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Sussex's Dean of Corporate and Community Education Honored with Community College Spirit Award

TRENTON, N.J.—At its annual Trustee Conference on June 16, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presented the 2008 Community College Spirit Award to Sussex County Community College Dean of Corporate and Continuing Education Sivaraman Anbarasan for his exemplary service to New Jersey's community colleges.

“Since its inauguration in 1993, the Community College Spirit Award has been an honor bestowed to those who embody the community college spirit – perseverance, dedication and excellence,” said Dr. Richard Wellbrock, Council chairman.

Anbarasan was recognized for his accomplishments as one of five members of Team New Jersey, a group of community college customized training specialists who provided training to over 800 New Jersey small business employees as part of the New Jersey Basic Skills Workforce Training Program, a partnership among the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the New Jersey Business & Industry Association and New Jersey's community colleges.

“Team New Jersey booked 25 percent of the training that took place under this

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partnership,” Wellbrock added.

Anbarasan has served as dean of corporate and community education since 2004, where he manages the college’s non-credit programs – including the Sussex County Public Safety and Training Academy. He coordinates the college’s participation in New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, a statewide alternate route teacher certification program offered at New Jersey’s community colleges, and coordinates the college’s participation in the statewide New Jersey Department of Human Services career ladder program for DHS employees. In addition, Anbarasan has taught American Management Association and Microsoft Office courses.

In Sussex County, Anbarasan established an Academy for the Gifted and Talented to address the growing needs of high-achieving school students offering both in-class and online enrichment courses. He is a member of the Sussex County Educational Association Professional Development Committee.

He also is a member of the NJ Community Colleges Workforce Development Consortium board of directors and the NJ Community College Senior Continuing Education Officers Association. Anbarasan also serves on the steering committee of Governor Corzine’s Financial Restructuring and Debt Reduction Plan, chaired by Congressman Bob Franks.

Anbarasan holds an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, a master’s degree in engineering from the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India.. He also participated in the Kellogg School of Management’s advanced management education program at Northwestern University.

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