

Joint Statement from Governor Murphy and Secretary of Higher Education Bridges on New Jersey City University Selecting Kean University as Merger Partner

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TRENTON – In response to the New Jersey City University (NJCU) Board of Trustees’ unanimous [vote](https://www.njcu.edu/about/news/2025/03/statement-njcu-board-trustees-selection-potential-partner) (<https://www.njcu.edu/about/news/2025/03/statement-njcu-board-trustees-selection-potential-partner>) on Wednesday to pursue a strategic merger with Kean University, Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education Brian Bridges issued the following joint statement:

“The Murphy Administration is encouraged by the forward-moving progress at NJCU.

“The State Monitor, NJCU Administration, and Board of Trustees have been collaborating diligently toward a future that sustains a strong public four-year option in Jersey City and Hudson County. Maintaining access to high-quality post-secondary education for students and the community, who have long benefitted from NJCU’s local presence, forms the basis of our shared commitment to the institution’s future.

“The NJCU Board’s intent to pursue a strategic merger with Kean University continues this commitment and marks the beginning of a thorough and deliberative process to unify these mission-aligned institutions. We look forward to working with state and institutional leaders on the path to a successful transition that empowers student success and long-term resilience.”

Governor Phil Murphy

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