

STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Berkeley College has provided pathways to educational opportunities and career preparation to residents in the State of New Jersey for 90 years; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley College conducted its first classes, as The Berkeley School, on September 28, 1931, in East Orange, N.J., to provide pathways and opportunities for women during the Great Depression, in recognition of the need "to advance women's influence in contemporary thought and action, to benefit the general welfare of the nation;" and that today, that pathway has expanded to include women and men, and students of diverse backgrounds domestically and internationally; and

WHEREAS, military and veteran students contribute to the institution's rich diversity, with programs specifically dedicated to supporting military aligned students having gained national distinction; and

WHEREAS, the educational programs and opportunities provided by and within our colleges and universities play a vital role in shaping the hopes, dreams, philosophies, ambitions and pathways for career opportunities among our future leaders, and;

WHEREAS, The Equality of Opportunity Project has recognized Berkeley College as one of the top "colleges in America that contributes the most to helping students climb the income leader," in its analysis of 2,137 colleges across the nation for overall income mobility; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Berkeley College is to empower students to achieve lifelong success in dynamic careers; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley College is a degree-granting institution accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley College is recognized as a leader in distance education, and among the top colleges in the nation for online Bachelor degrees; and

WHEREAS, the valuable contributions of this institution continues to bring to the citizens of New Jersey, the United States, and the world; that Berkeley College has demonstrated through its commitments to serving constituents in public and private sector industries a passion to strive for the betterment of others, noting Berkeley College's preparedness and volunteer efforts in the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley College has consistently brought together distinguished and dedicated administrators, faculty, staff and alumni whose talents, expertise, vision and commitment have enabled generations of students to explore and enjoy exciting new worlds of knowledge and enrichment, open career pathways and providing a strong foundation for educating the future workforce and next generation of leaders; and

WHEREAS, more than 65,000 Berkeley College alumni have contributed to the vitality of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize:

Berkeley College 90th Anniversary Day



GIVEN, under my hand and the great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventeenth day of September in the year two thousand twentyone, the two hundred forty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

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