



## **Previous NJCCC Spirit Award, Trustee Leadership Award, Legislative Leaders Award Recipients**

### **1996**

#### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Peter Calderone – NJ Commissioner of Labor

Elizabeth Christopherson – Executive Director, New Jersey Network (Public TV & Radio)

Richard Parrish – VP of Administration, Ocean County College  
Student County College Coalition

### **1997**

#### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Joe Gonzalez – President, NJBIA

William Hering – Trustee, Ocean County College

Catherine McVicker – Trustee, Raritan Valley Community College

Richard Perniciaro – VP of Planning and Facilities, Atlantic Community College

Sandy Stone

### **1998**

#### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Virginia Scott – Trustee, Gloucester County College

Hank Fien – Trustee, Cumberland County College

Donald Loff – Trustee, Mercer County Community College

James Marino

Michael Traino

### **1999**

#### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Charles Tice – Trustee, Sussex County Community College

### **2000**

#### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

David Kahler – NJ State Government

Jacki Stevens – Assistant Director, NJ Office of Management and Budget

Mary Wall - Professor Atlantic Cape Community College

Melissa Hopp – Vice President, Administrative Services, Camden County College

## 2001

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Christine Todd Whitman, Governor, State of NJ

Jim Sulton, Executive Director, NJ Commission on Higher Education

## 2002

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Saul Fenster, President, NJIT

Fran Lawrence, President, Rutgers University

Laura Longo, Director, Institutional Research and Planning, Brookdale Community College

### **Legislative Excellence Award:**

**SPRING 2002** Senator Joe Palaia, NJ State Senate

Assemblyman Joe Malone, NJ General Assembly

**FALL 2002** Speaker Albio Sires, NJ General Assembly

## 2003

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

William Librera (*NPTNJ, Commissioner of Education, State of NJ*)

Linda Milstein – *NPTNJ, Vice President Outreach, Business and Community Development, Brookdale Community College*

Tom Wilfrid – *NPTNJ, Vice President Academic Affairs, Mercer County Community College*

### **Legislative Excellence Award:**

**Fall 2003**

Assembly Majority Leader Joe Roberts

Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, Senator Wayne Bryant

## 2004

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Muriel Rand, Dean, NJ City University *NPTNJ*

Camille Mahon – *NPTNJ*

Phil Kirschner – President, NJBIA

### **Legislative Excellence Award:**

**Fall 2004**

Senator Bernard Kenny, NJ State Senate

Senator Richard Codey, NJ State Senate

## 2005

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Ed McDonnell, Vice President Continuing Education, Camden County College  
Ray Yannuzzi, Vice President Academic Affairs, Camden County College  
Lucille Davy, NJ Commissioner of Education  
Jim Davy, NJ Commissioner of Human Services  
John McCormac, NJ State Treasurer

## 2006

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Ray Bateman, Trustee, Raritan Valley Community College  
Ralph Izzo, President and CEO, PSEG  
Reginald Jackson, Chair, Black Ministers Council of NJ  
Charles Wowkanech, President, NJ State AFL-CIO  
Joyce Powell, President, NJEA

### **Legislative Excellence Award:**

#### **Spring 2006**

Assembly Majority Leader Bonnie Watson Coleman

## 2007

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Jane Oates, Executive Director, NJ Commission on Higher Education  
David Socolow, Commissioner, NJ Department of Labor  
Dr. Peter Contini, President, Salem Community College  
Dr. Arnold Speert, President, William Paterson University

### **Legislative Excellence Award:**

#### **Spring 2007**

Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt, NJ General Assembly

## 2008

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Team New Jersey (*Basic Skills Workforce Training with NJBIA*):

Sivaraman Anbarasan, Sussex County Community College  
James McCarthy, Brookdale Community College  
Carol McCormick, Camden County College  
Patricia Moran, Middlesex County College  
Sherwood Taylor, Atlantic Cape Community College

General Education Coordinating Committee

Dr. Gary Porter, Chair, Academic Vice President, Bergen Community College  
Dr. Linda Scherr, Vice Chair, Middlesex County College

Joan Baillie, Salem Community College  
Dr. Edward Yaw, County College of Morris

**Legislative Excellence Award:**

**Spring 2008**

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, NJ General Assembly

**2009**

**Community College Spirit Awards:**

David Rousseau, NJ State Treasurer  
Marie Barry, NJ Dept. of Education  
Dr. Patricia Biddar, Union County College  
Debbie Hart, BioNJ

**Legislative Excellence Award:**

**Spring 2009** Senator Stephen Sweeny

Assemblyman Gary Schaer

**2010**

**Community College Spirit Awards:**

Lou Goetting, Governor's Office  
Karen Alexander, NJ Utilities Association

**Legislative Excellence Award:**

**Spring 2010**

Senator Sandra Cunningham  
Assemblyman David Wolfe

**2011**

**Community College Spirit Awards:**

Hal Wirths, NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Clifford Lindholm, Falstrom Company

Dr. Margaret Hamilton, Vice President Academic Affairs, Camden County College

Dr. Dwight Smith, Vice President Academic Affairs, County College of Morris

**Legislative Excellence Award:**

**Spring 2011** Senator Kip Bateman Assemblyman John Burzichelli,

**Ronald D. Winthers Community College Trustee Leadership Award**

FALL 2011  
Burlington County College

Ronald D. Winthers,

## 2012

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Melanie Willoughby, Senior VP, NJ Business & Industry Association

Robert Staudinger, National Manufacturing President and CEO

### *Big Ideas Participants:*

Evan Kobolakis, Bergen Community College;  
Patricia Sensi, Brookdale Community College;  
Ron Brand & Max Slusher, Burlington County College;  
Joseph Sansone, Hudson County Community College;  
Dr. Karne Hays, Middlesex County College;  
Sheri Ventura, County College of Morris;

Dr. Jacqueline Kineavy, Passaic County Community College;  
Dr. Eileen Abel, Raritan Valley Community College; and  
Dr. Ralph Ford & Dr. Maris Lown, Union County College

### **Ronald D. Winthers Community College Trustee Leadership Award**

Spring 2012: Evelyn Field, Raritan Valley Community College

### **Legislative Excellence Award:**

#### **Spring 2012**

Senator Tom Kean and Assemblyman Daniel Benson

## 2013

### **Community College Spirit Awards:**

Dr. Aaron Fichtner, Deputy Commissioner, NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Allen Magid, Gloucester County College

Kathleen Corbalis, Atlantic Cape Community College

Joseph Vitale, County College of Morris

Dr. Eric Friedman, Hudson County Community College

### **Ronald D. Winthers Community College Trustee Leadership Award**

Spring 2013: James R. Perry, Union County College

**Legislative**

**Fall 2013**

Assemblywoman Celeste Riley and Senator Ron Rice

**Excellence Award:**

**2014**

**Community College Spirit Awards:**

Robert Czech, Chair, CEO, NJ Civil Service Commission

Grace Kelly, Deputy CEO, NJ Civil Service Commission

Kim Rogers-Mclean, Executive Director Administrator and Training, NJ Civil Service Commission

Rochelle Hendricks, Secretary of Higher Education, NJ OSHE

Dr. Monica Reid Kerrigan, Rowan University

Robert Lipka, CCM, *NJBIA Program*

Paula Pando, Hudson County Community College

Rich Pfeffer, Brookdale Community College

Bette Simmons, County College of Morris

Todd Sorber, Passaic County Community College

Pattie Van Atter, *NJC4*

**Ronald D. Winthers Community College Trustee Leadership Award**

Spring 2014: Rev. William Coleman

Mercer County Community College

**Legislative Excellence Award:**

**Fall 2014** Senator Diane Allen, NJ State Senate

**2015**

**Community College Spirit Awards:**

Dr. Jane Armstrong, CCM

Dr. Lynn Coopersmith, Mercer

Brian Hughes, Mercer County Executive

Patricia Arcila-Cabrera, *SEIU 32BJ partnership with Workforce Consortium*

Linda Nelson, *SEIU 32BJ partnership with Workforce Consortium*

Jhoni Puerta-Lopez,

*SEIU 32BJ partnership with Workforce Consortium*

***Trustee Leadership Award***

Spring 2015: Louis Cappelli,  
Camden County College

**2016**

**Community College Spirit Awards:**

Frank Robinson, VP, NJBIA

John Fugazzie Hudson County Workforce Development Board, *Ready to Work NJ*

David Hespe, NJ Commissioner of Education

Eric Taylor, Director of Licensure, NJ OSHE

Dr. Jacqueline Galbiati, Vice President Academic Affairs, Cumberland County College

**Legislative Excellence Award:**

**Spring 2016** Senator Jim Whelan and Assemblyman Tim Eustace

**2017**

**Community College Spirit Awards:**

*NJCCC Recipients:*

The Governor's Higher Education Council (members include: John McGoldrick,  
Robert Campbell, Patricia Nachtigal, John Wefing, and Richard Wellbrock)

Kimberly Harrington, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Education

Robert Grimmie, Executive Director, Center for Occupational Employment  
Information, NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Dr. Theresa Orosz, Assistant Dean, Arts & Sciences, Middlesex County College

Kathryn Suk, Assistant Professor of Education, Raritan Valley Community College

*Workforce Consortium Recipient:*

Neil Cavaleri, Vice President of Manufacturing, Zodiac Aerospace

Winter 2017\*

Dr. Walter Bumphus, American Association of Community Colleges President/CEO

**Ronald D. Winthers Community College Trustee Leadership Award:**

Dr. Catherine  
Valley Community College

McVicker, Raritan

**Legislative Excellence Award:**

Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, Chair, Assembly Higher Education Committee

**2018**

**Community College Legacy Award:**

Dr. Lawrence A. Nespoli

**Ronald D. Winthers Community College Trustee Leadership Award:**

Jeweline Grimes, Essex County College

Joseph Weisberg, Ed.D.  
County College of Morris

**Dr. Lawrence A Nespoli Community College Leadership Award**

Dr. Jacqueline Kineavy, Passaic County Community College

Dr. Maris Lown, Union, County College

**Distinguished Faculty Award**

Karl Giulian, Atlantic Cape Community College

**Community College Spirit Award**

Lori Moog, Raritan Valley Community College

**Community College Student of the Year**

Elda Pere, Bergen Community College

**Community College Student of the Year**

Mariby Madrigal, Rowan College at Burlington County

**Distinguished Alumnus Award**

Paul J. Stankard, Salem Community College

**2022**

**Community College Leadership Award:**

Dr. Bette Simmons, County College of Morris (June 2022)

**2023**

**Ronald D. Winthers Community College Trustee Leadership Award**

Bakari G.  
Community College

Lee., Hudson County

**Visionary Leadership Award**

Assemblywoman Mila M. Jasey  
Senator Sandra B. Cunningham

**Partnership Award**

Mental Health Association in New Jersey  
New Jersey Council for the Humanities  
New Jersey Business & Industry Association

**2024**

**Visionary Leadership Award**

Assemblywoman Pamela R. Lampitt

**PARTNERSHIP AWARD**

Hunger Free New Jersey  
New Jersey Big Data Alliance

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE YEAR**

Stephen Evarts, Raritan Valley Community College  
Katherine Mejia, UCNJ, Union College of Union County, NJ

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD**

Osei Boateng, Raritan Valley Community College

**DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD**

Shahrazad Heidary, UCNJ, Union College of Union County, NJ  
Donna Marie Mcelroy, Atlantic Cape Community College

**RONALD D. WINTHERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Dorothy Leung Blakeslee, Bergen Community College  
Mary M. Zimmermann, UCNJ, Union College Of Union County, NJ  
William J. Netcher, Esq. Hudson County Community College

**DR. LAWRENCE A NESPOLI COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Demond T. Hargrove, Ph.D., UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ

John  
Middlesex College

Hoffman, Esq.,

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPIRIT AWARD**

Katherine Morales, Hudson County Community College

Anthony Driggers, Ed.D., Camden County College

Maura Cavanagh Dick, Salem County Community College

**2025**

**Visionary Leadership Award**

Senate President Nicholas P. Scutari

Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin

**Partnership Award**

Johnson and Johnson

**Community College Student of the Year**

Tanaya White, Salem Community College

Areeba Zulkarnain, Ocean County College

**Distinguished Alumnus Award**

Daniel Money, Atlantic Cape Community College

Assemblyman Anthony S. Verrelli, Mercer County Community College

**Distinguished Faculty Award**

Amy Ricco, Mercer County Community College

**Ronald D. Winthers Community College Trustee Leadership Award**

Dorothy D. Hall, Salem Community College

Mark J. Finkelstein, Middlesex College

**Dr. Lawrence A Nespoli Community College Leadership Award**

Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Hudson County Community College

Elvira Vieira, Essex County College

**Community College Spirit Award**

Tracy Rand, Bergen Community College

Ilene Cohen, Ocean County College