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BREAKING GROUND

As we begin the summer of 2021 and COVID-19 vaccinations are readily available, we start our journey back to a sense of normalcy. Come this fall, we look forward to our students and professors being back in classrooms at full capacity and to our campus community returning to its pre-pandemic vibrancy, while we remain vigilant in taking the appropriate steps to keep our community safe.

During this challenging time, our students have not just persisted, but have continued to realize great achievements as learners, inventive entrepreneurs and pioneering researchers. This issue's cover story takes a look at entrepreneurship at NJIT, which is thriving through a wealth of programs that include the New Jersey Innovation Acceleration Center, the National Science Foundation I-Corps Site at NJIT, our VentureLink small-business incubator and many others. In addition to entrepreneurial programs, NJIT offers 25 credit-bearing entrepreneurship courses, as well as both major and minor entrepreneurship degrees through the university's Martin Tuchman School of Management. During the past two years, startups by our students and alumni have raised over \$1 million in new venture funding. Also noteworthy is that, for the second year in a row, NJIT has been cited by The Princeton Review as being among the best schools in the nation for students aspiring to become entrepreneurs. We are ranked No. 43 among the Top 50 Undergraduate Schools for Entrepreneurship Studies for 2021, and are the only university in New Jersey to achieve this recognition.

In the labs, NJIT Highlanders are making news in equal measure. This summer, more than 100 undergraduate researchers are on campus, supported by our Provost Undergraduate Research and Innovation (URI) Summer Fellowship program and Honors Summer Research Institute, as well as outside agencies such as NASA, the National Science Foundation and the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program. These students are investigating a wide range of important subjects, from novel cancer treatments using platinum nanoparticles to new design collaborations among campus architects and Newark stakeholders. As our senior vice provost and URI founder, Atam Dhawan, noted, these studies "not only address societal challenges with new technologies, but probe the social context and the interactions necessary for their success."

In addition, with this being our annual Honor Roll issue, I extend my deep gratitude to all our donors for their generous support of our university. Their gifts make the outcomes I have noted above possible and contribute greatly to the NJIT community, enabling us to prepare the scientists, engineers, technologists and leaders of tomorrow.

I welcome your feedback and hope you enjoy reading NJIT Magazine! ■

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GUIDED BY EXPERTS, STUDENTS PLANNED A BUSINESS ON CAMPUS

Students in a new NJIT course that delivered the experience of planning a potential business on campus appreciated the latitude that instructors gave them to make decisions.

"They guided you and responded to specific questions, but they didn't tell you exactly what to do and how," said Marina Arrese '21, a business major on a team managing finance and information systems for the class project. "We had to step back, view the big-picture objectives and develop our own structure and road map for achieving them while collaborating with other departments," added Charis Hwang '22, another business major on the team.

The course, in which students from NJIT's Martin Tuchman School of



Student rendering of what the coffee shop could look like

Management (MTSM), Hillier College of Architecture and Design (HCAD) and Newark College of Engineering developed a business plan for a coffee shop that could be created in a shipping container, exemplifies the type of hands-on experiences that students crave, namely those where they can apply classroom lessons in real-world scenarios.

Leading the class was Steve Rubin, former president and CEO of ITS ConGlobal and a member of the MTSM Board of Advisors, with support from David Brothers, coordinator of interior design and a senior university lecturer at HCAD, and MTSM Senior University Lecturer Melodi Guilbault.

"The professors were very skilled in what they do and they incorporated what would happen in the real world," said Anh Ly '21, an interior design major.

Participants gained personal confidence that will help them achieve long-term goals — be it becoming an imagineer at The Walt Disney Co., a business consultant or, in the case of Arrese, an entrepreneur. That's where she aims to land, after working in finance or consulting at a large, established company. Now she knows exactly what it takes. ■

its goal of enrolling more Hispanic and Latinx students and achieve its objective of becoming a Hispanic-serving institution.

The 11-person council — which features leaders in business and community advocacy, including seven alumni — will advise, counsel and support NJIT's drive to increase its percentage of Hispanic and Latinx undergraduates from 20% to 25% by 2025 and thus qualify to earn the federal designation of being Hispanic-serving. In addition, the HLLC will seek to deepen relationships with Hispanic and Latinx alumni, businesses and organizations.

Council members also will serve as ambassadors and advocates for NJIT, mentor STEM-oriented Hispanic and Latinx students in high schools and community colleges as an introduction to the university, and help

secure gifts and grants to aid enrollment and engagement efforts.

"Given the socially and economically transformative impact of pursuing and completing a STEM-focused college degree, enrolling more Hispanic and Latinx students at NJIT will help our state and nation address long-standing social and economic inequalities," said NJIT President Joel S. Bloom.

The HLLC arrives amid several NJIT initiatives designed to heighten diversity and the visibility of historically underserved minorities on campus. The university's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force is leading a groundbreaking and comprehensive survey of the campus community to develop a long-term diversity and inclusion action plan.

Also, NJIT's Hillier College of Architecture and Design is moving to revive its chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architecture Students. ■

NEW COUNCIL TO FUEL ENROLLMENT OF HISPANIC AND LATINX STUDENTS

NJIT has launched a Hispanic and Latinx Leadership Council (HLLC) to propel



From left: President Joel S. Bloom, Gov. Phil Murphy and BGU President Daniel Chamovitz at the partnership signing

groundbreaking venture, NJIT and BGU will combine their expertise and track records in technological research and development to help strengthen the economic opportunity and tech leadership that I have long envisioned for our state."

The partnership aims to deliver bespoke cyber technologies, civil and environmental engineering education, applied research and development, and support for innovation and entrepreneurship through technological commercialization efforts.

The institute, operating out of NJIT's satellite location in Jersey City and main campus in Newark, represents the university's latest contribution to expanding the tech sector in the tristate region, where it is the largest generator of tech talent with an annual economic impact of \$2.8 billion on New Jersey alone. BGU, for its part, gains entry into the U.S. higher education system and will move to share its valuable research and insights to students outside of Israel. ■

PARTNERSHIP TO CREATE TECH INSTITUTE IN NEW JERSEY

The State of New Jersey, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) and NJIT are partnering to create a world-class Institute for Future Technologies in New Jersey.

"NJIT is one of the state's premier STEM-focused universities, and BGU is one of the driving forces behind the success of Israel's technology economy," said Gov. Phil Murphy. "By joining together in this

DIGITAL DESIGNER EARNS FULBRIGHT TO HONE HER CRAFT IN CANADA

A student who majored in digital design at NJIT earned an award from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program to hone her animation and storytelling skills at one of the best animation programs in the world.

The student, Kaylin Wittmeyer '21, is pursuing a graduate certificate in digital creature animation at Sheridan College in Ontario. Wittmeyer, of the university's Hillier College of Architecture and Design and Albert Dorman Honors College, will begin the program in the fall.

The Fulbright "completely transforms my future path and career," Wittmeyer said. "I plan to work in feature animation, whether as an animator, story artist or texture artist. My long-term career goal is to become a creative director or director for a studio, where I can shape the story of a film or television show, and create stories that will leave lasting impressions on audiences."

Wittmeyer was among 11 Highlanders who submitted applications for Fulbright Study/Research Grants this academic year. She and five others advanced to the semifinal round, including Sydney Sweet '21, the university's first candidate for study in the U.K., Matthew DaSilva '21, Anna Wadhwa '21, Matthew Cherrey '20 and Daniel Meza '20. All the semifinalists were Dorman Scholars.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program. Students are selected in an open, merit-based competition that considers leadership potential, academic achievement and record of service.

Another Dorman Scholar, Joseph Torsiello '22, earned the Fulbright Canada-MITACS Globalink scholarship (see page 16). This Fulbright places undergraduates in Canadian laboratories for 10-12 weeks in the summer. ■



Kaylin Wittmeyer

AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY HONORS PHYSICS PROFESSOR

Philip Goode, distinguished research professor of physics at NJIT's Center for Solar-Terrestrial Research, has been named a 2021 Fellow of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) — the leading organization of professional astronomers in North America.

The fellowship is bestowed annually on select AAS members for extraordinary contributions toward enhancing and

sharing humanity's scientific understanding of the universe via "original research and publication, innovative contributions to astronomical techniques or instrumentation, significant contributions to education and public outreach and noteworthy service to astronomy and to the Society itself."

Goode was named for his "pioneering work in helioseismology and for leadership in university-based solar physics."



Philip Goode

He joined 30 other researchers honored this year from across the astronomical sciences. ■

Class of 2021 Celebrated at 105th Commencement



1 Happy graduates pose on the campus' Upper Green. **2** The Ph.D. Convocation Ceremony commences in the WEC. **3** Ogochukwu Enekwizu '20, research associate at Brookhaven National Laboratory, addresses the Ph.D. graduates. **4** On Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium, bachelor's and master's candidates await entry into the WEC. **5** Graduating Highlanders congratulate one another during check-in. **6** Victoria Nguyen '21, class crier and senior class president, and Anuj Patel '21, Student Senate president. **7** From left: NJIT President Joel S. Bloom and honorary degree recipients Kimberly Bryant, founder and CEO, Black Girls CODE, and Commencement speaker; Lawrence A. Raia '65, partner, Raia Properties, and trustee (2012-2021); and Rev. Edwin D. Leahy, O.S.B., headmaster, St. Benedict's Preparatory School.

First-Year Guard Makes All-Rookie Team

Lyzi Litwinko, a first-year guard on NJIT's Women's Basketball team, earned a place on the 2021 America East Conference All-Rookie team. Litwinko, a science, technology and society major, was named conference Rookie of the Week five times, as she led the team in rebounds per game (6.4) and assists per game (3.1), and became its third-leading scorer at 8.6 points a game. Conferencewide, she ranked fourth in assists and seventh in rebounds.

Season highlights included seven double-doubles in points and rebounds and a high of 14 points against both the University of Vermont and University of New Hampshire (UNH). Also, her tally of 13 rebounds against the University of Hartford in January was a personal best.

Litwinko played all 14 games of the 2020-21 season, dishing out at least 1 assist in every contest with a season-best 6 assists against both UMass Lowell and UNH. The team advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2021 Hercules Tires America East Women's Basketball Playoffs before losing to UMass Lowell, 72-52.

Before the season, Coach Mike Lane described Litwinko, a star at Berlin (Conn.) High School, as a "strong, clever point guard who is a creative scorer, has exceptional court vision and rebounds from her position very well." ■



Lyzi Litwinko

with an indomitable spirit."

Echoing that sentiment, former Men's Soccer Coach Mal Simon said that Borja was a "pleasure to have as a friend. Hernan was devoted to his parents, wife and family and friends, and had a smile and laugh that were infectious."

As a Highlander, Borja set records for most goals in a career (65), season (25) and game (6) and most points in a season (62) and game (12), and tied for most assists in a career (26). As a senior, he became NJIT's first soccer All-American after scoring 25 goals in 16 games.

His exploits earned him an invite to the 1980 Senior Bowl – at the urging of Coach Simon – even though NJIT then competed in Division III and the bowl showcased D-I stars. As the only D-III player on the field, Borja recorded a goal and an assist. Days later, the Cosmos drafted him, adding him to a roster that included international stars like Giorgio Chinaglia.

Borja, a native of Quito, Ecuador, later played for the U.S. National Team – including at the 1984 Olympics – and three teams in the Major Indoor Soccer League. He entered the NJIT Athletics Hall of Fame in 1986. ■



Hernan "Chico" Borja '81 (left) and former Men's Soccer Coach Mal Simon

REMEMBERING HALL OF FAMER WITH AN 'INDOMITABLE SPIRIT'

NJIT fondly remembered soccer star Hernan "Chico" Borja '81, an All-American who went on to play for the New York Cosmos and the U.S. Men's National Team, after he died of cancer in January at the age of 61.

Associate Vice President/Director of

Athletics Lenny Kaplan described Borja, a member of the NJIT Athletics Hall of Fame, as "one of the finest athletes to have ever worn a Highlander uniform," adding, "Beyond the accomplishments of a stellar playing career, Chico was a wonderful person



STANLEY M. BARAUSKAS '61 LAUNCHES THE EDUCATION OF FUTURE ENGINEERS

SPACE TRAVEL WAS BOTH THE STUFF OF FANTASY AND A NATIONAL IMPERATIVE

when Stanley Barauskas '61 was a boy in Jersey City. But by the time he was ready to graduate from high school, Stan was sure that an engineering degree would bring him closer to a role in the country's space program.

The 2011 NJIT Alumni Achievement Award recipient might not have completed his degree had it not been for the availability of a financially affordable education. "NCE had an excellent reputation as a technical college," he continues, "and the cost was well within my budget."

Upon completing his degree at NJIT, Stan moved to California to begin a 50-year career in the aerospace industry that included groundbreaking work on the Apollo and Skylab missions, as well as the Space Shuttle program. In acknowledgment of his contributions to space flight, Stan was recognized by NASA as a Manned Flight Awareness Honoree. It is the agency's highest tribute to professionals who support the human presence in space.

Now retired, Stan is focusing on what he can do support the place where he got his start. To assist other talented and hardworking students, Stan has established the *Stanley M. Barauskas '61 and Family Scholarship* at NJIT with a commitment through his estate plans.

"I feel that any success I had in my chosen career I owe to the excellent training I received at NCE," he says. "I wish to pay back the school that provided me with the knowledge required to pursue a career in rocket science and space travel that I thoroughly enjoyed for all of my 50 years of work."

To learn more about Stan and the legacy he has created at NJIT, please visit "[Donor Stories](#)" at [njit.giftplans.org](#).

For further information on the 1881 Society or to discuss leaving a legacy at NJIT through your estate plans, please contact:

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HISTORIC GIFT FROM PROFETA FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW REAL ESTATE AND ENTREPRENEUR CENTERS AT NJIT

NJIT will soon launch two new education and research centers focused on real estate and entrepreneurship, made possible by a historic gift from The Paul V. Profeta Foundation, Inc. Paul Profeta, president of the foundation and a member of NJIT's Board of Overseers, is a real estate investor and developer with commercial properties all over the country, a philanthropist focused on revitalizing Newark and an educator.

The first-of-its-kind Profeta Real Estate Technology, Design and Innovation Center, housed in NJIT's Martin Tuchman School of Management and drawing

on multidisciplinary expertise from faculty across the entire university, will serve as the hub for teaching, training and research related to the disruptive technologies, innovation and novel design and construction techniques that are actively transforming the real estate field. Additionally, through the newly formed Profeta Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the Profeta Foundation will augment NJIT's existing and robust efforts in this area by establishing and endowing the Paul V. Profeta Foundation, Inc. Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Fellowship. The Profeta Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship will also serve as a hub for Newark-focused entrepreneurship initiatives, including the launch of the Newark Startup Studio at VentureLink.

A feature story about the gift and the programs it will support will appear in the fall 2021 issue of *NJIT Magazine*.



President
Joel S. Bloom
(left) and
Paul Profeta



From left: Samir Peshori, Maanav Patel and Dev Acharya review their contactless dining app, Glyde, at NJIT's VentureLink. They are among the many students realizing entrepreneurial success.

At the corner of Warren and Lock Streets in Newark, the wheels of entrepreneurship are turning. There resides VentureLink, the largest community-based small-business incubator in New Jersey, dubbed the "physical home of entrepreneurship at NJIT." More than 50 small businesses have offices at the facility, and some 30 student-entrepreneurs use its flexible desk space. All benefit from regular programming that includes a workshop series on how to start and build a company, mentoring by seasoned entrepreneurs and a variety of networking events for founders-in-residence.

OWNING IT!

NJIT Champions Entrepreneurship

By Julie Jacobs



NJIT students meet in the VentureLink lounge to network and talk entrepreneurial strategy.

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, NJIT HAS BEEN CITED BY THE PRINCETON REVIEW AS BEING AMONG THE BEST SCHOOLS IN THE NATION FOR STUDENTS ASPIRING TO BECOME ENTREPRENEURS.

Will Lutz, co-director of VentureLink and general manager for entrepreneurship, commercialization, and enterprise development at New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII), an NJIT corporation, not only keeps the incubator running smoothly, he offers key insight and support to aspiring NJIT student-entrepreneurs as well. "Student-entrepreneurs are one of the best parts of my job. We hold a unique relationship with our students compared to the more traditional learning environment. Some days I'm a coach; some days I'm a cheerleader; some days I'm an emotional support animal," offered Lutz. "The VentureLink team gets to build bridges from classroom learning and research to the outside practical world."

VentureLink has proven invaluable for Samir Peshori '21, a recent NJIT graduate who double majored in computer science and information technology, minored in business and was an Albert Dorman Honors College (ADHC) Scholar. He co-launched

a contactless dining and payment business, GlydeApp Inc, which was recently accepted into the Village Global accelerator program that comes with a \$150,000 investment. He and his Glyde teammates — fellow Highlanders Dev Acharya '21 (information technology), Mayaank Vadlamani '23 (computer science, ADHC) and Maanav Patel '22 (economics, now at University of Pennsylvania), and Eklavya Patel '19 (computer science, Rutgers University-New Brunswick) — have taken advantage of everything VentureLink has to offer entrepreneurs.

"I came from knowing nothing about business to knowing as much as I need to know to do my day to day, between legal, accounting, doing pitches, getting money in from investors, things of that nature," said Peshori of his VentureLink experience, adding, "Getting Will's guidance was the best part, as he had gone through all the motions of running a startup that we were facing and helped us at many pivotal times."

Helping to Empower

Entrepreneurs at NJIT:

Clockwise, from left: Cesar Bandera, associate professor of entrepreneurship; Michael Ehrlich, director of the NJIAC, principal investigator of NSF I-Corps at NJIT and associate professor of finance; Will Lutz, co-director of VentureLink and general manager for entrepreneurship, commercialization, and enterprise development at NJII; and Simon Nynens, vice president and chief commercial officer at NJIT, and CEO of NJII

VentureLink is but one of a wealth of offerings at NJIT that promote innovation and entrepreneurship (see sidebar), all particularly significant at a time when entrepreneurship is on the rise. According to the Kauffman Indicators of Entrepreneurship's *National Report on Early-Stage Entrepreneurship in the United States: 2020*, "an average of 380 out of every 100,000 adults became new entrepreneurs in a given month," a noteworthy increase "as the economy went through the shutdowns, job losses, and reopenings that characterized the COVID-19 pandemic." And the editor-in-chief of *Entrepreneur* commented in a press release, "The pandemic has triggered a massive wave of entrepreneurial interest, and more Americans are starting businesses now than in the last decade. That means there's even more hunger for valuable information and insights on how to build and grow a business."

The entrepreneurial mindset is indeed embedded in NJIT's campus. In addition to entrepreneurial-focused entities and programs, the university offers 25 credit-bearing entrepreneurship courses to an ever-growing number of undergraduate and graduate students, as well as both major and minor entrepreneurship degrees at Martin Tuchman School of Management (MTSM). Roughly 75% of the faculty that teach entrepreneurship have entrepreneurial experience and, in the past two years, student and alumni startups have raised over \$1 million in new venture funding. And for the second year in a row, NJIT has been cited by The Princeton Review as being among the best schools in the nation for students aspiring to become entrepreneurs; it is ranked No. 43 among the Top 50

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"As New Jersey's only public polytechnic university, and as an R1 institution (the Carnegie Classification® for "Very High Research Activity"), NJIT is uniquely qualified to promote technological innovation with societal significance and market potential. The Princeton Review ranking acknowledges NJIT's entrepreneurship education programs and investment in student and community entrepreneurs," remarked Cesar Bandera, associate professor of entrepreneurship at MTSM, who helps administer the National Science Foundation (NSF) I-Corps Site at NJIT and the award-winning Tech Venture Support Program, part of MTSM's entrepreneurship curriculum. Bandera's own startup, Cell Podium, recently put New Jersey for the first time on the National Institutes of Health's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) map of startup successes; the company, which provides enterprise mobile solutions for public health, was launched at VentureLink with the participation of many NJIT students.

IMPLEMENTING IDEAS

A lot of aspiring entrepreneurs have advanced their commercial objectives by participating in the New Business Model Competition (NBMC), sponsored by the New Jersey Innovation Acceleration Center (NJIAC) at NJIT. LeShannon Wright knows firsthand the impact such a contest can have. She was stunned after learning she placed first among student competitors in the 2019 NBMC — this after making her very first pitch for a business



LeShannon Wright won the NBMC 2019 student track for her business, Turning Tulips, part feminine hygiene subscription service, part personalized self-care and mentoring, for tweens and beyond. The monthly subscription (inset) delivers feminine hygiene products along with extras such as treats and natural pain remedies.

concept she had never talked about publicly. Wright's concept, Turning Tulips, is part feminine hygiene subscription service, part personalized self-care and mentoring, for tweens and beyond, and was inspired by a personal health crisis. At the NBMC, it garnered her a Tommy Award (named in honor of Thomas Edison), a \$3,000 Innovation Accelerator Fellowship and the opportunity to participate in the Summer Lean Startup Accelerator this past year.

"In that moment it didn't register that I had won at all. In fact, I was stuck in

ENTRY INTO ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT NJIT A SAMPLING OF OFFERINGS

NSF I-CORPS SITE AT NJIT Offers training and mini-grants to faculty-student teams (over 225 to date) interested in exploring the commercial viability of business ideas based on their own inventions, university intellectual property or any STEM-related technology. The program pairs each team with an industry mentor and provides seed grants; over 80% of recent teams have been led by female and/or underrepresented students and/or faculty leaders. centers.njit.edu/icorp

NEW BUSINESS MODEL COMPETITION Designed for early-stage business ideas with proof of concept. It features tracks for full-time students attending a northern New Jersey college/university, and northern New Jersey residents proposing a startup in the region. Finalists present to a panel of judges, and the subsequent four winners in each track receive a \$3,000 fellowship prize and an invitation to a summer accelerator program. njit.edu/njiac-challenge

NEW JERSEY INNOVATION ACCELERATOR CENTER Sponsors the NBMC, TEDxNJIT and other activities, with the mission to help innovators accelerate their time to market and revenue. The NJIAC partners with VentureLink to provide training and resources, and works with students and faculty at NJIT and entrepreneurs throughout Newark and northern New Jersey. centers.njit.edu/njiac

NJIT OFFICE OF RESEARCH Together with VentureLink, works with NJIT researchers to help bring real-world applications to the marketplace. njit.edu/research

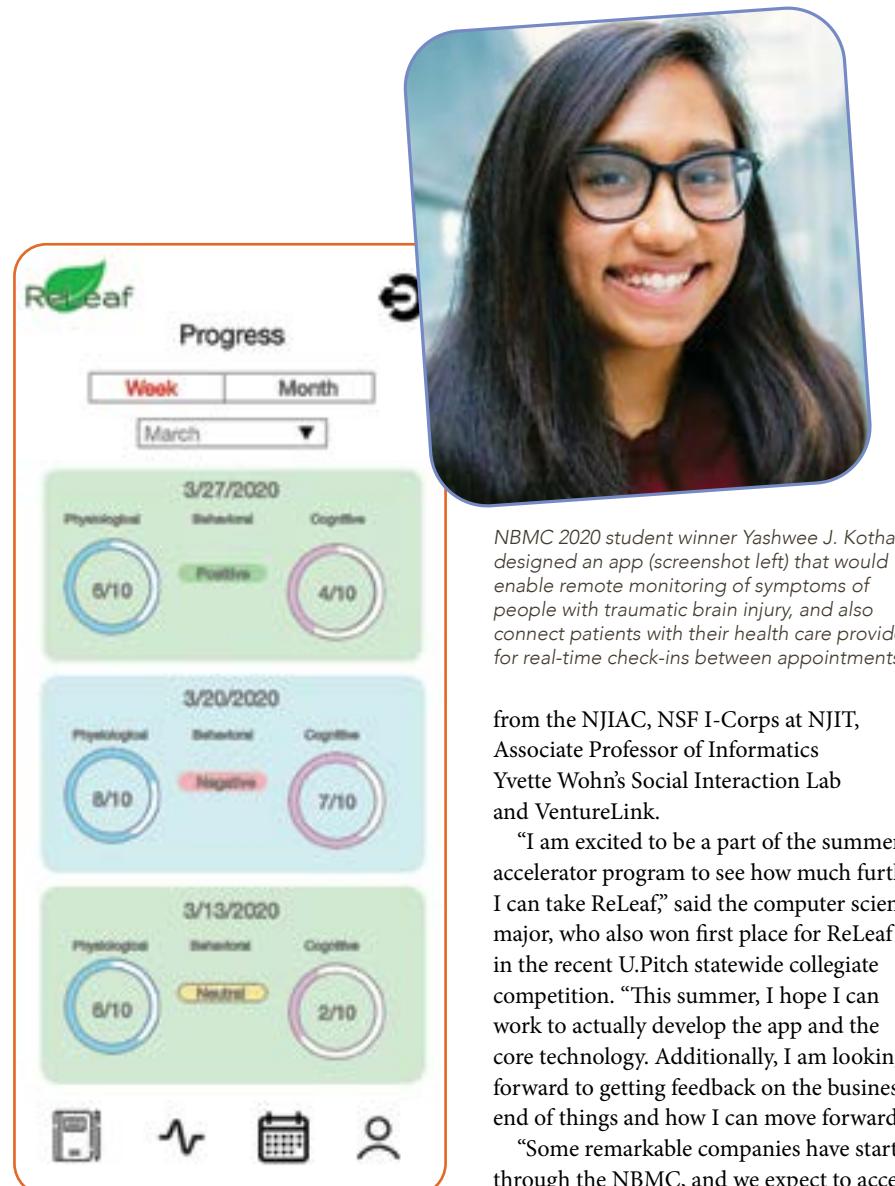
VENTURELINK The largest community-based small business incubator in New Jersey, with 110,000 square feet of space that features a coworking floor, private office floors and a wet lab and sciences floor. VentureLink provides budding entrepreneurs, including NJIT students, staff and faculty, with educational workshops, professional networking, mentoring programs, office amenities and more. venturelink.org

MTSM INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP (I&E) CLUSTER Teaches the skills to identify business opportunities and commercialize technology, whether through the creation of a new venture or from inside an established corporation. MTSM offers graduate and undergraduate degrees with an I&E concentration. NJIT students whose B.S. is outside MTSM can obtain a minor in I&E. njit.edu/innovation

OTHER SCHOOL COURSES Includes entrepreneurship-focused courses at Ying Wu College of Computing, Newark College of Engineering and Hillier College of Architecture and Design. These schools and MTSM also offer co-curricular activities. catalog.njit.edu/undergraduate

ENTREPRENEUR'S SOCIETY Student club for undergraduate and graduate students across the university who are interested in innovation and commercialization of technology. management.njit.edu/clubs





the moment of the immense power and gratitude that I felt simply in sharing my story," remembered Wright '21, an NJIT online-MBA student introduced to entrepreneurship through her coursework. Although she has had to pivot her business somewhat due to COVID-19, she said she has been able to apply strategies such as social media outreach that she learned through the competition and summer accelerator program, and that "Turning Tulips is just getting started thanks to NJIT."

In 2020, Yashwee J. Kothari '22 earned the same honor for her business concept, ReLeaf. The Ying Wu College of Computing student and Dorman Scholar designed an app that would enable remote monitoring of symptoms of people with traumatic brain injury, and also connect patients with their health care providers for real-time check-ins between office appointments. Kothari received support along the way to the NBMC

NBMC 2020 student winner Yashwee J. Kothari designed an app (screenshot left) that would enable remote monitoring of symptoms of people with traumatic brain injury, and also connect patients with their health care providers for real-time check-ins between appointments.

from the NJIAC, NSF I-Corps at NJIT, Associate Professor of Informatics Yvette Wohn's Social Interaction Lab and VentureLink.

"I am excited to be a part of the summer accelerator program to see how much further I can take ReLeaf," said the computer science major, who also won first place for ReLeaf in the recent U.Pitch statewide collegiate competition. "This summer, I hope I can work to actually develop the app and the core technology. Additionally, I am looking forward to getting feedback on the business end of things and how I can move forward."

"Some remarkable companies have started through the NBMC, and we expect to accept our 1000th business model submission during our 13th annual competition this fall," noted Michael Ehrlich, director of the NJIAC, principal investigator of NSF I-Corps at NJIT and associate professor of finance at MTSM. "We are proud to support exceptional entrepreneurs like LeShannon and Yashwee, and look forward to their future success."

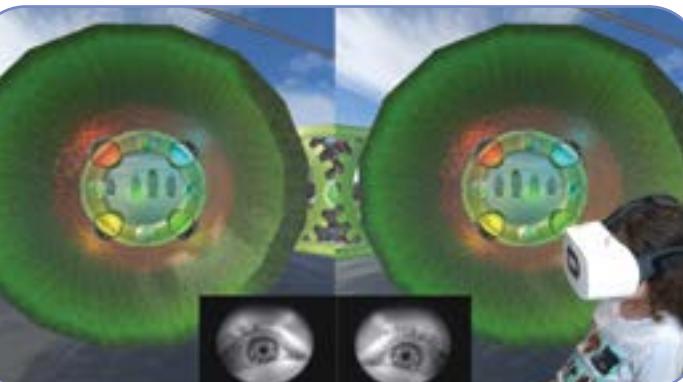
Kothari also participated last year in the inaugural Highlander Foundry, VentureLink's eight-week summer incubator program for student-entrepreneurs, as did fellow Dorman Scholar Parth Agrawal '21, who studied biomedical engineering. There, Agrawal continued building The CommonHealth Project, an initiative he implemented with other NJIT students to produce face shields during the pandemic. With application support from the VentureLink team, he was recently selected as a Venture for America Fellow.

ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM

Like many universities across the country, NJIT is helping to commercialize the technological innovations of its faculty and students, as well as outside startups. Simon Nynens, vice president and chief commercial officer at NJIT, and CEO of NJII, feels firmly that universities need to be more corporate-friendly in order to fully embrace faculty, student and external entrepreneurs early in their development processes. Otherwise, revolutionary research and trailblazing technologies may very well remain in labs.

One of the reasons NJIT exists, said Nynens, "is (a) to do great research, but (b) to get that research [out] for the benefit of society as a whole. We are promoting an entrepreneurial ecosystem within the university."

Being proactive is key to mining what he said are enormous greenfields of entrepreneurial potential, especially on college campuses. What is typically needed by those looking to take the leap with their



OculoMotor Technologies' VERVE device for vision therapy

innovations are professionals to assist them in navigating business waters. And even the most savvy may be unable to access the necessary financial support or acquire licensing, often a difficult mountain to climb for small-business entrepreneurs.

In 2018, Tara Alvarez, NJIT professor of biomedical engineering and founder/director of the university's Vision and Neural Engineering Laboratory, John Vito d'Antonio-Bertagnolli '16, '17 (biomedical engineering) and Chang Yaramothu '13, '14, '17 (biomedical engineering) and now assistant professor of applied engineering and technology, were recognized at the Augmented World Expo Europe for their vision therapy device, VERVE (Virtual Eye Rotation Vision Exercises), which has the potential as a biomarker for concussion. Despite the international accolade, as well as their establishing OculoMotor Technologies (OMT), a company with VERVE as its centerpiece, getting the device out of the lab and into the health care marketplace was proving to be a mighty challenge.

Enter NJIT, which helped guide OMT along the pathway to entrepreneurship — a route that included NSF I-Corps training at NJIT. Thus far, 25 NJIT faculty/student/mentor teams including OMT have gone on to win \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Team grants, and over 30 others have won follow-on funding from foundations, angel investors and venture capital firms. "These mechanisms can only be applied to if you have a university-company relationship," explained Alvarez, OMT's chief scientific

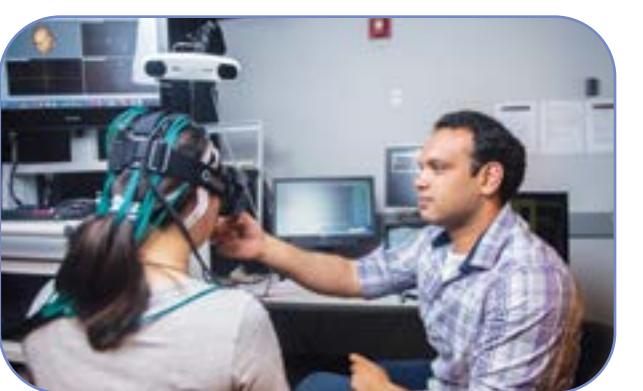
officer. "So that's another big reason as to why NJIT and the startup are a very good collaboration."

"What it really comes down to is the thumbs-up that we got from NJIT," noted Yaramothu, chief technology officer. "Here's a reputable university that's saying 'this is a great technology, we believe in this team, they are going to succeed.' And that also brings other venture capitalists [to invest in us]. That's made a huge difference."

OMT CEO d'Antonio-Bertagnolli shared that, with NJIT's support, the company, which has an office at VentureLink, has since completed a \$225,000 NSF SBIR Phase I award, received a \$1 million NSF SBIR Phase II award and employed eight NJIT undergraduate and graduate students as interns, converting some to full-time employees.

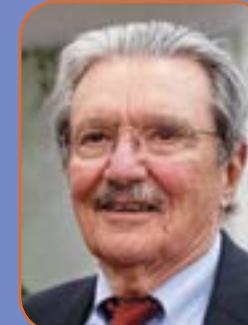
For its part, NJIT has facilitated other businesses and technologies: a home-based telerehabilitation system for stroke recovery, a synthetic bone-graft substitute promising improved outcomes for challenging bone fractures, and protein-based therapeutic strategies, among them.

Simply put, NJIT's approach to nurturing startups is all about enablement, by facilitating a passage to entrepreneurship that navigates technical and market risk. As Bandera asserted, "At NJIT, we have the opportunity to make a sustainable positive impact on society through entrepreneurship. We are dedicated to providing the resources that aspiring entrepreneurs require to make their vision a reality." ■



Chang Yaramothu, OMT's chief technology officer, performs fundamental research on the relationship between the visual system and concussions, representative work that has the potential to translate into the company's portfolio.

NJIT IS HELPING TO COMMERCIALIZE THE TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS OF ITS FACULTY AND STUDENTS, AS WELL AS OUTSIDE STARTUPS.



Emil Herkert

ANGEL INVESTORS NETWORK AUGMENTING ITS MEMBERSHIP

The NJIT Highlanders Angel Network (NJITHAN) is recruiting members. Established in 2013, the network offers a forum for angel investors to provide capital, mentoring and access to resources to NJIT-related startup and spinout companies or companies formed by NJIT alumni. NJITHAN membership comprises NJIT alumni, faculty and staff, as well as private investors, business executives and professionals from various industries — all of whom want to strengthen New Jersey's technology ecosystem.

Members must be accredited investors as defined by the SEC. As for being part of NJITHAN, "We're looking for people that have a business background, have been vice presidents or presidents of corporations, and have business acumen that we can take advantage of," said Emil Herkert, NJITHAN founder and principal, and chairman emeritus of NJIT's Board of Overseers.

NJITHAN invests in innovative, globally impactful and technology-based businesses, and has benefited from both its relationship with NJIT's VentureLink, the Garden State's largest small-business incubator, and its proximity to a thriving entrepreneurial community in the New York-New Jersey and Philadelphia areas. Since its founding, the network has invested over \$450,000 in various businesses, including companies in the telecommunications, social media and medical spaces.

Among NJITHAN's criteria for businesses seeking angel investment are having a finished product, sales record, management team and advisory board. With the rate of entrepreneurship increasing, especially in light of the massive unemployment caused by the pandemic, angel investors have become vital to aspiring early-stage business owners.

To learn more, visit njithan.org or email njithan@gmail.com.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS

BY TRACEY L. REGAN

In pursuit of the ghostly subatomic particles known as neutrinos, novel cancer treatments using platinum nanoparticles, and new design collaborations among campus architects and Newark stakeholders, NJIT undergraduates are flocking back to research labs this summer. Fifty students won \$3,000 summer research stipends from the Provost Undergraduate Research and Innovation (URI) Summer Fellowship program, others are taking part in Albert Dorman Honors College's Honors Summer Research Institute (HSRI), and dozens more secured backing from outside agencies such as NASA, the National Science Foundation and the Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program. In all, more than 100 students will return to campus shortly after graduation to ensconce themselves in their mentors' labs.

Atam Dhawan, senior vice provost for research and founder of the URI program, marveled at the maturity and scope of this year's projects, many of them conceived during the pandemic lockdown. "In the midst of unprecedented challenges, these student researchers stayed so focused," he remarked. "In the 14 years since the program was founded, these are the best proposals the URI Industrial Advisory Board reviewers have seen so far. They not only address societal challenges with new technologies, but probe the social context and the interactions necessary for their success."

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Sreya Sanyal, who volunteered as a hospital medical scribe in the early days of the pandemic, is now researching antiviral treatments in a drug discovery lab.

AN UNDERGRADUATE'S EXTRAORDINARY IMMERSION IN AN UNFOLDING PANDEMIC

Few undergraduates — or indeed, citizens in general — can claim a more intense, multi-angled view of the COVID-19 pandemic than Sreya Sanyal '22.

A medical scribe at University Hospital in Newark from April 2019 through July 2020, she watched firsthand as health care providers and their patients adapted in real time to the fearsome unknown. Lending another perspective, a class she took on the AIDS epidemic with historian Stephen Pemberton tracked the trajectory of public health policy, politics and therapeutic advances as an earlier virus wreaked havoc worldwide.

This summer, backed by funds from a Provost Summer Research Fellowship, Sanyal is working in Vivek Kumar's Biomaterial Drug Development, Discovery and Delivery Laboratory on a cost-effective antiviral therapy to bridge the gap between still-spreading infections and the uneven vaccine rollout. Their strategy relies on a self-assembling peptide, a unique therapy delivery mechanism developed in Kumar's lab, that binds to the virus's spike protein, preventing it from attaching to a receptor in lung cells and targeting it for immune destruction.

"I plan to characterize the formulation through various mechanistic studies, then test the dosage toxicity and, finally, evaluate the drug's cellular efficacy," explained Sanyal, a dual major in biology and history, Dorman Scholar, 2021 Goldwater Scholar and 2020 HSRI participant.

A veteran in Kumar's lab with prior clinical studies under her belt and an avid interest in translating science, Sanyal also plays a role in introducing new undergraduates to the research and helping them carve out a niche. She noted, "Building a collaborative team is one of the real pleasures of working in a lab."

Joseph Torsiello jumpstarts his research on particle physics with a Fulbright-MITACS Globalink scholarship at McGill University in Montreal.



STALKING ELUSIVE, SUBATOMIC PARTICLES IN A TIME-PROJECTION CHAMBER

Dubbed ghost particles, trillions of neutrinos continually flit through the human body unaltered and unobserved, leaving no trace. Produced in the nuclear fusion of stars, fission in manmade reactors and radioactive decay on Earth, their role in the universe remains mysterious.

Backed by a Fulbright Canada-MITACS Globalink scholarship, Joseph Torsiello '22 is spending his summer stalking these chargeless, nearly massless subatomic specks with a research team at McGill University in Montreal. More specifically, he is examining images of expanding ion clouds as isotopes of Xenon decay in what's called a Xenon time-projection chamber detector to determine what particles are in fact released.

"I'm analyzing the trajectories of particles emanating from the decay and helping develop new ways of tagging them," said Torsiello, a dual major in applied physics and mathematics and veteran of three

applied physics teams at NJIT. "In some decays, neutrinos are not released."

"I'm fascinated by materials that are exotic and yet all around us. I also wonder if there is a use for neutrinos in human applications," added Torsiello, who is planning a career in research, but still deciding among three areas that interest him: particle physics, astrophysics and materials science. In the study of neutrinos, the three disciplines converge.

Torsiello, a Goldwater Scholar, Dorman Scholar and HSRI participant in 2020, said winning the Goldwater award boosted his confidence, emboldening him to apply for a Fulbright. He noted, "This is my first experience working on particle physics and I'm very excited to be part of this team of researchers and graduate students at McGill and learning how to be a better researcher myself."



RETHINKING NEIGHBORHOODS IN NEW JERSEY'S LARGEST CITY

The Newark Design Collaborative (NDC) is an NJIT center aimed at spurring creative partnerships among city stakeholders — faculty and student planners and designers, government agencies, community members and businesses — who share the vision of a more equitable, sustainable and prosperous Newark. Ebony Payne '22 is one of three student architects funded by Hillier College of Architecture and Design this summer to help expand it.

"We'll begin by examining best practices at similar design collaboratives at city-based



Ashish Kokkula (right) researches nanoparticle treatments for triple-negative breast cancer with chemical engineer Kathleen McEnnis (left) and Ph.D. student Aida Lopez Ruiz.



TESTING NOVEL NANOPARTICLE TREATMENTS ON A DEADLY DISEASE

Aided by breakthrough discoveries in targeted therapies, medical researchers have notched enormous victories over several forms of breast cancer, yet frustrating exceptions remain. Backed by a Provost Summer Research Fellowship, biomedical engineering major and Dorman Scholar Ashish Kokkula '24 is focusing on one of those intractable diseases, triple-negative breast cancer, so named because it lacks the three most common cell receptors targeted by therapies in more manageable cancers.

Kokkula is researching targeted platinum-loaded nanoparticles as potential treatments in Kathleen McEnnis's Material Analysis in Biological Systems Laboratory, working with her Ph.D. student, Aida Lopez Ruiz, to formulate the nanoparticles, incubate them with various cell lines and then assess the cells' viability at different stages.

"The idea of creating nanoparticles for medicines and manipulating them at such a tiny scale fascinates me," said Kokkula, who noted that traditional platinum-based chemotherapy is a highly toxic treatment. "Platinum nanoparticles, however, have shown promising responses against cancer activity while maintaining low toxicity toward healthy cells."

He added, "Having this first experience working with nanoparticles will really add to my knowledge, which I plan to apply later to other areas of the body."

For now, Kokkula plans to pursue neurology in order to take on devastating diseases, such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's that gradually erode a person's ability to think and function and for which there is also no effective treatment.

"With Alzheimer's, we see correlates such as plaque buildup, but we still don't understand the causal relationship," he said. "There is still so much we need to figure out. I want to be part of that." ■

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THANK YOU

Dear NJIT Alumni and Friends:

It is my great pleasure to share with you the 2020 edition of NJIT's annual Honor Roll of Donors. On behalf of the entire Highlander nation, and especially our hardworking students, I thank you for your generous support during what has been an unprecedented and very challenging 12 months.

As I sat down to write my letter for last year's Honor Roll issue of *NJIT Magazine*, I was faced mostly with the unknown. The unrelenting nature of the COVID-19 pandemic was not yet understood, nor was its potential impact on the U.S. and global economy. Perhaps just as important, the extent of the financial hardship that would be experienced by NJIT's students and their families was still far from clear, as was what their needs would mean for our university.

At the time, I wrote that "our university will not just survive but continue to flourish — and it will flourish in large part because of the long list of benefactors highlighted in this special issue of *NJIT Magazine*." I am both humbled and inspired by the truth of that statement again this year. NJIT's benefactors stepped forward in 2020 to ensure that our talented and determined students continued to have access to world-class faculty, cutting-edge academic and research programs and state-of-the-art facilities.

Last year, 5,390 alumni, friends and corporate and foundation partners collectively contributed \$13.6 million to the university. These generous philanthropic investments contributed to the development of STEM-focused, career-relevant curricula, such as the new major in FinTech in our Martin Tuchman School of Management. They supported the renewal of the spaces in which our students learn, study and conduct research, including the spectacular new Weston Alumni Lecture Hall in Hillier College of Architecture and Design and the chemistry and motion-capture research facilities in the Life Sciences and Engineering Center. They funded research that is pushing the frontiers of knowledge and improving human lives. And — through the establishment of 37 new scholarships and fellowships, as well as more than \$175,000 in gifts to the Highlander Student Emergency Fund — they helped to keep an NJIT education financially affordable for all deserving students and their families.

We look back at 2020 as a year that taught us to adapt, to respect the needs of our community and to find our inner resilience. To NJIT's very generous alumni, friends and corporate and foundation partners, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support, at a time when students and their families have needed it most. Please know that we have missed seeing you on campus this past year, and we look forward to welcoming you back in person very soon.

With gratitude,

Kenneth Alexo, Jr., Ph.D.
Vice President for Development & Alumni Relations
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A Celebration of Hope, a virtual gala in honor of NJIT's students and recent graduates, was held March 25, 2021. Kim V. Vierheilig '99, '00 and Robert Medina '75 (above) co-chaired the program, which raised over \$325,000 in support of student scholarships.

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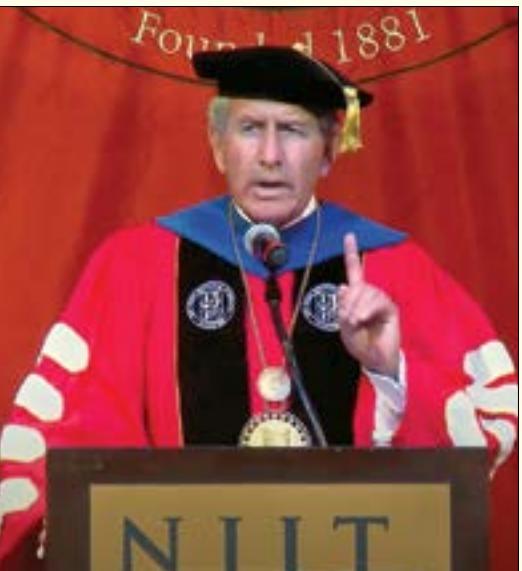
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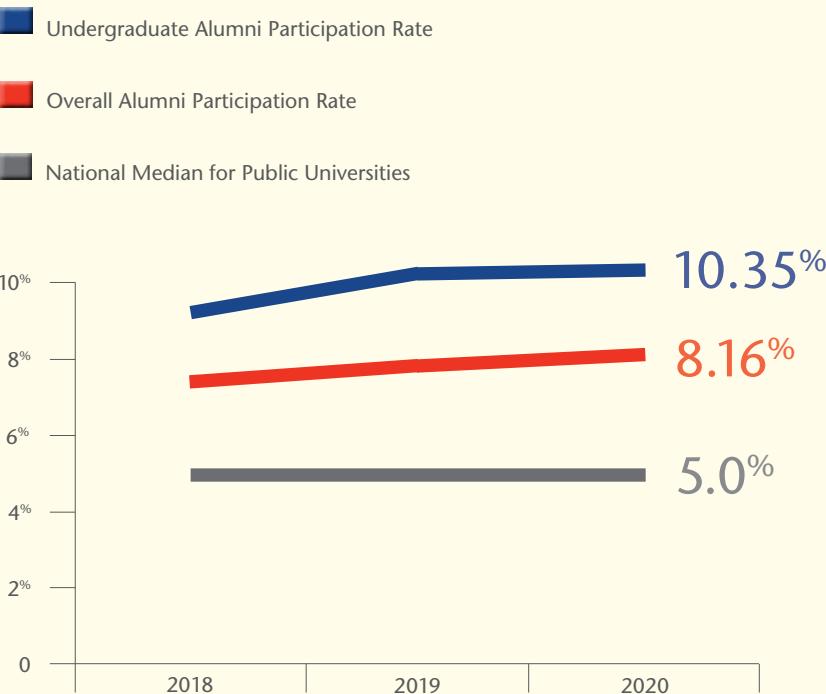
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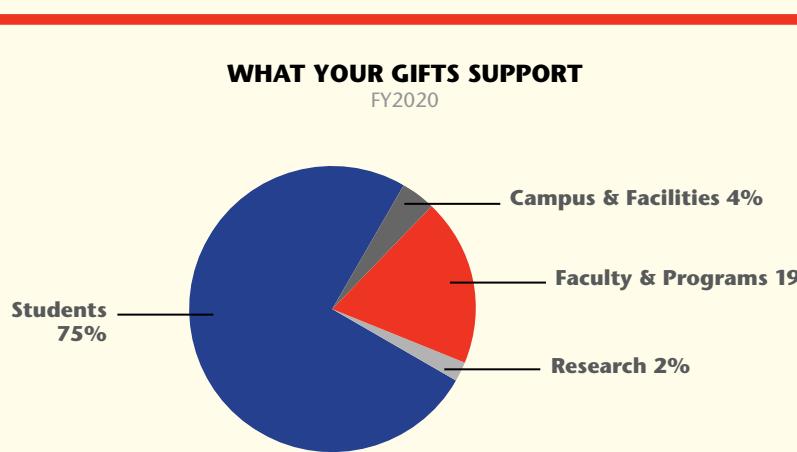
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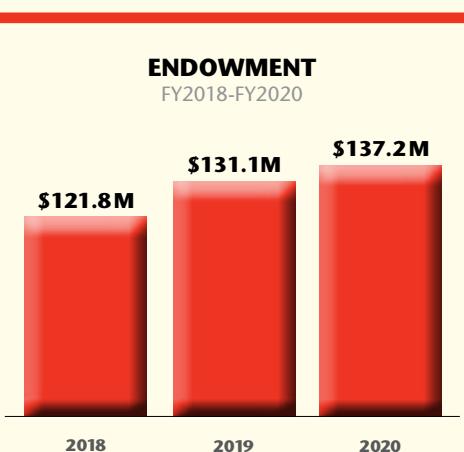
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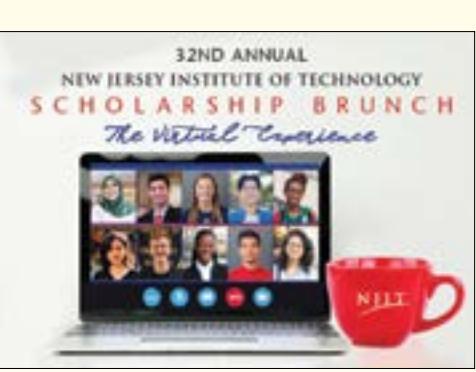


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Left: The FEMA-run vaccination site in NJIT's Naimoli Center was the federal agency's largest in the state. Nearly 150 student volunteers, working in three-hour shifts, helped to run it smoothly. Below, from left: Engineering professor and Honors College alumnus Chang Yaramothu '13, '14, '17, Abigail Varughese '22, Rita Vought '21 and FEMA's Marc K. Raoul '09 were some of the NJIT students, past and present, contributing engineering, emergency management and health care skills to the massive effort.



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS PUT A SMILE ON FEMA VACCINATION SUPER CENTER

When a frail, elderly woman refused help at the FEMA-run vaccination site in NJIT's Naimoli Center, Rita Vought '21 knew just what to do. She sidled over, struck up a conversation and subtly navigated her through the process, from registration to departure.

"She didn't realize she was being helped, because we were talking the entire time," recounted Vought, a biology student heading to medical school next fall, and one of nearly 150 NJIT volunteers to sign up for three-hour shifts at the facility.

No fewer than 25 students assisted each day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. — managing the line outside, taking temperatures, registering people and answering their questions, and pushing wheelchair users through the cavernous facility, FEMA's largest in the state. Collectively, they spoke nearly 20 different languages, including Bengali, Arabic, Russian, Portuguese and Tagalog, that were displayed on their name tags.

"The students did a really good job calming people down, particularly those most concerned about the impact of the vaccination, and helping immigrants who don't speak English well," said Lori Ross,

FEMA's voluntary agency liaison at the Newark site. "In some cases, with people in wheelchairs and those who are nervous, the volunteers stayed by their side for the entire visit."

New to the business of pandemic-scale vaccine administration, FEMA calls each of its mega-sites around the country a pilot from which it learns incrementally. What distinguished the NJIT location, officials said, was the brigade of students who not only helped run it, but presented a bright-eyed, can-do face to the public from the moment they arrived.

Chang Yaramothu '13, '14, '17, an assistant professor of applied engineering and technology at NJIT and adviser to the campus first-aid squad he helped found, called FEMA in March to propose volunteers from NJIT's health care-related programs "whose mission is to serve." Darshan Desai, director of NJIT's pre-health program, quickly assembled a list.

"While giving back to the community, this was a wonderful opportunity no class can teach," Yaramothu noted.

"Interacting with patients, while learning to communicate (well), is an experience you need to love before going into medicine," said Abigail Varughese '22, a

pre-med student who recounted soothing shot-seekers with residual qualms. "I'm so happy just to be a part of this."

She added, "My generation will be so much more equipped to cope in the event of another pandemic."

The site, aimed at boosting vaccination rates among underserved, minority communities, delivered more than 6,000 shots on March 31, its first full day — over 200,000 by May 21. But with daily rates declining nationwide, marketing the jabs successfully became paramount.

"If you have a positive experience, you will come back for your second shot and you may also tell your friends and family about it," noted FEMA's Devin Kerins, the Newark site's administrator.

"Good customer service is critical — we are the face of the federal government," said Marc K. Raoul '09 (civil engineering), an emergency management specialist for FEMA who has directed site assessment, planning and training in disaster areas, including after Hurricane Sandy, and who was back on campus

helping run the vaccine operation. "As in engineering, we have very adaptable skills to address different needs in each emergency situation." ■ - Tracey L. Regan

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