



2021 ROI - Higher Ed Influencers Named

The 2021 ROI-NJ Higher Ed Influencers have been announced and we are so proud that our sector is well represented again this year. Princeton University President Christopher Eisgruber, Stevens Institute of Technology President Nariman Farvardin, and Seton Hall University President Joseph Nyre have been named to [ROI-NJ Influencers College Presidents "Head of the Class"](#) list.

Bloomfield College President Marcheta Evans, Fairleigh Dickinson University President Christopher Capuano, Monmouth University President Patrick Leahy, and Georgian Court University President Joseph Marbach have been named to [ROI-NJ Influencers College President "Honor Roll"](#).

ICUNJ President Steve Reynolds has been recognized as an [ROI-NJ Influencer Higher Ed "Doer and Donor."](#)

We congratulate you on this recognition and we thank you for the excellent work you do representing your institutions and our sector. Your thoughtful leadership is much appreciated.

Rider University Granted Free Tuition to 3 Students Who Got COVID Vaccine

Rider University announced that three students who show proof of receiving at least one dose of the three approved coronavirus vaccines would be [eligible for free tuition](#). The university randomly selected and notified three lucky students from the pool of all eligible submissions. "Vaccination is another significant step toward the return to the full university experience and a greater sense of normalcy for the Rider community," University President Gregory G. Dell'Omo said. "We look forward to seeing you in September."

ICUNJ President Speaks with Dianne Doctor of "New Jersey Now" (My9/WWOR)

On August 22nd, ICUNJ President Steve Reynolds appeared on a [segment](#) of the New Jersey Now (My9/WWOR) [education episode](#) with Dianne Doctor. They discussed Steve's new role and his vision for the ICUNJ institutions moving forward. Steve touched on the value proposition of attending ICUNJ institutions, ways in which our schools are unique, and his goal of connecting our students with corporations. He recommended HESAA's ["Going to College in New Jersey"](#) guide and our [website](#) as resources for those interested in exploring New Jersey colleges.

2021 ICUNJ Golf Outing Update

After considering the impact of the Delta variant, feedback received from both current and prospective supporters, and input from several of our institutions, the difficult decision has been made to cancel our golf outing this year. We were looking forward to connecting with supporters in Livingston next month but have determined that the responsible reaction to current conditions and their impact on the overall success of the event, is to call it off. We will focus our efforts on other networking opportunities this year. I am hopeful that we will continue the tradition of the Golf Outing next year and that you will consider supporting it then.

For those who have already sent sponsorship funds, please contact [MaryAlice Breuninger](#) at mabreuninger@njcolleges.org to either arrange a return or to direct the funds to an alternative use. Know that our 14 institutions are tremendously grateful for your willingness to support this organization, especially during such a challenging time. I can assure you that the leadership at these schools will be made aware of your intention to support this event and, thus, the critical mission of ICUNJ.

Bloomfield College Receives Challenge Grant and Additional Appropriation from State of New Jersey

Bloomfield College is the recipient of [two revenue streams](#) from the state of New Jersey. The first is a federally-funded grant through the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE). The Opportunity Meets Innovation Challenge Grant was designed to enable institutions to invest in students and increase college completion, particularly among populations most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic including historically underrepresented minorities, low-income students and working-age adults. "This timely grant will enable us to expand our scope of student support services and provide students with custom portfolios of assistance to improve retention and graduation rates," said Bloomfield College President Marcheta P. Evans, Ph.D.

The second revenue stream coming by way of Bloomfield College is a special appropriation request sponsored by Senator Sandra Cunningham, Senator Ronald Rice, and Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin that was included in the state's annual budget. The Residential Access Scholarship Program was designed to provide housing assistance and meal plans to low-income students.

"Because Bloomfield College educates the highest percentage of Pell eligible students in the state, providing higher education access to some of the neediest students enrolled in New Jersey institutions, we are grateful for this additional funding to the College," added Evans. "I am encouraged by the recognition that Bloomfield College students are in critical need of additional support to be able to pursue and complete their college degrees that afford them the opportunity for social and economic mobility—and not only for themselves and their families, but for the many generations that follow."

Rider University offering 20% discount to state employees and their families

Rider University and the State of New Jersey have partnered to offer a [20% discount to New Jersey State government employees](#). The discount also applies to employees' immediate family members under the age of 23.

Participants can pursue a degree, certificate or individual classes from more than 100 nationally ranked programs, including accounting, business administration, cybersecurity, homeland security and more. The discount applies to all undergraduate and on-campus, part-time graduate programs, as well as on-line programs.

New Jersey Is "The Education State" - - With Plentiful and Beautiful Gardens!

ICUNJ President Steve Reynolds makes a [provocative case](#) encouraging New Jersey to take due credit for its top-ranked educational system...and maybe - just maybe, rethink our license plates.

Reynolds acknowledges that a change of the state nickname is unlikely, but he does hope to get a discussion started about New Jersey being a leader in education. The people at WRNJ Radio were happy to [engage](#).

Student Corner

ICUNJ Scholar, Sarah Carty of Saint Elizabeth University Class of 2022 is a nursing major and the recipient of the Johnson and Johnson Discover Nursing Scholarship. Sarah knew that she wanted to pursue nursing while staying close to her hometown of Morristown and says "Saint Elizabeth was the perfect fit; they welcomed me with open arms." Sarah and a few other students founded the first student nurses' association at SEU. Though establishing the association on campus was challenging, Sarah also notes that it was very rewarding to see her dreams and plans implemented. Sarah says she feels blessed to be a recipient of the J&J Scholarship and is very "... appreciative of the generous donors who helped fund this scholarship. I do not know what I would do without this help. I will forever be grateful to every person who helped me to fund my education. This is something I will carry for life and be able to help other people with. I am forever indebted!" We are wishing Sarah and all the ICUNJ students a successful school year!

