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NJ Civil Service Commission Hosts Third Annual State Intern Meet and Greet Networking Event with Lt. Governor Caldwell

Trenton, NJ – The New Jersey Civil Service Commission's (CSC) Center for Learning and Improving Performance (CLIP) hosted the [3rd Annual State Intern Meet and Greet](#). This year's event brought together over 260 Executive Branch interns and representatives from 18 State agencies for a day focused on networking, learning, and engagement.

The event aimed to engage interns and invest in the recruitment and retention of future State employees, contributing to the overall success of the State workforce. CLIP Director LaVida Stalsworth kicked off the morning with welcoming remarks. Afterwards, interns and agency representatives participated in breakout sessions, providing the interns with the opportunity to network and foster valuable professional connections. Participating State agency representatives showcased and discussed the critical role internships play in their operations and individual careers.

Following the networking portion, **Lieutenant Governor Dr. Dale Caldwell** addressed the interns, sharing insights into achieving success in public service. "It was an honor to address such a bright group of State interns and share my experiences in public service," **said Lt. Governor Caldwell**. "Events like these are crucial for fostering engagement and ensuring the success of our future public employees."

CSC Acting Chair and Chief Executive Officer Mary Cruz also addressed the audience with words of advice and encouragement. "The Civil Service Commission is committed to nurturing the next generation of New Jersey public servants," **said Acting Chair Cruz**. "Internships are a vital component of our State workforce, offering real-world experience and fostering a sense of community among our future leaders. This event not only provides a platform for networking and learning but also underscores our dedication to creating a robust and engaged workforce. We are excited to see the positive impact these internships will have on our agencies and the State as a whole."

The New Jersey Civil Service Commission remains dedicated to promoting a merit-based system for the selection, retention, and promotion of State employees. Through initiatives like the State Intern Meet and Greet, the CSC continues to support the growth and development of the State workforce.

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