



Saint Peter President Cornacchia Pens Op-Ed Advocating for the Doubling of Pell Grants

Eugene J. Cornacchia, president of Saint Peter's University in Jersey City, has been a long-time proponent of Pell Grants - which don't have to be repaid - but he says his advocacy for the federal aid program has grown stronger given the unprecedented challenges as we aim to restart the economy following the pandemic. He penned an [op-ed](#) advocating for the doubling of federal Pell grants.

Golf Outing- Save the Date!

We are excited to announce the return of our Annual ICFNJ Golf Outing on Monday, September 13, 2021 at Cedar Hill Golf & Country Club in Livingston, New Jersey. By returning to Cedar Hill, we hope to offer golfers an enjoyable and great day of golf. To safeguard our golfers, we are limiting the total number of foursomes and following guidelines for safe play. Scoring will be individual plus best ball. Our member colleges are also encouraged to participate in the Collegiate Challenge and compete for honors and a championship trophy.

Your registration covers brunch, green fees, cart, a combined cocktails/dinner reception and a chance for some great prizes. Please consider a sponsorship, coordinate a foursome, play a round of golf, or just attend the after tournament cocktail/dinner reception. Contribute to the proud tradition of offering students a choice in the college or university they attend and the educational equity that promotes the realization of their dreams. Contact [MaryAlice](#) to reserve your spot and support level.

Felician Awarded NJPA Grant

Felician University was awarded a 2020-2021 New Jersey [Psychological Association \(NJPA\) Community Service Project Grant](#) to help support the Franciscan Community Development Center in Fairview, NJ, a multi-disciplinary service center that works with an under served population. The Center provides psychological services to individuals who cannot afford them while training doctoral students to work with under served populations. Both the Community Development Center and Felician's Doctor of Counseling Psychology (Psy.D.) Program, help prepare entry-level health service psychologists.

Stevens Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to Establish the First-Ever NSF-Backed FinTech Research Center

Stevens Institute of Technology is one of two universities in the country that have been awarded the first-ever National Science Foundation grant to create an [industry-university cooperative research center](#) devoted specifically to financial technology and science. Officials from Stevens will team with officials from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on the Center for Research toward Advancing Financial Technologies, or CRAFT, as it will be known.

CRAFT, which will be led by Steve Yang and George Calhoun of the School of Business at Stevens and Aparna Gupta of the Lally School of Management at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, underscores the nation's strategic investment in managing risks and unintended consequences of the emerging — and yet unknown — challenges facing the high-tech financial services industry.

Newly Merged Independent Colleges Organization Names New Board

The newly merged organization, ICUNJ, has named its new Board of Trustees. Chairing the board is Georgian Court President, [Joseph R. Marbach](#), Ph.D. [President Gregory D. Dell'Omo](#), Ph.D. of Rider University, has been named the vice-chair; [Christopher Capuano](#), Ph.D., president of Fairleigh Dickinson University serves as the secretary of the board; and [Marcheta P. Evans](#), Ph.D., president of Bloomfield College, serves as the treasurer of the board.

The board is comprised of the 14 member presidents, plus four executives from the New Jersey corporate community. Sixty corporate leaders from across the state of New Jersey serve as a board of advisors.

ICUNJ Welcomes New President, Steve Reynolds

Stephen R. ("Steve") Reynolds has been named by the members of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in New Jersey (AICUNJ) and the Independent College Fund of New Jersey (ICFNJ) to serve as the [new President](#) of the Independent Colleges and Universities of New Jersey (ICUNJ), and assumed his new role on July 26th. Steve will work closely with Dave Rousseau on advocacy and government relations work for the organization, and with MaryAlice Breuninger on college fund and development activities.

Reynolds has had a long and successful career serving in prominent roles as a corporate lawyer and litigator and brings over 35 years of management, leadership, and negotiation skills to ICUNJ. He is also a direct and repeated beneficiary of the value of independent higher education in New Jersey, with a passion for "paying forward" what has been given to him.

Reynolds holds a bachelor's degree in history from Princeton University, and a juris doctorate from Fordham University School of Law. Additionally, he has served as a member of the ICFNJ Board of Trustees for 15 years.

President Farvardin Marks A Decade of Progress at Stevens

July 1, 2021, marks the tenth anniversary of Nariman Farvardin's tenure as president at Stevens Institute of Technology and during this time, the university has undergone a remarkable transformation. In almost every imaginable measure of performance, impact and productivity, the university has reached new heights of achievement and the best is yet to come! To mark the occasion, many special friends of Stevens have sent [video messages](#) to President Farvardin to congratulate him on a decade of progress and excellence.

Student Corner

Congratulations to ICFNJ Scholar, Megan Enright, Rider University, Class of 2021! Megan recently graduated as a health science major and is the recipient of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Scholarship. Megan stated "Receiving an ICFNJ administered scholarship will definitely help me pay back a good portion of my student loans, or at least ensure that I am able to make multiple payments on time...it's a huge blessing." Megan hopes to work as a labor and delivery nurse. During her time at Rider, she was able to shadow a midwife. Shadowing was a life changing opportunity for her and has helped direct her future goals. We wish Megan continued success in her future endeavors.

