son  
Ethan T. O'Malley  
We are so proud of you!  
Mom, Dad, Meghan and Owen*

*Congratulations to our son  
Andres E. Orbe  
Love you always,  
Mom, Dad and Gabriel*

*Congratulations to our son  
Edward Ordonez  
Love, Mom, Dad, Abuelo and Angie*

*Congratulations to our darling  
Eniola T. Oriyomi  
May lines continue to fall in pleasant places for  
you. With love from Mom, Dad, Yemi and Jimi*

*Congratulations to our son  
Nicholas S. Oshel  
We are very proud of you!  
Love Mom and Dad*

*Congratulations to our son and brother  
Alexander Pais  
We are very proud of you. We love you!  
Mom, Dad and Michael*

*In honor of our son  
Shahil B. Patel  
We are so very proud of you!  
Bhaves and Nimisha Patel*

*Congratulations to our son  
Christopher Pierro  
We are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom and Dad*

*Congratulations to our son and brother  
Andrew J. Prescott  
We love you and are so proud of you!  
Dad, Mom and Alexander*

*Congratulations to our son and brother  
Adam M. Primost  
We are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Alex*

*Kumayl Qureshi, you did it!  
Congratulations and Mazel Tov!  
We love you!!! Congrats to the entire class of 2023!  
Terry, Jacob, Michelle and Schroeder*

*Congratulations  
Kaitlin R. Rock  
You reached your goal and your loving family  
is ELATED!*

*Congratulations  
Jose Andres Rodriguez  
We are very proud of you!  
Diana and Andrea*

*Congratulations to our son and brother  
Robert A. Sawh  
With love Mom, Dad,  
and your brothers – Anthony and Richard*

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*Congratulations!*

*David-Daniel Schiettino*

We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad,  
Vanessa, Jay, Brittany, Jaiden and Leo

*In honor of*

*Natasha Seetharaman*

So proud of you Tach! Amma, Anna, Nik,  
Grace, Mom, Dad, Joy, Tris, Hem, Venkat, Rak,  
Indra, Suresh, Anu, Manan, Jiya, Riyann, Cindy,  
Devon and Beck

*Congratulations*

*Gavin Strand*

We love you! Mom

*Congratulations to our daughter*

*Gianna M. Tautonico*

We are so proud of you. Keep following your  
dreams! Love, Mom and Dad

*Congratulations to our daughter and mother*

*Kathy Thompson*

With love, Dottie Wright and Tashon Thompson

*In honor of*

*Zach Tinawi*

We couldn't be more proud of your  
dedication, hard work, and persistence.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Tamara, Ron and Family

*Congratulations!*

*Christopher A. Treadwell*

Love, Mom, Lauren, Samantha,  
Grandma, Grandpa and Uncle Joe

*Congratulations*

*Michelle Vanadia*

We are so proud of you and your accomplishments!  
Love Mom, Dad and Gabrielle

*In honor of our daughter and sister*

*Lillian A. Williams*

So proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and your  
brothers – Jhamali and Dylan Williams

*Congratulations!*

*Natalie Wilson*

We are so very proud of you and love you very  
much. All your hard work has paid off!  
Mom, Pops, Grace and Olivia

*Congratulations to our son*

*Zachary Zakolski*

We are proud of you!

Mark and Lisa Zakolski

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The congratulatory messages below were received after the deadline for submissions and could not be included in the printed Commencement Program. To communicate these heartfelt messages, we have included these additional messages that acknowledge the accomplishments and good wishes for the Class of 2023 in the digital and online versions of the program.

*Congratulations to our amazing  
daughter and sister*

*Ariana Eva Caminos*

Love, Dad, Mom, Jude, Cristian  
and your Cuban/Argentinean family

*In honor of*

*Nicholas R. Carrillo*

We are so very proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Ellie An

*Congratulations*

*Grimm Cato*

To our graduate who has worked so hard.  
Sending you our heartfelt wishes  
with the hope for you to set your goals  
high and not stop until you achieve your goals.  
Noel Latoza and Luisa Valena

*Congratulations to our daughter*

*Sophia D'Anna*

May all your dreams come true!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Blaise

*Congratulations*

*Kyle Mileski*

To the Class of 2023 and Sigma Pi.  
We love you and are very proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad and Natalie

*Congratulations to our son*

*Daniel P. Rajaram*

Mom, Dad, Ryan, Lanessa,  
Mason, Myles and Melia

*Congratulations*

*Karly Savinon*

You did this!  
Love, Mom and Gabby

*Congratulations*

*Andrew Skorupski*

You did it! May all your dreams come true.  
Love, Mommy and Daddy

*In honor of our grandson*

*Andrew Skorupski*

We are so proud of you!  
We love you, Nana and Poppy

*Congratulations*

*Jonathan Valerio*

Your whole family is so proud of  
you! We love you so much!  
Mom, Dad, Sister, Jacob and Rob

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The pageantry and tradition of college and university commencement ceremonies originated more than 800 years ago in medieval universities of Europe.

These early universities were bodies or guilds of students who took their name from the Latin word *universitas*, meaning a number of persons associated into one guild or community. These guilds were dedicated to the mastery of the arts and sciences. The master's or doctoral degree denoted full membership in the guild and admitted the recipient to the practice of teaching. The bachelor's degree, on the other hand, originally indicated only that the recipient had entered a course of study leading to the doctorate or master's. Later, the baccalaureate came to signify the completion of one level of study preparatory to higher degrees.

The term "commencement," which means beginning, originally referred to the occasion on which the student received the master's degree and "commenced" his career. Today, however, all levels of degrees are conferred at commencement.

Academic caps, gowns and hoods developed gradually from the long flowing robes that the teachers wore to protect themselves from the cold of the medieval buildings. As the scholars of the time were usually clerics, their robes differed little from those used by the church orders. Slowly, certain styles were designated for the universities, and these, with minor modifications, are the costumes worn today. Hoods were originally fashioned after the monk's cowl. The cap, with its tassels, evolved from the skull caps of the scholar-monks. In France, where the degree system probably began, wearing the cap and gown marked the formal admission of the student to the body of masters.

Today, academic regalia is standardized by the American Intercollegiate Code.

In the United States, it is traditional for academicians to wear the gown and hood of the university where they received their highest degree.

The gowns of bachelor's and master's degree candidates are usually without trimmings,

whereas those for the doctoral degree are faced down the front with velvet and adorned with three velvet bars on the sleeves. The hood, a triangular fold of cloth worn over the back of the gown, is faced with colors which signify the field of study in which the degree is earned. The colors of the lining are those of the college or university which granted the degrees. The length of the hood increases with each higher degree.

The cap may be the stiff-crown style (mortar-board), or the soft tam. The tassel for bachelor's and master's is black or color appropriate to the major; those of doctor's are black or golden. The tassel is worn on the left side by those who have received a degree.

These colorful traditions culminate today in the academic procession and the commencement ceremony itself. They carry with them the splendor and majesty that is properly associated with such a happy and important occasion and help remind us of the long tradition of higher education.



### THE MACE

The mace, used today as a symbol of authority invested in the president by the Board of Trustees, is the institution's most sacred symbol of office. Dating back to medieval times, it was used

by civil officers and bodyguards. Originating from fasces used during the Roman Empire to restore order and implement court-ordered punishment, fasces were carried in processions adorned with laurel on festive occasions and draped in cloth for mourning. Maces were also used in consecration ceremonies and to protect the pope, cardinals and bishops. In time, it became a staff borne by, carried before or placed near a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of his royal authority.

Presented as a class gift in the early 1950s, the mace is 30 inches in length, made of wood and metal struck in silver and cast in bronze. Its head is marked by the seal of the university at the time of its presentation. The mace is adorned with tassels representing the colleges and degrees awarded by the university.

### THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION



The use of medallions or large medals, as symbols of office and authority, is also a tradition stemming from medieval times. The presidential medallion of the university is struck in silver and cast in bronze. It is worn about the neck by the president of the university on ceremonial occasions.

The Presidential Medallion used today consists of two plates. The first plate is a replica of the medallion presented to the university in 1968 by the Alumni Association bearing the university seal at the time. The second plate bears the official university seal today.

### THE GONFALONS

Gonfalons, the insignia or symbols first used by princes or states in medieval Italy, have in recent times become widely used by colleges of major universities. The 1987 commencement ceremony marked their first processional use by New Jersey Institute of Technology. Each of the NJIT colleges is identified by its own symbol and by the year of its establishment.



Newark College of Engineering has as its ensign a chess rook, an ancient symbol associated with engineering and problem-solving as well as an early device in heraldry. It is shown on a field of academic orange with the year 1919, as the date when degrees were first authorized for the college.



J. Robert and Barbara A. Hillier College of Architecture and Design carries as its symbol a representational column head, the classic denotation of the discipline which is used throughout the college. It is shown on a field of blue violet, the academic color, and bears the year designation of 1973.



College of Science and Liberal Arts is identified by a lamp, another medieval symbol, commonly seen as a source of intellectual, moral and spiritual illumination. The white and gold of the banner encompasses both arts and letters and theoretic and applied aspects of science. The college was organized as a degree-granting entity in 1982.



The American eagle in flight is the pictorial representation of Martin Tuchman School of Management, symbolizing vision, control and integrity. Often depicted on coinage and currency, the eagle enjoys a historical tie to business and management and is shown against light brown, the academic color of its discipline.



Albert Dorman Honors College, represented by a scroll, was established in 1993. The college aims to inspire and prepare NJIT Honors Scholars to succeed through the highest standards of personal and academic achievement.



Ying Wu College of Computing is represented as a circle of five segments symbolizing computing as an academic discipline that connects and enriches all disciplines. The light blue background signifies computing as a distinct discipline in its own right, while the colors in the circle represent the other academic disciplines.

## ALMA MATER

To Alma Mater fair and great,  
our voices now we raise.  
Our gratitude we demonstrate,  
your steady voice we praise.  
Your challenge on us never fails,  
a world of knowledge calls.  
In heart and mind,  
our trust we'll bind  
to our NJIT.  
We'll hold your memory ever dear,  
your spirit we'll revere.  
To you we'll promise loyalty,  
our own NJIT.



As New Jersey's public polytechnic university, New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) has earned a reputation as one of the nation's pre-eminent STEM-focused educational and research institutions. The university consistently is ranked among the highest in the United States for return on investment (ROI) for its graduates. NJIT's economic impact on the State of New Jersey exceeds \$2.8 billion each year, supporting more than 17,370 jobs and generating employment income of \$956 million.

In 2022, NJIT was named a Top 100 National University by *U.S. News & World Report*, while *Forbes* ranked the school the #1 Public University in New Jersey. In its annual ranking, *U.S. News & World Report* also placed NJIT #8 in the nation for ethnic diversity among public universities. In 2022, *Money* ranked NJIT #14 in its list of Best Colleges.



Additionally, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked NJIT among the best in the nation for graduate degree programs in engineering, with the 2022 rankings marking the sixth consecutive year NJIT has appeared in the top 100.



NJIT also has earned the distinction of being designated an "R1" Research University by the Carnegie Classification®, the highest research rating. NJIT is one of only 146 universities nationally and just three in New Jersey to achieve this recognition.

With six colleges, 52 undergraduate degree programs, 68 graduate degree programs (including 20 programs leading to a Ph.D. degree in a professional discipline), and more than 150 specialized laboratories and research centers, NJIT is home to nearly 11,500 students and more than 480 full-time faculty and 372 adjunct faculty members. The university maintains a student-to-faculty ratio



of 15 to 1. Almost all of NJIT's faculty hold the highest degree in their respective fields.

NJIT is a driving force behind a large number of technology- and innovation-based enterprises, as well as a wide range of business and industry public-private partnerships that have a significant impact on the economies of the state and the region. NJIT's New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII) was established in 2014 to work directly with business, industry and government for economic development.



Now in its ninth year of operation, NJII conducts more than \$80 million in economic development activities annually. NJIT also is home to VentureLink, a business incubator and



accelerator. NJIT currently has 159 unexpired U.S. patents, 40 pending U.S. non-provisional applications, one international (PCT) application and 27 provisional applications.

NJIT also makes significant contributions to the community through initiatives such as its \$1 billion Campus Gateway neighborhood redevelopment plan. Phase 1 was launched on April 25, 2018, which is helping to revitalize a 22-acre area adjacent to the university's campus. NJIT also supports the community through its annual Day of Service, Alternative Spring Break and numerous other community engagement service offerings that benefit the City of Newark and the State of New Jersey. In 2022, 1,214 students contributed 36,916 hours at 186 non-profit agencies, communities and schools.





