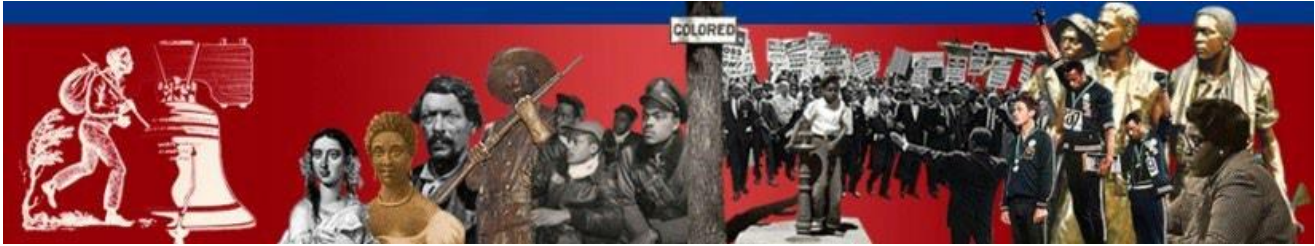




STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education



## The Amistad Commission

April 9, 2025

Dear New Jersey Educators,

I hope you are having a fantastic academic year. The New Jersey Amistad Commission is excited and committed to providing services and resources for New Jersey public school teachers, administrators, and students. Our mission is to ensure the implementation of educational awareness programs regarding the African slave trade, slavery in America, and the many contributions Africans have made to American society. Our primary goal is to provide every student in New Jersey's public schools with the opportunity to engage in curriculum resources (History/Social Studies/Other Disciplines) that highlight the contributions of Africans and African Americans in shaping and developing the United States.

We are pleased to invite all New Jersey educators to the 2025 Summer Institute. The institute will be held both in-person and virtually at Stockton University-Ocean Campus in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from August 4 through August 7, 2025. Please confirm your registration as soon as possible, as space is limited for both daily commuters and residents on the Stockton University, Atlantic City Campus. Registration will close on May 1, 2025. A registration fee of \$100 is required to confirm your attendance. In-person attendance is limited to the first 120 confirmed registrants with fees paid. Please open the link below to register:

[Amistad Summer Institute 2025 Registration](#)

Our goals for the 2025 Summer Institute are as follows:

1. To provide tools, resources, and training for teachers in grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12;
2. To assist teachers in infusing the narrative and contributions of Africans and African Americans in social studies/history and other subject areas in NJ classrooms;
3. To improve NJ teachers' awareness of the Amistad legislation; and,
4. To help teachers create lesson plans that reflect the mandate of the Amistad Legislation.

The Summer Institute is a multi-day professional development training program where educators receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs). The event will also include special sessions for senior administrators and school district leaders. This year's program will feature inspiring opening and closing speakers and a highly talented pool of trainers and facilitators. We have also included several activities for social engagement and entertainment. Our aim is for you to return to your schools reenergized, with a deeper knowledge of current scholarship in American History and methods of integrating the rich contributions of Africans and African Americans into lessons on American history, language arts, math, science, and other subject areas.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlantic City.

Making a difference in the lives of students in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

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