

### “Caldwell Commitment” Program to Provide Full Tuition Scholarships for Qualified Students

Caldwell University announced today its new [“Caldwell Commitment” program](#) to provide scholarship and grant monies to more students entering as new undergraduates to the University beginning in the Spring and Fall semesters of 2022.

Caldwell is offering [full tuition](#) to new freshman and transfer students entering Caldwell in Spring and Fall 2022 who receive both a Federal Pell Grant and the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and have at least a 3.0 high school GPA. The Federal Pell Grant program awards need-based grants to low-income undergraduate students. TAG is a need-based financial aid program for full-time undergraduate students who reside in New Jersey and are enrolled in an approved degree or certificate program.

Additionally, the University is implementing a transparent scholarship model awarding scholarships based on levels of academic achievement for students regardless of where they reside or of grant eligibility.

### Centenary University Faces the Urgent Need to Respond to National Mental Health Crisis on Campus

Mental health experts at Centenary University point to the COVID-19 pandemic as a significant source of stress for college students. Centenary University President Bruce Murphy, Ed.D., a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army who has studied the effects of stress in the military, said, “There is universal agreement that mental health has to be a top priority on all of our campuses. At Centenary, we’ve seen a definite increase in the number of students seeking counseling support since the beginning of the academic year. While there’s a general call to begin moving on and living with the pandemic, COVID-19 will continue to have long-lasting effects on everyone, including college students.” The university believes that [access to counseling](#) and other support measures is critical in helping students to cope with ongoing pandemic-related stress and is being proactive about offering a variety of mental health services tailored to student preferences.

### Spotlight On: Christopher Capuano, President, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Invest New Jersey recently [interviewed](#) Fairleigh Dickinson President Christopher Capuano. New Jersey’s diversity and access to cutting-edge industries has President Capuano bullish on the future of the University and, most importantly, its students. “Universities have to reinvent their curriculum and develop new programming to meet 21st century industry needs, while at the same time improving access and affordability to such programming for more students,” Capuano said.

### Caldwell University is Helping its Students Pursue Careers in STEM

[Steve Aduato sat down with](#) Caldwell University President Matthew Whelan, Ed.D., to talk about the challenges Caldwell University faced throughout the pandemic and the importance of helping Hispanic and low-income students pursue a career in STEM.

### President Nyre and His Wife Make \$500,000 Gift to Seton Hall University

Seton Hall University has [announced](#) a \$500,000 gift from its President, Joseph E. Nyre, Ph.D., and his wife, Mrs. Kelli Nyre. The gift will underwrite scholarships for students and innovative research and instructional activities of faculty.

“We are blessed to have a President and First Lady who are committed advocates for college affordability and faculty support,” said Kevin H. Marino, Esq., Chair of the Seton Hall University Board of Regents. “The Nyres stand behind the very priorities they ask others to support. That is the essence and validation of leadership, and we are grateful to have them at the helm.”

### Dr. Gregory G. Dell’Omo and Rider are co-recipients of this year’s Eugene Marsh Community Impact Award

Rider University and its president, Gregory Dell’Omo, have been named co-recipients of this year’s [Eugene Marsh Community Impact Award](#). The annual award, presented by the United Way of Greater Mercer County, goes to those who personify Marsh’s three core values: Caring, respect and responsibility. Dell’Omo will join this year’s other three award winners. All of this year’s recipients will be recognized during the United in Impact Awards: Rising Together event on April 26. Under [President Dell’Omo’s](#) leadership, the University has developed more than a dozen new undergraduate and graduate academic programs, including the University’s first doctoral program. It also launched its signature Engaged Learning Program in 2017 and its Inclusive Excellence Plan in 2019. Rider has experienced record-breaking fundraising during his tenure, including the largest gift in University history, and an increase of approximately 36% in the University’s endowment. Rider currently ranks on U.S. News and World Report’s Best Colleges list and The Wall Street Journal’s Top U.S. College list.

### ROI-NJ Influencers: Higher Ed Power List 2022 Named

Congratulations to President Christopher Capuano of Fairleigh Dickinson University, President Chris Eisgruber of Princeton University, President Nariman Farvardin of Stevens Institute of Technology, President Patrick Leahy of Monmouth University, and President Joseph Nyre of Seton Hall University for the honor of being named [ROI-NJ Influencers in the 2022 Higher Education Power List](#).

The Higher Ed Power list recognizes leaders of higher education institutions who, following the footsteps of a public education system that is regarded as the best in the country, take the baton — serving a wide variety of needs and populations. This list is a top-level view of the most influential presidents, and our sector is well represented.

### Caldwell Athletics Honors Milestones of Men’s Basketball Head Coach Corino on Mark A. Corino Day

Caldwell Athletics held a [ceremony](#) to honor the career and milestones of Head Coach Mark A. Corino. Earlier this season, Coach Corino earned his 600th career coaching victory and on January 8, he reached new heights, becoming the state of New Jersey’s all-time winningest NCAA men’s basketball head coach with his 604th career victory. Coach Mark Corino will be among the first class of inductees to the new [New Jersey Basketball Hall of Honor](#) when the Basketball Reunion – a statewide event created to re-unite former and current New Jersey high school and college basketball teammates and coaches – holds its inaugural event Monday, April 4 at the Prudential Center in Newark.

### Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Update

CohnReznick recently wrote an [article](#) about the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. The Department of Education (ED) recently announced an additional \$198 million in new funding, titled the Supplemental Support under the American Rescue Plan (SSARP Program), that will be made available under the previously established Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The SSARP Program funding is available to both public and private non-profit institutions, and applications are due by Apr. 4, 2022.

### NEW JERSEY: “THE EDUCATION STATE” – The “Case” for a Second Nickname

ICUNJ President, Steve Reynolds (a former litigator) offers a [“case”](#) for a second state nickname option to appear on NJ license plates in an effort to start the conversation about NJ’s high education rating as well as the state’s outmigration issue that was recently addressed by Governor Murphy.