

NJIT TRUSTEES APPOINT JOEL BLOOM INTERIM PRESIDENT

The New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) Board of Trustees has unanimously appointed Joel Bloom, EdD, to serve as interim president of the university, effective immediately. This follows the recent announcement of the resignation of Robert Altenkirch. Altenkirch will serve as a consultant to the interim president until the end of October.

Speaking for the NJIT Board of Trustees, Kathleen Wielkopolski expressed confidence in the selection of Bloom. "Our priority during this period is to assure that all the initiatives currently being undertaken at NJIT, both internal and external, continue to proceed. With Dr. Bloom's extensive experience and involvement in many of these initiatives, and working closely with the Provost, the Board is confident that this can be accomplished," she said.

Bloom, who is NJIT vice president for academic and student services as well as founding dean of the Albert Dorman Honors College, is well-positioned to take on this leadership role. Bloom, with a career spanning 20 years at NJIT, is passionate about the university and its students as their education in the sciences, engineering, technology, design and management transforms their future and that of their families.

Bloom's impact on the university has been significant. Under his watch, student enrollment increased from 7600 to over 9500 students, including increases in female and minority students. The average SAT math score is now in the top quarter nationally; Dorman Honors College enrollment increased 70 percent, totaling 685 with combined average SAT scores over 1335 for fall 2011; articulation agreements are currently signed with the state's high-tech high schools and 19 county colleges; and accelerated joint admission agreements exist with UMDNJ Medical and Dental Schools, St. George's Medical School, SUNY College of Optometry and Seton Hall Law School.

Bloom holds baccalaureate and master's degrees from Hunter College, City University of New York, and master's and doctoral degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Full press-release available at <http://www.njit.edu/news/2011/2011-355.php>



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Learning Communities were launched at NJIT this fall, enrolling over 300 students in cohorts according to their major. The initiative, launched by the Office of the Provost, is called *Community Connections*. The program connects students within a network of faculty, advisors, and peer mentors focused on facilitating their transition to college and enhancing their learning experience. Community Connections students will have the opportunity to engage in *hands-on* learning experiences, working in teams with faculty and peers. Study groups and mentoring after classes, on campus and through online connections, also provide students access to the help they need to be successful in their classes.

Already it is clear from the reaction of the students that they appreciate being invited to join cohorts of like-minded peers. They are working together, and having fun!

To learn more log on to, www.njit.edu/communityconnections



19TH ANNUAL NJIT/RUTGERS- NEWARK CAREER FAIR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

NJIT Gym and Naimoli Tennis Center
& Rutgers-Newark Golden Dome Athletic Center

Over 100 employers, including PSEG, Johnson & Johnson, and Alcatel-Lucent will be on campus to talk to your student.



Students are encouraged to visit the office of

Career Development Services

Campbell Hall (Room 412)

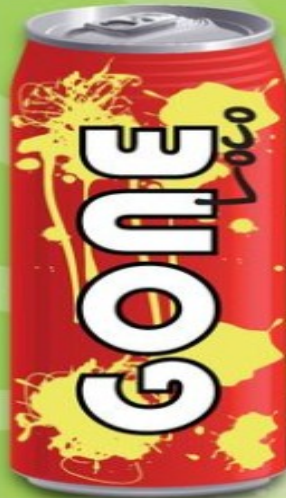
for help with their resumes and more information
on how to impress potential employers.

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THE FACTS:

YOU DRANK WHAT?

There's been a lot of buzz around mixing energy drinks with alcohol.



Four Loko™ "Blackout in a Can"

Sold in: 23.5 ounce cans, Alcohol Content: 12%, Caffeine Content: 260 mgs.
1 can of Four Loko™ has the caffeine of 1 tall coffee or 3 Red Bull™ energy drinks.
1 can of Four Loko™ has the alcohol content of 4.7 beers.

Red Bull™

Sold in: 8.2 ounce cans
Caffeine Content: 80 mgs.



Tall Coffee

Sold in: 12 ounce cup
Caffeine Content: 260 mgs.



Beer

Sold in: 12 ounce cans
Alcohol Content: 5%



Top 5 reasons why mixing caffeine or energy drinks with alcohol is a really bad idea.¹

1. Mixing caffeine and alcohol can increase the risk of alcohol poisoning. Since caffeine makes people feel "less drunk" than they really are, they tend to drink more than they normally would.
2. Mixing alcohol and caffeine can make your heart rate and blood pressure rise.
3. Caffeine can make you feel energetic even if you're drunk. Why is this dangerous? Because people can be "tricked" into thinking they are alert enough to do things like drive a car, when they really aren't.
4. Caffeine and alcohol are both diuretics, leading to dehydration (and really bad hangovers).
5. Adding caffeine to alcohol can make drinking alcohol all the more addictive.

Source: ¹<http://www.outsidetheclassroom.com/community/tools-resources/alcohol-and-energy-drinks.aspx>

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Academic Calendar important date.
Visit www.njit.edu for the full university calendar.

OCT 15	Deadline for applying for January graduation
OCT 20	Last day for a refund based on complete withdrawal (Last of 25% refund)
NOV 3	Withdrawal Deadline
NOV 14	Winter/Spring Registration Begins
NOV 15	Deadline for applying for May graduation
NOV 24-25	Thanksgiving Recess
DEC 12	NJIT Classes End
DEC 13	NJIT Reading Day
DEC 14-20	NJIT Final Examination Period
DEC 16-23	Rutgers Final Examination Period
DEC 26	Winter Session Courses Begin
JAN 3	Winter Session Courses Resume
JAN 11	Winter Session Courses End
JAN 17	First Day of Spring 2012 Courses

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

The Murray Center for Women in Technology was established in 1995 as part of the university's ongoing effort to provide a hospitable environment for all members of the NJIT community. The Mission of the Murray Center is to ensure the sustainable advancement of NJIT women students, faculty and staff by facilitating individual growth, community interaction, and institutional transformation.

The Murray Center serves as a campus resource for research-based best practices on recruitment and retention of women students and faculty and sponsors a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of all women at NJIT. The Murray Center helps women students achieve academic and professional success by providing support structures and facilitating meaningful connections within the NJIT campus community and corporate communities.

The Murray Center is open Monday to Friday from 10 AM to 5 PM. All members of the NJIT community are welcome to visit the Murray Center and make use of its resources. The Murray Center features a lounge, computer lab, conference rooms and a resource library. A microwave and refrigerator are also available for students to use.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

WHAT IS FERPA?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

WHAT CAN'T BE DISCLOSED?

Generally, schools must have written permission from [a] parent or [guardian] in order to release information from a student's record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

- school officials with legitimate educational interest;
- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
- Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations;
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
- State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to State law

WHAT MAY BE DISCLOSED WITHOUT MY STUDENT'S PERMISSION?

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.