

WELCOME TO THE

Partnership Pulse

we're so glad you're here!

We asked New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation corporate partners to share with us how they believe corporate philanthropy has evolved in a post-pandemic environment and to describe their organization's current social impact goals.

See what they said:



Enrico Della Corna
Regional President
PNC Bank

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There's certainly been more focus on supporting and investing in our communities. That's always been a core commitment at PNC and is especially true here in New Jersey. That is why our primary focus – now spanning over 20 years – is dedicated to early childhood education and preparing our future leaders for success. In addition, we are committed to working with the Chamber and communities and hundreds of local organizations to help strengthen the economic development and sustainability of underserved communities across the state.

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Post-pandemic, we are seeing a renewed commitment to corporate philanthropy across the board. Withum is doubling down on our philanthropic efforts, and we are thinking outside the box to engage the next generation in giving back of their time, treasure, and talent. One of our major social impact goals is to advance the health and wellness of our communities, partnering with organizations centered on human services, food insecurity, and education.

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Bill Bradshaw
Dir. Diversity & Inclusion
Withum

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The importance of corporate philanthropy has been a core value of TriState Capital Bank since our inception. Charitable contributions were magnified during the pandemic, and our Bank was like many others supporting causes on the front lines of helping our communities meet the needs at that time. Today, we continue prioritizing support for causes and organizations that enrich the communities in which we live and work.

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Gene McCarthy
Regional President
Tristate Capital Bank

President's Insights



Donna Custard
President
NJCCF

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In the post-pandemic environment, the challenges faced by students, particularly learning loss, are profound and long-lasting. While the future remains uncertain for many young adults, JAG NJ's proven track record of success over the past 13 academic years positions us to meet these challenges head-on. Now, more than ever, the NJ Chamber of Commerce Foundation is committed to ensuring that students have the tools and opportunities to thrive in a rapidly changing world, as the need for our program continues to grow.

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The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation is dedicated to preparing young adults of great promise for the increasingly competitive worlds of college and careers.

**Want to help shape the next generation of New Jersey's workforce?
Please contact Victoria.Licata@njchamber.com for volunteer opportunities.**

Workforce Development



Jobs for America's Graduates New Jersey (JAG NJ) is the flagship program of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Since 2015, JAG NJ has supported over 3,000 youth throughout the state, providing them with the tools and opportunities they need to succeed.

The New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation works tirelessly to secure corporate partners who provide invaluable support to JAG NJ participants. These partners sponsor events, provide employability skills training, and serve as volunteers, making a significant impact on the lives and futures of our JAG NJ Leaders. Learn more about the program at www.jagnj.org and on our social media channels @JAGNewJersey



Award-winning program



JAG participants
outperform their peers



Graduation rates from
93%–100%



Participants learn career-ready skills
leading to employment, training, and
postsecondary opportunities

www.jagnj.org

JAG New Jersey Leader Board

CONGRATULATIONS to Our JAG New Jersey 2024 Specialists of the Year

Specialists of the Year demonstrate leadership, high quality program implementation, administrative acumen, and exceed annual performance standard outcomes.



Maureen Neuner
Pinelands Regional High School
2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024



Charles Shepherd, Jr.
Barringer High School
2022-2023, 2023-2024



Juan Izaguirre
Passaic High School
2023-2024

CONGRATULATIONS to Our 2024 JAG New Jersey High Performers

Three Specialists received national recognition for exceeding program outcomes and implementing JAG Advantage best practices. The awards were presented at the JAG National Training Seminar in Las Vegas, Nevada



Rebecca Baker
Carteret High School



Jennifer Bogar-Richardson
Plainfield High School



Rafeeza Shahabudeen
Malcolm X Shabazz High School

Seven JAG NJ Programs exceed 2024 performance standards; Recognition received at the JAG National Training Seminar in Las Vegas, NV



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Vineland High School
Robert Rush
JAG NJ Specialist



Weequahic High School
Dr. Alyson Holt
JAG NJ Specialist