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### **Raymond H. Bateman**

Former New Jersey State Senator Raymond H. Bateman has served on the Raritan Valley Community College Board of Trustees for 27 years, the last 25 as its chairman. As a Senator, he co-authored the legislation that created New Jersey's community colleges almost 40 years ago. A pioneer of community colleges, he helped define their mission, developed public policy and continues to advance affordable community college educational and workforce training programs as a co-chair of Business & Labor for Stronger Community Colleges.

Mr. Bateman served for 19 years in the New Jersey Legislature. He was Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the New Jersey Assembly and New Jersey State Senate and served three terms as President of the Senate. He also served over 100 days as Acting Governor.

Mr. Bateman is president of Public Affairs Consultants in Somerville.



### **William Hiering**

Former New Jersey State Senator William T. Hiering has served on the Ocean County College Board of Trustees for 20 years, the last 18 as its chairman. As a Senator, he co-authored the legislation that created New Jersey's community college system nearly 40 years ago and was a vigorous supporter of the referendum that established Ocean County College as the first community college in the state. A pioneer of community colleges, he helped define their mission, developed public policy and continues to advance affordable community college educational and workforce training programs as a co-chair of Business & Labor for Stronger Community Colleges.

Mr. Hiering was elected to the General Assembly in 1958 and re-elected in 1961 and 1963. Two years later, he was elected to the Senate, was re-elected in 1967 and served until 1971, when he was appointed counsel to the New Jersey Highway Authority.

Mr. Hiering is a member of the law firm of Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzone and Dunn in Toms River.



### **Ralph Izzo**

Ralph Izzo was elected president and chief operating officer of Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), effective October 18, 2003. Prior to this position, Mr. Izzo was senior vice president – utility operations of PSE&G.

Since joining PSE&G in 1992, Mr. Izzo was elected to several senior executive positions of increasing responsibility within PSE&G's family of companies; including vice president – appliance service with PSE&G, vice president – corporate planning for PSEG Services Corporation, senior vice president – finance and information services with Energis Incorporated, and vice president – electric ventures, PSE&G.

Mr. Izzo is a well-known leader within the utility industry – as well as the public policy arena. His public policy experience includes services as an American Physical Congressional Science Fellow in the office of U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. He also served four years as a senior policy advisor in the Office of New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean, specializing in energy, science and technology. In addition, Mr. Izzo is a member of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

As a co-chair of Business & Labor for Stronger Community Colleges, Mr. Izzo advances affordable community college educational and workforce training programs for New Jersey's residents.



### **Reginald T. Jackson**

The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson is pastor of St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church in Orange. Under his leadership, the congregation has grown from 150 to 2,000. The operating budget has grown from \$50,000 to \$2 million. Under his administration, St. Matthew created its own community development corporation, Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation.

Rev. Jackson serves as the executive director of the Black Ministers' Council of New Jersey, which represents more than 800 African American churches in the State of New Jersey.

As a co-chair of Business & Labor for Stronger Community Colleges, Rev. Jackson advances affordable community college educational and workforce training programs for New Jersey's residents.



### **Charles Wowkanecch**

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO Executive Board first elected Charles Wowkanecch president of the 1 million member statewide labor federation on January 5, 1997. Mr. Wowkanecch was subsequently unanimously elected to a four-year term in 2000 and re-elected in 2004. Prior to his election as president, Mr. Wowkanecch served two years as secretary-treasurer, the number two position of the state's largest labor organization and six years as assistant to the president.

Mr. Wowkanecch was instrumental in developing New Jersey Pathways Leading Apprentices to College Education (NJ PLACE). NJ PLACE is a partnership among union leaders, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and New Jersey's community colleges to develop a statewide model for awarding college credits for registered apprenticeships in the building and construction trades.

As a co-chair of Business & Labor for Stronger Community Colleges, Mr. Wowkanecch advances affordable community college educational and workforce training programs for New Jersey's residents.

Leaders from New Jersey businesses and organized labor have joined together to form a blue ribbon committee – **Business & Labor for Stronger Community Colleges** – to advance community college programs throughout the state.

Assembled in October 2005, this new statewide committee is charged with promoting the community college role in job growth and economic development, and with advocating for affordable higher education opportunities in the Garden State.

The Committee is calling on state policymakers to support a multi-year funding plan for the state's community college system, as recommended in the state's long-range plan for higher education.

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**Raymond Bateman** *Co-Chair, Public Affairs Consultants*

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**William Hiering** *Co-Chair, Hiering, Dupignac, Stanzione and Dunn*

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**Ralph Izzo** *Co-Chair, PSE&G*

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**Reginald T. Jackson** *Co-Chair, New Jersey Black Ministers' Council*

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**Charlie Wowkanech** *Co-Chair, AFL-CIO*

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**William Albanese**  
Mechanical Contractors Board of  
New Jersey

**Karen Alexander**  
New Jersey Cable Television  
Association

**Maxine Ballen**  
New Jersey Technology Council

**Dennis Bone**  
Verizon

**Carnie Bragg**  
Bragg Funeral Homes

**Neil Cavaliere**  
Air Cruisers Corp.

**Anthony (Skip) Cimino**  
Schoor DePalma

**Shawn Clark**  
United Brotherhood of Carpenters

**Sandra Denarski**  
Johnson and Johnson

**Richard Dressel**  
IBEW Local 164

**Christopher Emigholz**  
New Jersey Business and Industry  
Association

**Robert Franks**  
HealthCare Institute of New Jersey

**Joseph Gallagher**  
Bergen Regional Medical Center

**Tom Giblin**  
International Union of Operating  
Engineers Local 68

**Steve Grabell**  
Aluminum Shapes

**Debbie Hart**  
Biotechnology Council of New Jersey

**Charles Hassler**  
IBEW Local 94

**Phil Kirschner**  
New Jersey Business and Industry  
Association

**Glen Lillie**  
Allen Associates

**John Lloyd**  
Meridian Health System

**John Malcolm**  
Ironworker Local 480

**Charles Marciante**  
IBEW Local 269

**Bob McDevitt**  
Hotel and Restaurant Employees  
Local 54

**Donald Norcross**  
Southern New Jersey AFL-CIO  
Central Labor Council

**Ray Pocino**  
Laborers International Union of  
North America

**Joyce Powell**  
New Jersey Education Association

**Victor Richel**  
Independence Community Bank Corp.

**Brandi Robinson**  
Novartis Corporation

**Al Schell**  
IBEW Local 102

**Mac Seelig**  
Atlantic City Coin and Slot

**Chris Shelton**  
Communications Workers of America

**Paul Silverman**  
MDC Logistics, Inc.

**Thomas Tighe**  
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 9

**Robert Vanderslice**  
Pennsville National Bank

**Joan Verplanck**  
New Jersey State Chamber of  
Commerce

# NEW JERSEY'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**1. Atlantic Cape Community College • (609) 343-4900**

5100 Black Horse Pike  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330-2699

**2. Bergen Community College • (201) 447-7100**

400 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652-1595

**3. Brookdale Community College • (732) 224-2000**

765 Newman Springs Road  
Lincroft, NJ 07738

**4. Burlington County College • (609) 894-9311**

County Route 530  
Pemberton, NJ 08068

**5. Camden County College • (856) 227-7200**

P.O. Box 200, College Drive  
Blackwood, NJ 08012

**6. Cumberland County College • (856) 691-8600**

P.O. Box 1500, 3322 College Drive  
Vineland, NJ 08362

**7. Essex County College • (973) 877-3000**

303 University Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07102

**8. Gloucester County College • (856) 468-5000**

1400 Tanyard Road  
Sewell, NJ 08080

**9. Hudson County Community College • (201) 6360-4001**

25 Journal Square  
Jersey City, NJ 07306

**10. Mercer County Community College • (609) 586-4800**

1200 Old Trenton Road  
Trenton, NJ 08690

**11. Middlesex County College • (732) 548-6000**

2600 Woodbridge Avenue, P.O. Box 3050  
Edison, NJ 08818-3050

**12. County College of Morris • (973) 328-5000**

214 Center Grove Road  
Randolph, NJ 07869

**13. Ocean County College • (732) 255-0400**

College Drive, P.O. Box 2001  
Toms River, NJ 08754-2001

**14. Passaic County Community College • (973) 684-6800**

One College Boulevard  
Paterson, NJ 07505

**15. Raritan Valley Community College • (908) 526-1200**

P.O. Box 3300, Rt. 28 and Lamington Road  
North Branch, NJ 08876

**16. Salem Community College • (856) 299-2100**

460 Hollywood Avenue  
Carneys Point, NJ 08069

**17. Sussex County Community College • (973) 300-2100**

One College Hill  
Newton, NJ 07860

**18. Union County College • (908) 709-7000**

1033 Springfield Avenue  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**19. Warren County Community College • (908) 835-9222**

475 Route 57 West  
Washington, NJ 07882

