



To: Presidents/Leadership
From: Suchir Govindarajan, Special Assistant and Policy Analyst
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Subject: NJ Higher Education Collaborative Final Report Strategies

The New Jersey Higher Education Collaborative (NJHEC) [released](#) its final report on March 24, 2022, which outlines strategies for improving postsecondary access, affordability, and outcomes for New Jersey residents. Co-chaired by the Secretary of Higher Education, Dr. Brian K. Bridges, and Assemblywoman Mila M. Jasey, and in partnership with The Hunt Institute and State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO), NJHEC brought together stakeholders from across the state, including higher education leaders and practitioners, policymakers, legislators, and students. Over the course of three meetings, the group engaged in critical discussions on actionable steps to advance the State's higher education goals, including addressing equity gaps in enrollment and degree persistence, expanding early exposure and workforce pathways, and meeting the needs of diverse student populations. The Collaborative invited experts to share their experience, either as presenters or panelists, to help provide context on each discussion topic and better inform the final report and strategies: <https://hunt-institute.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/NJHEC-Final-Report-3.24.22.pdf>



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Subject: Guidance for Addressing Barriers to STEM Recruitment of Underrepresented Students

In accordance with P.L. 2021 C. 76, the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education (OSHE) has developed guidance to increase the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs at institutions of higher education. This guidance builds on the commitments made in the [New Jersey State Plan for Higher Education: Where Opportunity Meets Innovation](#)¹.

Please find the guidance document here:

Questions can be directed to OSHE@oshe.nj.gov.

Thank you for your commitment to this critical work!

¹ <https://nj.gov/highereducation/documents/pdf/StateEducationplan.pdf>