



Letter from Outgoing NJACE President

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Dear NJACE Members,

This has been a distinctive year for NJACE, our profession (*career counseling*), our respective institutions and employers, as well as the job market. It has been a privilege to serve you. I wish to extend my gratitude to the NJACE Board, our general membership, and numerous other colleagues. I have been fortunate to work with a very passionate, capable, and diligent Executive Board. In embracing the call to serve and continue the vibrancy of the association, board members were active, involved, engaging, and a wealth of knowledge. Consequently, this diligence paid off. Here are just a few of the accomplishments that were made.

- Addressed financial solvency to insure financial stability and viability;
- Initiated improvements in document archiving and record management;
- Improved visibility and communication by reaping the benefits of a continued concerted marketing and public relations;
- Adopted decisive measures to continue and enhance our professional development opportunities
- Continue to establish relationships with similar types of organizations and also other industry organizations.

As evident, many things have been accomplished despite the downturn in the economy. These are unique times in our nation and the world, thus, we are called upon to do many things with limited resources. Our greatest resource is “the power of the collective” – US.

So, please join me in welcoming our **new incoming President, Ms. Carol Ruiz, Director, Career Services, Bloomfield College**. Carol has been a gem to work with. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. As she assumes the presidency, Carol and the rest of the board along with your assistance will carry on the work begun and achieve even greater goals in the near future. To achieve these greater heights, bring in new ideas, new members, and great programs...we will **NEED YOU!**

In closing, the journey has been tremendous, I feel very humble for the opportunity to serve. I wish everyone continued good fortunes. I look forward to seeing you at future NJACE events.

Best Regards,

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