



Greetings New Jersey Institute of Technology Chapter of the NAI:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Inventors, congratulations on launching an official chapter to celebrate the outstanding contributions NJIT faculty, staff, and students have made to academic innovation and inventions! Congratulations to the new members being inducted today. The NAI is proud to have NJIT, a true innovation powerhouse, as part of our membership.

It is always a pleasure to hear of the continued success of NJIT's researchers. You have created an environment where research and innovation flourish in such diverse fields as bioengineering, chemistry, medicine, computer science, and much more. On behalf of the entire Academy, I would also like to thank Dr. Shivon S. Boodhoo for her commitment and dedication to honoring and recognizing distinguished faculty and staff from NJIT.

As you continue to grow as a chapter and as individual innovators, I challenge you to constantly elevate your work. I would like to offer my congratulations to Rajesh Dave and MengChu Zhou, 2020 Fellow inductees. We hope to welcome them along with NAI Fellow Nirwan Ansari and Senior Member Eon Soo Lee for their official induction ceremony at our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL. As a Member Institution of the NAI, NJIT has the exclusive opportunity to recognize active researchers and faculty with success in patents, licensing and commercialization at the national level through the Fellows and Senior Members Program. I hope that as you continue to expand your work and your networks, you will consider nominating yourself and your peers.

This year's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting will draw 400 NAI members, partners and friends to Tampa, FL on October 31-November 3 and conclude with the induction of the newest NAI Fellows. The induction ceremony will take place at the new first Well-Certified hotel, JW Marriott Water Street in downtown Tampa with featured remarks from Drew Hirshfeld, U.S. Commissioner for Patents.

I am pleased to report that the National Academy of Inventors continues to thrive in pursuit of our mission to honor academic invention. NAI membership currently comprises over 220 Member Institutions and 1,403 Fellows around the country and across the globe. To date, over 50 institutional members have launched chapters, which now includes NJIT. Between them, our chapters have inducted over 2,000 academic inventors.



Looking towards the future, the Academy seeks new ways to further our mission and enhance the visibility of academic invention. We are committed to maintain our position as a catalyst for change in the innovation ecosystem. We hope you as NAI chapter members will advocate for the importance of academic innovation and continue to educate and mentor your innovative students.

Now I would like to invite the new members to stand:

*“In recognition of your support and commitment to advancing technological development and innovation, I hereby declare and certify that you are Members of the National Academy of Inventors and are granted all rights and privileges of the Academy.” (This is when we normally give them their pins)*

Congratulations and we are honored to have you as members of the NAI and celebrate your accomplishments. It is wonderful to see the NJIT Chapter of the NAI grow and we look forward learning of your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul R. Sanberg'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'P'.

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