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Alumni and friends of the College of Architecture and Design gathered at Design Showcase 2009 to celebrate the work of the school's current and former students. Organized by a committee of design and real estate professionals, the program included displays of student and alumni designs, continuing education programs, and networking.



Above: NJIT President Robert A. Altenkirch served as the honorary chairperson of the Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce Foundation of Essex County's Ninth Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala Dinner held at NJIT. The Foundation recognizes business, governmental, corporate and individual efforts and accomplishments that positively impact Latino/Hispanic businesses. Pictured (left to right) are Altenkirch, Niathan Allen of Summit Developers, honorary chair of the event, and Robert P. Marasco, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award celebrating his 25 years of service in the City of Newark as City Clerk.

Right: Some 45 NJIT alumni participated in the inaugural speed networking event held last spring in the Campus Center Atrium. The event was designed to help students enhance their networking skills and knowledge of specific careers.



Below: "The Brick," a sculpture by Daniel A. Henderson (left), an inventor, entrepreneur, philanthropist and member of Albert Dorman Honors College Board of Visitors, was installed in the Fenster Hall lobby. The marble and aluminum sculpture was inspired by the world's first portable cellular telephone. Henderson, who invented wireless picture and video messaging in 1993, is shown with President Robert A. Altenkirch; Joel S. Bloom, vice president for academic and student services and ADHC dean, and Vice President for University Advancement Charles R. Dees, Jr.



Above: Three alumni were inducted into the NJIT Athletics Hall of Fame at the 2009 induction dinner: Roland E. Barth, '60 (men's soccer/fencing); Jean M. Graziano, '89, (softball); and Dave DeNure, men's volleyball coach (1989-98); women's volleyball coach (1983-91); women's basketball coach (1987-88). Roy Cornely, a distinguished scientist and teacher who joined the NJIT faculty in 1971, was the 2009 recipient of the annual Robert Swanson Award.

Right: The Alumni Association's Philadelphia Metro Regional Club celebrates on their annual Spirit of Philadelphia cruise and luncheon. The event features a two-hour cruise on Philadelphia's historic harbor.



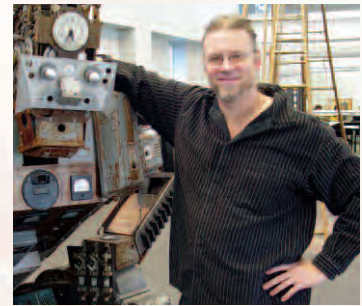
Left: Doctoral student Ezinwa Elele took first place in the graduate student division at the 2009 Dana Knox Student Research Showcase for the development of a new method that will allow the production of personalized medicines. He collaborated with Boris Khusid, professor of chemical, biological and pharmaceutical engineering, and Yueyang Shen, postdoctoral fellow, with support from the NSF Engineering Research Center on Structured Organic Particulate Systems.





▲ Above: The 2008 Leadership Circle Recognition Gala honored the university's most significant benefactors, including Robert Chamberlain and Julia Murawski, seen here with President Robert A. Altenkirch.

▲ Above: NJIT Day 2008 lasted well into the evening with a street carnival added to the traditional activities that included the Highlander Games, the Young Alumni Chili Cook-off, and the Tour de Tech Bicycle Race.



▲ Above: Matt Gosser, university lecturer in architecture, poses with his sculpture *Electro*, one of exhibits in the Westinghouse project at the College of Architecture and Design. Organized by Gosser, the project featured the works of more than 40 artists created from salvage from Newark's Westinghouse plant, which was demolished last year.



◀ Right: Newark Mayor Cory Booker (left) enjoys a light moment with President Robert A. Altenkirch and Donald H. Sebastian, interim provost and senior vice president for research and development, at the 2009 NJIT Commencement Exercises, held at the Prudential Center (photo right). The university awarded some 2,000 degrees including honorary doctorates to Booker; alumnus Vincent Naimoli, founder and chairman emeritus of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team; and Bernard Harris, MD, philanthropist, astronaut and entrepreneur.



Below: Kati DiRaimondo, Dorman honors scholar and civil engineering major, greets her scholarship benefactor, Paul Eng-Wong '75, '80, president and founder of Eng-Wong, Taub and Associates, at the 2009 Scholarship Breakfast. ▼



▲ Above: Honorary degree recipient Cory Booker, mayor of Newark, converses with NJIT alumnus Harvey Segal. Segal, who earned a BS in chemical engineering in 1944, was the most senior of the Golden Highlanders attending the commencement exercises.



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◀ Right: New Jersey Senate President Richard Codey presented the Outstanding Alumnus Award to Edward Cruz '63, president and CEO of E.E. Cruz and Company, at Celebration 2008, NJIT's annual fundraising gala. Codey was guest master of ceremonies for the event held at Pleasantdale Chateau, West Orange. The event, with entertainment by the iconic doo-wop group The Duprees (above), raised nearly \$400,000 for student scholarships.