

**To:** NJ Institutions of Higher Education

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**Subject:** New Free Photo Library Highlights Real College Experiences

<u>Complete College America (CCA)</u> has launched a free, open-source photo library showcasing authentic student life and learning on real campuses: <u>completecollegephotolibrary.org</u>

The collection features diverse students, faculty, and staff across the nation, including community college students, veterans, adult learners, first-generation students, and those attending MSIs like HBCUs, HSIs, and rural institutions. These images are a powerful alternative to generic, overused stock photos and reflect the real experiences of today's students both inside and outside the classroom.

We're pleased to share that New Jersey's own Bergen Community College was among the group of colleges and universities nationally that provided time and resources to capture their campuses and communities.

Explore the library and consider using these images in your own communications for non-commercial purposes to better reflect the students we all serve.