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State Treasurer 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 New Jersey State Treasurer R. David Rousseau for his 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.

Rousseau was recognized for his strong support of New Jersey’s 19 community colleges throughout the FY 2010 State Budget process.

“We’re very grateful for Treasurer Rousseau’s support in these toughest of times,” said NJCCC President Dr. Lawrence A. Nespoli. “We’re also proud that he started his college education at one of our community colleges – Mercer County Community College.”

Rousseau was confirmed by the State Senate and sworn in as State Treasurer on April 7, 2008. He had previously served as Acting State Treasurer since January 16, 2008, soon after Governor Jon S. Corzine announced his intention to nominate him to be State Treasurer.

Prior to becoming Acting State Treasurer, Rousseau served as Senior Advisor to the

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Governor for Budget and Fiscal Policy and Deputy State Treasurer. In those roles, he worked closely with the Governor and Treasurer in developing and implementing the annual State budget and other fiscal policy issues.

Rousseau has spent his career working at high levels on the State budget in the Legislative and Executive branches of New Jersey government.

He served as Deputy State Treasurer from 2002 until 2006 and provided policy guidance to the Governor, Treasurer and Governor's office on areas related to fiscal and budget policy including taxation issues, property tax relief and reform.

Rousseau was Senior Policy Advisor to the Senate President focusing on the budget before returning to the Treasury Department.

He served as the Budget Director for the Senate Democratic office from 1990 to 2002. He moved to the Senate staff after serving as Research and Project Coordinator for the Election Law Enforcement Commission.

Rousseau received a bachelor's degree from Temple University where he graduated cum laude. He holds an MBA from Rider University. He is a lifelong Mercer County resident. He lives in Hamilton with his wife, Debra and two sons, Kyle and Kenneth.

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.