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BioNJ President Honored with Community College Spirit Award

TRENTON, N.J.—At its annual Trustee Conference on June 15, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presented the 2009 Community College Spirit Award to BioNJ President Debbie Hart for her exemplary support of 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 NJCCC Chairman Ronald Winthers.

Hart was recognized for her leadership in partnering BioNJ with the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development to provide workforce training to biotechnology companies throughout the state.

The Workforce Consortium is a central one-stop contact that develops and delivers education and training programs to New Jersey businesses, agencies and organizations,

BioNJ and the Workforce Consortium have trained over 3,100 employees at 51 different biotechnology companies throughout the state over the last two years.

As BioNJ president, Hart worked alongside New Jersey’s leading biotechnology industry

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CEOs to establish BioNJ in 1994. BioNJ's mission is to promote a business and public policy environment in the State of New Jersey, Washington, D.C. and beyond that enhances the growth and prosperity of New Jersey's biotechnology companies.

During her career, Hart served on Governor Jon Corzine's Economic Growth Transition Team. She served on the Steering Committee for the Prosperity New Jersey Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Cluster study that was conducted by Professor Michael Porter of the Harvard Business School.

She is currently a member of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority's (NJEDA) Technology Advisory Board, the NJEDA Technology Centre Advisory Committee where she serves as chair, and served on the New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research Task Force. She is a member of the New Jersey Israel Commission.

In addition, Hart served as a member of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education Task Force on Higher Education Quality and Reputation and Competitiveness of the State. She has served as an advisory board member of the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Biomedical Engineering Program, the Monmouth County Biotechnology High School initiative and Monmouth University's School of Science, Technology and Engineering Advisory Counsel and is a board member of the Rothman Institute of Entrepreneurial Studies within the Silberman College of Business at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is also a member of the Science Advisory Board in the College of Liberal Arts, Education and Sciences at Rider University.

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Hart, a resident of Robbinsville, holds a master's degree from the S. I. Newhouse School at Syracuse University where she graduated cum laude and a bachelor's degree from Trenton State College where she graduated magna cum laude.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is the state association representing New Jersey's 19 community colleges. As an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, the Council is the voice of the community college sector before the state legislature and other branches of government. The Council is also the state coordinating organization for all community colleges in New Jersey.