

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREES TO
MARJORIE PERRY, ELIZABETH “LIZ” GARCIA AND ALEX KHOWAYLO**

WHEREAS by awarding honorary degrees, New Jersey Institute of Technology recognizes outstanding individuals whose accomplishments are of such excellence that they provide inspiration to our graduates, and

WHEREAS the following individuals have displayed the level of exemplary achievement deemed worthy of the singular recognition conveyed by the conferral of an honorary degree by the university, namely:

Marjorie A. Perry, MBA '05 received her Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education from Kean University in 1974 and MBA degree from NJIT in 2005. She also completed continuing education and leadership programs at Dartmouth's Tuck School and Harvard.

Marjorie is president and chief executive officer of MZM Construction & Management, Inc., a full service construction management and transportation company serving a wide variety of clients including small companies, Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, nonprofits, educational institutions, and others. She was inducted into the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame in 2012 and is regularly listed in NJBIZ's Best 50 Women in Business and Top 25 Entrepreneurs in New Jersey. She was most recently listed in ROI Influencers: Power List 2024 – Real Estate: New Jersey.

Marjorie is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Foundation at NJIT, which she joined in 2013. She served as Chair of the Board of Overseers from 2019 until 2022. During her tenure as Chair, the university established more than 125 scholarships, added \$29.3 million in gifts to the university's endowment, and set new records for overall giving and alumni participation.

Elizabeth “Liz” Garcia, MS CHE '73, received her M.S. degree in chemical engineering from NJIT in 1973. Liz retired in 2011 as manager of public affairs at Infineum USA LP. She joined the company in 1999. During her tenure at Infineum, she led the development, coordination, and implementation of government, community, and media relations programs, as well as crisis communications activities. As a registered governmental affairs agent, she worked with industry and business advocacy groups and legislators in the development of more effective laws and regulations for the chemical industry. Liz began her career in 1970 at Exxon Research and Engineering in Florham Park, New Jersey as a design engineer. From 1993 to 1998, she served as manager of public affairs at Exxon Chemical.

Liz served on the Board of Trustees for 15 years, from 2005 until 2020. Upon her retirement, she was named a Trustee Emerita. She received the Newark College of Engineering Distinguished

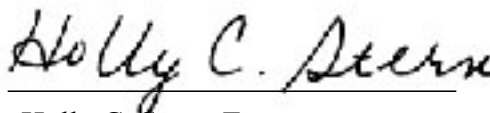
Alumnus/a Award in 2002 and the Alumni Achievement Award in 1996. She is a former member of the Otto H. York Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering Advisory Board.

Alex Khowaylo BS ME '63 earned his B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from NJIT in 1963. In 1968, he joined Howmedica as an entry level project engineer and was hired by fellow NCE alum Robert G. "Bob" Averill '62 '66. The company manufactured implant components. He was later appointed manufacturing engineering manager. Alex played soccer at NCE/NJIT and was a member of the team that won the NAIA National Championship in 1961. Alex was inducted into the NJIT Athletics Hall Fame in 1996, and received the Outstanding Alumni Award in 2010.

Alex is a serial entrepreneur. He co-founded and sold three orthopedic implant companies. His first company, Meditech, Inc., was acquired by 3M for an undisclosed amount. His second company, Osteonics, was a manufacturer of orthopedic implants and specialized in hip-joint replacements. It was acquired by Stryker Corporation in 1979. His third company, Implex Corp., was acquired by Zimmer Holdings in 2004 for \$108 million. Implex was based in Allendale and introduced new hip and knee implant designs combined with a newly developed biomaterial that allowed bone fixation to the implants. Alex served as president and chief executive officer.

He also served as principal of Pipeline Biomedical. The company was acquired by Mako Surgical in 2013 for approximately \$110 million. Alex currently serves as chairman of the Board of Acuitive Technologies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NJIT will confer upon Marjorie Perry, the Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, and Elizabeth "Liz" Garcia and Alex Khowaylo the Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Science, *honoris causa*, at the May 17, 2024 NJIT Commencement Ceremony.



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