

Investing In New Jersey's Higher Education Institutes

Governor Christie Attends Stockton College Groundbreaking On \$21.5 Million Unified Science Center

As Part Of His Commitment To Improving Higher Education Programs And Facilities

Breaking Ground On New Jersey's Higher Ed Future:

In his ongoing mission to improve higher education across New Jersey, Governor Chris Christie today attended a ceremony at Stockton College. The project at Stockton College provides for an addition to their Unified Science Center on campus, allowing for more laboratory and office space.

This groundbreaking is one of many the Governor has attended to highlight the projects funded through the \$750 million higher education bond referendum that New Jersey voters approved in November 2012. The vote signified the first bond referendum for capital improvements at the state's higher education institutions since 1988.

- There are 176 construction projects that will provide modern facilities at universities and colleges and benefit more than 350,000 students throughout the Garden State.
- A full list of approved projects can be found [Here](#).

Making New Jersey A Research Powerhouse:

Governor Christie Took Action To Transform Rutgers University And Make New Jersey A Leader In Higher Education Excellence. Governor Christie signed the bipartisan "New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act" into law in August 2012, achieving a long-awaited, dramatic overhaul and strengthening of the state's higher education system that had eluded leaders in the state for more than a decade. This significant and sweeping restructuring legislation will promote long-term, sustainable economic growth and high academic achievement by fostering three hubs of higher education excellence in the northern, central, and southern parts of the state. Rutgers University will become a Top-25 research institute based on the combined outside funding sources of the merged universities.

- The Governor also signed a bill that will make it easier for public colleges and universities in the State to enter into public-private partnerships for construction on campus, enabling the deployment of investment dollars by giving public colleges and universities a new tool at their disposal.

Greater Support For New Jersey's Higher Education System And Students:

Governor Christie's fiscal year 2015 budget provides \$159 million in increased State support for institutions of higher education and student assistance.

- **Governor Christie's Fiscal Year 2015 Increases Resources for Higher Education Institutions and Students.** Under the Governor's proposal, total State support is proposed to increase by

\$159.3 million to \$2.32 billion, funding the pension and fringe benefits for 22,675 educators at New Jersey's college and universities and supporting an increase in funding for student assistance.

- **An Increase in Funding For Tuition Aid Grants.** After increasing funding by nearly \$47 million in the last two years for Tuition Aid Grants (TAG), the fiscal year 2015 budget continues to expand resources for the neediest students with an additional **\$14 million** to support a 2% across the board increase in award amounts for TAG recipients.

Governor Christie Has Attended Ground Breakings At Higher Education Institutes Across The State:

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

September 3, 2013

The \$86.3 million improvement project at the NJIT is the largest of 176 construction projects approved by voters last November. This project will improve facilities at the state's first technical school, including the addition of a Center for Innovation and Discovery, Math Engagement Center and Teaching Effectiveness Institute.



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

September 19, 2013

Rutgers University has been awarded a total of nearly \$360 million in state grant funds for 29 projects across its three campuses. One of the projects will build a new \$87 million academic building that will serve as the first dedicated home for Rutgers' School of Arts and Sciences in New Brunswick.



THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

September 27, 2013

TCNJ has been awarded \$57.4 million in state grant funds for four projects across campus including critically needed laboratory and classroom space, upgraded learning and research equipment and technology infrastructure improvements.

RAMAPO COLLEGE

October 1, 2013

Ramapo has been awarded \$19.8 million in state funds for three projects. The largest of these initiatives is the \$17.6 million STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Building renovation, which will encompass the overhaul of the first two floors of the existing G-Wing academic building.



ROWAN UNIVERSITY

October 2, 2013

The new Rowan College of Engineering building project received \$45.9 million in funding for a three-story, 90,500-square-foot addition to the current building, one of 14 projects totaling \$117 million supported by state grant funds.



STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

October 4, 2013

Stevens Institute of Technology received \$7.2 million to fund technology infrastructure upgrades to launch a Virtualized Learning Environment (VLE) for students.



RUTGERS UNIVERSITY – CAMDEN

October 16, 2013

A new Nursing and Science Building at Rutgers-Camden will open in 2016 and house a 100,000-square-foot center for biology, chemistry, nursing, and

GLOUCESTER COUNTY COLLEGE

October 21, 2013

Gloucester County College received \$4 million to build the Adult Center for Transition which will assist disabled students with the transition into college life. The 14,550-

physics. Rutgers-Camden received \$46.8 million through the higher education bond.



square-foot building will enroll about 50 students as part of the program.

