



Opening Ceremony for New Jersey City University's Nursing Education Center. Pictured left to right: Dr. Aaron Aska; Dr. Sue Henderson; Rafael Perez, Esq.; Christina McSherry; James Jacobson; Sheryl Stitt; Kevin O'Neill; Anthony Bastardi; Dr. Tamara Jhashi

Jersey City, June 24, 2019 – New Jersey City University (NJCU) President, Dr. Sue Henderson, University officials and invited guests gathered Monday at Rossey Hall to celebrate the official opening of NJCU's Nursing Education Center. In her welcoming remarks, Dr. Henderson highlighted the importance of the Center to NJCU's students seeking degrees in nursing and health care disciplines. She and several other guest speakers emphasized that the facility's utilization of cutting-edge teaching and learning technologies will greatly enhance the academic experience and success of students within the University's nursing program.

The Nursing Center is located on three floors of Rossey Hall. Extensive renovations have transformed the space into a state-of-the-art learning environment with features that include: seven Simulation Labs with two Control Rooms; four Low Fidelity Bed Labs; two Brief/ Debrief Rooms; Student Project Areas for formal and informal collaboration; a Home Care Simulation Lab; a Mock Quarantine/ Clean Room; six general classrooms equipped with Smart technology; two Computer Labs/ Testing Labs with state-of-the-art technology; as well as office space and support spaces for faculty and staff.

Funding and development of the Center was made possible by a \$5.2 million state grant from the New Jersey Higher Education Capital Improvement Fund (CIF). The CIF is one of five state capital grant programs for college and university facilities administered by the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority (NJEFA), in partnership with the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education.

Speaking at the ceremony on behalf of NJEFA, Deputy Executive Director, Sheryl Stitt, expressed how pleased the Authority was to have been one of many champions of the project. She emphasized that the Nursing Education Center "represents critical investment in New Jersey's higher education infrastructure that is necessary to help develop the State's future workforce in life sciences and healthcare industries, which are among the largest and fastest growing segments of New Jersey's economy."

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