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### **County College of Morris President 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 County College of Morris President Dr. Edward Yaw 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.

Yaw was recognized for his leadership and service as a chairman of the New Jersey Presidents’ Council. The New Jersey Presidents’ Council is the statewide organization for the presidents of New Jersey’s colleges and universities. Yaw has also been instrumental in advancing the new statewide transfer articulation agreement that emerged from Gov. Jon Corzine signing A3968/S2535 into law in September 2007.

The law promotes the seamless transfer of New Jersey community college associate degree graduates into baccalaureate degree programs at public four-year colleges and universities

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throughout the state. Under the new law, each public higher education institution will enter into a collective statewide transfer agreement in consultation with the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and the New Jersey Presidents' Council.

Yaw has been with the County College of Morris since 1980 and became president in 1986. In addition to serving as chairman of the New Jersey Presidents' Council, he is a member of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education. Yaw has also led accreditation evaluation teams on behalf of the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association.

Yaw currently serves on the board of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce.

Yaw earned his Ed.D. from Columbia University, his M.S. from Southern Illinois University, and his B.A. degree from Harpur College, SUNY Binghamton. Prior to his appointment as president, Yaw was dean of academic affairs. Yaw had previously served as associate dean of academic affairs for Adelphi University, NY.

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.