

## Higher Education Think Tank Convenes at Richard Stockton College of NJ

Group of National, State and Regional College Leaders Call for Building Public Trust, Identifying Accessibility and Cost Issues

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meeting was facilitated by Senior Fellow Darryl G. Greer, who recently came to Stockton following a 25-year career as CEO of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU). Dr. Greer has established a national reputation for policy leadership and advocacy.

"We have much work ahead of us, as New Jersey faces huge challenges related to college capacity for accepting students, price of higher education, equity and the workforce readiness of our graduates," Dr. Greer said. "Collaborating with others, HESIG can play a vital role in helping find solutions tied to a broad public agenda."

Perhaps not surprisingly, the group concluded New Jersey's and the nation's top policy challenges are the basic financial support for colleges, affordability and building public trust. "The good news is that these problems provide opportunities to find solutions," Dr. Greer said. They include accelerated degree completion by students, forging new partnerships of groups sharing an interest in higher education, and developing a broader public higher education agenda with a well-coordinated effort and defined roles for each segment of the higher

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governors, legislators, business leaders and citizens can embrace to achieve the goals of college access, affordability and accountability. HESIG will be an important asset in AASCU's partnership with Stockton."