

## NCCTI STUDENT WILL START AUTOMOTIVE CAREER IN NEWARK



Eula Juanita Lovett will complete the Automotive Technician program at New Community Career & Technical Institute in May and then begin working full time at S&A Auto Center in Newark.

It's somewhat rare to see a female fixing a vehicle, but [New Community Career & Technical Institute \(NCCTI\)](#) student Eula Juanita Lovett hopes that is changing. She will complete the Automotive Technician program at NCCTI in May and already has a full-time job lined up at [S&A Auto Center](#) in Newark.

Lovett is particularly excited about her job because the auto repair shop is in Newark, where she lives, and is co-owned by a woman. Hilda Mera owns S&A Auto Center with her husband and has requested to be connected with female NCCTI students in the Automotive Technician program.

"For me, it is very important to hire women," Mera said.

In addition to hiring female technicians to work on vehicles, Mera exposes them to the administrative side of the business should they want to pursue positions as managers or owners. Lovett is interested in furthering her career in the automotive field beyond the technician level, so she's excited to learn more about leadership opportunities, especially from a female perspective.

Lovett also wants to be an honest mechanic that customers trust.

"I want to help women understand their cars better and keep up with maintenance so they're not going to get scammed," she said.

Lovett decided to pursue a career in the automotive industry because of the connection she developed with cars through her brother, who passed away two years ago. The pair bonded over video games, and the first one that they played together was the racing game Need for Speed. Her brother also gave her driving lessons and helped her pass her road test on the first try.

The independence that comes with being able to drive has always been important to Lovett as well.

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This time of year, we welcome spring, which brings with it warmer temperatures and a sense of new beginnings.

We were proud to celebrate Women's History Month in March, as well as the 101st birthday of one of our residents at Douglas Homes. We recognized the accomplishments of NCC staff members who reached career milestones on Employee Appreciation Day and we acknowledged our administrative team members on Administrative Professionals Day.

Students at [New Community Career & Technical Institute](#) passed their certification exam to begin careers in the medical field and those in all programs heard from employers about potential job opportunities.

Our residents enjoyed a picnic in the park and participated in educational workshops and birthday celebrations.

Voting season is up next with Primary Day in New Jersey set for June 10. We encourage everyone to cast their ballots to have a say in who represents them.

We also urge everyone to stay informed and contact your elected officials to express gratitude or voice concerns. Those living in New Jersey's 10th Congressional District are represented by Congresswoman LaMonica McIver and Senators Cory Booker and Andy Kim. Congresswoman McIver and Sen. Booker have offices in Newark (Congresswoman McIver: 973-645-3213; Sen. Booker: 973-639-8700). Sen. Kim's Jersey City office can be reached at 201-377-0900.

Just as we hope you will contact your elected officials, we at NCC welcome feedback. We want residents to participate in meetings and share their thoughts. In addition to meetings held in each building, we have quarterly meetings with NCC leadership. Anyone interested in attending should speak with their Resident Services Coordinator.

NCC has some exciting events planned. [United for Food Security](#) is set for May 20 (rain date: May 21). Everyone is invited to this free community event that will include resource information, food, giveaways and music. Come to 220 Bruce St., Newark, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New Community Arts will host a [live performance by Tonia Rayvocal](#)s on June 6 at Monsignor Linder Plaza from 7 to 11 p.m. Come out for an evening of fun.

NCC is hosting its annual [Health Fair](#) on July 24 (rain date: July 31) in the parking lot behind Extended Care from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event is sure to be informative and fun for the entire community. Vendor slots are still available. Call 973-585-9610 for more information.

Our Youth Services Department is gearing up for another great summer camp. This year's camp runs from June 23 to Aug. 15 for children ages 5-13. [Registration is available online now.](#)

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!



# AROUND THE NETWORK

## EXTENDED CARE HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

New Community Extended Care Facility, 266 South Orange Ave., Newark, hosted an Open House on Feb. 26. Staff members welcomed members of the community to the facility. They shared information about services, introduced attendees to the team, gave tours and answered questions. If you weren't able to attend but would like more information, please call 973-624-2020 or visit [newarknursinghome.org](http://newarknursinghome.org). [Click here to view more photos and a video.](#)



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You can make a difference in the lives of inner city residents by making an online donation.

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## NCCTI STUDENTS PASS NHA EXAM

Students in the health care programs at [New Community Career & Technical Institute \(NCCTI\)](#) passed the [National Healthcareer Association \(NHA\)](#) exam this spring. Five students in the Patient Care Technician program received their certificates on March 25 and one student in the Medical Assistant Clinical program successfully completed the exam on April 3. *Photos courtesy of Chanda Webb.*



NCCTI Patient Care Technician students show off their certificates for successfully completing the NHA exam. Pictured from left to right: Denetta McKenzie, Chabli Mikel, Alnisa Burgman, Achazyah Lucas and Denshia Griffin.



NCCTI Medical Assistant Clinical student Ambrosia Smith, center, with her certificate for passing the NHA exam. She stands with Success Coach Odette Phillip, left, and Admissions Representative Aziza Johnson.

## SAIF HOSTS BUDGETING WORKSHOP FOR CLIENTS

The New Community [SAIF program \(Supportive Assistance to Individuals and Families\)](#) hosted a budgeting workshop for clients on April 28. Representatives from [M&T Bank](#) discussed strategies to save money by setting and sticking to a budget, as well as setting short-, medium- and long-term financial goals.



M&T Bank Senior Relationship Banker Kimberly Diaz, left, and M&T Bank Universal Banker Erika N. Rogers.



SAIF Lead Intensive Case Manager Janel Bell, left, and SAIF Program Director Dr. Jackie Andrews.

## EASTER BASKETS

New Community helped make the Easter holiday bright for children by distributing Easter baskets from the Resident Services office at 220 Bruce St., Newark. The organization thanks those who donated supplies for the baskets and hopes everyone who celebrated enjoyed the holiday. *Photo courtesy of Anibal Alvelo.*





NCC CELEBRATES EMPLOYEES WHO REACHED CAREER MILESTONES

New Community hosted an Employee Appreciation Day Luncheon on March 7, which was National Employee Appreciation Day, to honor and celebrate employees who reached career milestones in 2024. A total of 49 employees who have collectively served New Community for 660 years were recognized at the event.

CEO Simone Gagneron highlighted the importance of each employee working toward a common goal. She quoted an African proverb that says, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” At New Community, Gagneron said only collectively can the organization move forward.

She acknowledged that the work involves dealing with real life challenges on a daily basis that can be draining. But she knows that New Community employees continue to show up to do their jobs because they take pride in their work helping others.

“We care and we put that into every piece of the work that we do,” Gagneron said. “We work together and we care and it shows and it delivers. And it makes a difference.”

Gagneron said the talents the honorees have dedicated to New Community in Newark, Orange and Jersey City have helped keep families housed, helped children develop a love of learning, kept individuals and families safe and saved lives.

“We honor and celebrate each of you today not because of your years that you have worked for NCC. We honor and celebrate you today for the thousands of lives you have touched,” she said. “Today we say thank you and congratulations and we can’t wait to move forward together.”

Director of Human Resources Benjamin Galvez thanked the honorees for their many years of service and their commitment to New Community’s mission.

“I want to remind you that what you do and what you have done for many years makes an impact on every single client, resident and member of the public that you see every day,” he said.

Each honoree who reached a milestone year was presented with a certificate and later received a rewards program gift, which was based on years of service.

[Click here for more photos and the full list of honorees.](#)



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Mulu Gebreyesus of New Community Federal Credit Union, Gary Taylor of Environmental Services and Robin Harris of Extended Care who have all worked at NCC for 30 years.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with honorees who have worked at NCC for 25 years. Honorees from left to right: Jacqueline Andrews (SAIF), Maximo DeLeon (Food Services), Dorothy Artis (Property Management), Ramon Gerena (IT), Sharon Jordan (Extended Care) and James Massey (Security).



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Hope Okpala and Michelle Jenkins of Community Hills Early Learning Center who have worked at NCC for 20 years.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Mercy Attah of Security and Dashon Hall and Madeline Miller of Extended Care who have worked at NCC for 15 years.




New Community CEO Simone Gagneron with Jill DeRios of Resident Services and Marycomfort Opara of Harmony House Early Learning Center who both have worked at the organization for 10 years.



New Community CEO Simone Gagneron, right, stands with employees who celebrated five years of service in 2024.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Wellpoint hosted a birthday celebration for residents of Associates, 180 South Orange Ave., Newark, who had birthdays from January through April. *Photo courtesy of Anne Moran.*

# SAVE THE DATE

NEW COMMUNITY 28th Golfing for a Cause

Monday, September 29, 2025

Cedar Hill Country Club  
100 Walnut Street  
Livingston, NJ 07039

Proceeds to benefit  
New Community Youth  
Services and the  
Monsignor Linder  
Scholarship Fund



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## NCC EARLY LEARNING CENTERS HOST WOMEN’S HISTORY PARADES

Both [Community Hills Early Learning Center \(CHELC\)](#) and [Harmony House Early Learning Center \(HHELC\)](#) hosted parades to celebrate Women’s History Month in March. CHELC’s parade was on March 27 and HHELC’s parade was on March 28. Students, staff members and family members marched around outside of the buildings with posters representing women’s history. [Click here to view more photos.](#)



## NCCTI AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Representatives from the [United States Postal Service \(USPS\)](#) visited students in the [New Community Career & Technical Institute \(NCCTI\)](#) Automotive Technician program on March 5. They talked about the job opportunities in the field with the USPS, the process to apply for the positions, what is expected of employees and the benefits they receive. The students had the opportunity to ask questions. New Community thanks the representatives for taking the time to visit the NCCTI Training Center and speak with our students. [Click here to view more photos.](#)



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“It’s freedom to be able to get to where you need to go, when you have to go,” she said.

Lovett lives close to NCCTI’s main campus and saw the school’s sign when she was walking to the corner store. She saw the program offerings and liked the idea that community was in the name since she is very connected to Newark. She spoke with NCCTI Admissions Representative Aziza Johnson and decided to enroll in the Automotive Technician program. She started in July.

Her experience at NCCTI has been positive. She has learned a lot and says instructors John Zaccheus and Winston Thomas have built an environment that promotes learning.

“They create this space where you can make mistakes, ask for help and correct it,” she said. “And now I have the tools that I need to prevent that next time.”

Lovett also said the hands-on aspect of the training is incredibly valuable in preparing students for the real world.

“I can read about cars all day, but until I

actually pop the hood, put it on a lift and see what’s wrong, it doesn’t mean anything,” she said.

Being part of the Automotive Technician class has had its challenges, with Lovett facing some doubts and fears along the way. But she’s grateful for the opportunity and knows the experience will make her stronger and she will have a career she enjoys.

“Women deserve to be in this program,” Lovett said. “I just want this school to keep encouraging more women to sign up and give more women autonomy in any field that they choose.”

Mera agrees and hopes to continue working with NCCTI to give women opportunities in the automotive field.

“I love what the school is doing with the young generation, or whoever wants to learn this trade,” she said. “Especially because they’re empowering young ladies that want to pursue this career.”

NCCTI Director Miguel Pacheco said the school is committed to helping all students

realize their career goals.

“We enroll students in their program of choice and work to educate them and prepare them for a career in that field,” he said. “We’re so pleased to have employer partners like S&A Auto Center that are looking to not just employ our students but mentor them and help them navigate the next steps in their career.”

Lovett appreciates the staff at NCCTI and recommends the school to everyone she meets who might be interested in automotive and health care training. She also said if she has children and they’re looking for those types of programs, she will sign them up at NCCTI.

*NCCTI is an accredited post-secondary career and technical institution that is currently enrolling for the following programs: Automotive Technician, Medical Assistant Clinical and Patient Care Technician. For more information, call 973-824-6484, email [nccti@newcommunity.org](mailto:nccti@newcommunity.org), log onto [newcommunitytech.edu](http://newcommunitytech.edu) or visit 274 South Orange Ave., Newark.*



# FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU OF NEWARK: WHY MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS (AND WHY YOU DESERVE TO CARE FOR YOURSELF)

“Therapist: What brings you in today?  
Me: My car.”

OK, now that we’ve broken the ice with some humor, let’s talk about something we all need but don’t always prioritize — our mental health.

Life is messy. Sometimes it feels like you’re winning at adulthood, meal-prepping like a pro and drinking enough water. Other days, you’re Googling “How long can I survive on coffee and spite?” The good news? You’re not alone in this, and there’s always a way forward.

### The Truth About Mental Health

Mental health isn’t just about feeling “happy” all the time. It’s about resilience, self-awareness and finding ways to handle stress, setbacks and those inevitable “what am I doing with my life?” moments.

Even the most put-together people have their struggles. The difference? They give themselves grace, reach out when they need help and understand that taking care of their mind is just as important as taking care of their body.

### Small Shifts, Big Impact

You don’t need to overhaul your entire life to improve your mental well-being. Sometimes, it’s the smallest changes that make the biggest difference. Here are a few:

- Reframe Negative Thoughts – Instead of “I’m failing,” try “I’m learning.” (Even if that learning experience is realizing that eating an entire pizza in one sitting has consequences.)
- Take Brain Breaks – Step away from the stress. Watch a funny video, take a walk or just breathe deeply for a moment. Your mind needs rest just like your body does.
- Connect With Others – You don’t have to do it alone. Whether it’s therapy, a trusted friend or a support group, talking things out helps lighten the load.
- Celebrate Small Wins – Did you get out of bed today? Shower? Answer an email that’s been haunting you? That’s progress. Give yourself credit for the little things.

### You Are Worth the Effort

Here’s the thing: you matter. Your feelings, struggles and victories — big or small — are important. Life will always have its ups and downs, but prioritizing your mental health means you’ll be better equipped to handle the ride.

So go ahead, give yourself permission to

rest, to ask for help and to take up space in this world. You’re doing better than you think, and the best part? You’re just getting started.

For mental health and addiction services, contact one of the [Family Service Bureau of](#)

[Newark \(FSB\)](#) offices:

- Newark: 973-412-2056, 274 South Orange Ave., Newark, NJ 07103
- Kearny: 201-246-8077, 379 Kearny Ave., Kearny, NJ 07032

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April 2025

Maintaining Joint Health

- Warm up before exercising to get your blood flowing and muscles ready. Stretch after your workout to maintain flexibility and prevent injuries. Stretching keeps joints healthy by maintaining your usual range of motion, which is crucial for joint health and mobility.
- Ensure adequate intake of calcium and vitamin D to keep your bones strong. Dairy products, leafy greens, and fortified foods are good sources.
- Avoid overexertion and listen to your body to prevent joint damage. If you feel pain, stop and rest. Use proper lifting techniques: neutral spine, bend hips and knees, use legs, hold objects close, and avoid twisting. Maintain good posture, use ergonomic furniture, and take breaks to protect your bone health.
- Low-impact exercises are better. Walking, swimming, and cycling reduce stress on joints. High-impact activities like kickboxing and aerobics can cause discomfort or injury. Choose gentle exercises to protect your joints.
- Choose functional footwear. Proper support and cushioning reduce joint impact. Look for good arch support, a comfortable fit, and shock-absorbing soles. Avoid high heels and poorly supported shoes to prevent joint strain.

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: DR. BECKY ROBINSON



Dr. Becky Robinson serves as the New Community Home Friend Program Coordinator, a position she has held since October.

Dr. Becky Robinson has always been interested in understanding and helping people and has pursued that interest educationally and professionally. She earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology/ anthropology, a master’s degree in psychology/ behavioral health and a doctorate in organizational leadership/behavioral health psychology. She previously worked in case management for vulnerable populations and was looking for a progression in her career when she found New Community. She joined the organization in October as the [Home Friend Program](#) Coordinator.

New Community’s Home Friend Program provides services to seniors 60 years and older living in Newark’s Central Ward who need extra help with daily living needs. As the Program Coordinator, Robinson meets

with potential clients to assess their home and the types of services and number of hours they require. The program is funded by the [Essex County Division of Senior Services](#), which sets a maximum of six hours per week of services. If Robinson determines that a potential client requires more than six hours per week, she refers them to a different program that can accommodate their needs.

Robinson oversees the staff of Home Friends, who perform light housekeeping, light meal preparation and offer companion services to the clients. Many of the clients live alone and the program helps them maintain their homes while also providing them with an emotional connection.

Robinson is passionate about the work.

“One of the attractions was because of my love and care for the elderly. Not just because I’m in this profession. It’s just something that I have,” she said. “My mom is 88 years old, so I know what it’s like to care for the elderly.”

Her favorite part of the job is spending time with the clients.

“I don’t think that people do that enough. There is this joy when you sit with the elderly,” she said.

Dr. Jackie Andrews, who oversees the Home Friend Program, is grateful to have

Robinson on the team.

“Dr. Robinson has been an asset to New Community and the Home Friend Program since starting,” Andrews said. “She is caring and she works diligently to ensure that the seniors get the care they need and the workers have the tools to provide excellent services.”

Robinson was drawn to New Community because it caters to the whole human being, offering services related to a person’s physical, mental and emotional well-being at all stages of life. She also likes that the organization has a sense of family.

As a Newark resident, she likes the fact that she’s able to serve people in her neighborhood.

“It gives me the opportunity to work in the community, to know the people in my community,” she said.

Robinson is originally from New York City but moved to Newark three years ago. She lives in the city with her husband and 16-year-old daughter.

While she doesn’t have much free time because she is currently in school to become a psychotherapist on top of her full-time role at New Community, Robinson said Sunday is her most relaxing day. She attends church, goes out to lunch with her family and enjoys some me time.

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ANNIE JEMISON

At 101 years old, Annie Jemison holds the record as the oldest resident of New Community Douglas Homes, 15 Hill St., Newark. She has lived in the building for 38 years. New Community staff members, Douglas Homes residents, a city official and Jemison’s family members gathered to celebrate her milestone birthday on March 3. She turned 101 on March 1.

Her secret to a long life is prayer.

“You wake up in the morning and you thank God. You talk to him. You go to bed at night, you talk to God,” she said. “He’s not going to leave you alone once you do that.”

While Jemison lives alone, her daughter, Margaret Henry, is just an elevator ride away since she also lives in an apartment at Douglas Homes, four floors above her mother.

Jemison was born in Georgia and moved to New Jersey when she was a child. She owned a home in Newark before moving to Douglas Homes. Her son, who worked for New Community, told her about the opportunity to move to the building.

While she now has some difficulty hearing and seeing, Jemison is grateful to be living at Douglas Homes.

“I like everything. I like it all,” she said. “I’m 101 years old. I feel good.”

Douglas Homes Resident Services Coordinator Edris Grosvenor said she is happy to have Jemison in the building.

“Ms. Jemison is always pleasant and always has a nice story to share,” Grosvenor said. “She has just been a quiet, constant person in the building. A very nice person too.”

Jemison isn’t able to participate in many building activities, but she enjoys watching television in her apartment.

“I watch it all night and all day. I never cut it off,” she said.

*See page 7 to read more about Jemison’s 101st birthday celebration.*



Annie Jemison has been a resident of Douglas Homes since 1987.

## SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS: CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS CLAIM ONLINE BY SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

If you applied for Social Security benefits, or have a pending reconsideration or hearing request, you can check the status online using your free personal *my Social Security* account. If you don’t have an account, you can create one at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](#) to review the following information about your appeal:

- Date of filing.
- Current claim location.
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on the claim and current step in the process.

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Please share this information with your loved ones.



## HARMONY HOUSE HOSTS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON

Harmony House, New Community’s shelter for families, hosted a Women’s History Month Luncheon for clients on March 31. Staff members cooked and served a hot meal to the clients, who enjoyed an afternoon of food, music and time with their neighbors. [Click here to view more photos.](#)



## NEW COMMUNITY RESIDENT CELEBRATES 101ST BIRTHDAY

Very few people can call themselves centenarians. Douglas Homes resident Annie Jamison is one of them. She turned 101 years old on March 1. New Community hosted a celebration for her in the Community Room of Douglas Homes, 15 Hill St., Newark, on March 3. Walter Bryant of Newark Council President C. Lawrence Crump’s office presented Jamison with a proclamation from the city and she was surrounded by friends, family and New Community staff members. Everyone in attendance enjoyed lunch and cake in honor of the birthday girl. New Community wishes Ms. Jamison a wonderful year ahead! [Click here to view more photos.](#)



## CHELC PARENTS AND STAFF SHARE CULTURAL, BUSINESS INFORMATION

Community Hills Early Learning Center, 85 Irvine Turner Boulevard, Newark, hosted a women’s program for parents and staff members on March 28. Women shared information and food from their cultures and spoke about their businesses, all in celebration of Women’s History Month.



## NCCTI HEALTH CARE STUDENTS HEAR FROM LEVELUP MD URGENT CARE



Ashli Gaulette, who owns LevelUp MD Urgent Care with her husband Kenny, speaks to NCCTI students on April 22.



NCCTI Medical Assistant Clinical and Patient Care Technician students pose with representatives of LevelUp MD Urgent Care on April 22.

Representatives from [LevelUp MD Urgent Care in Bloomfield/East Orange](#) visited [New Community Career & Technical Institute \(NCCTI\)](#) on April 22 to speak with students in the Medical Assistant Clinical (MAC) and Patient Care Technician (PCT) programs about the facility and potential job opportunities. It was great for students to hear from an employer in their field of study. New Community appreciates them taking the time to meet with our students.

## LEARNING ABOUT PROSTATE CANCER



A representative from Rutgers came to Associates, 180 South Orange Ave., Newark, on April 14 to host a workshop about prostate cancer with residents in the Community Room. *Photo courtesy of Anne Moran.*



## NCC CELEBRATES ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

New Community hosted a luncheon for its administrative staff on Administrative Professionals Day, which was on April 23 this year. Staff members gathered at Monsignor William J. Linder Plaza, 233 West Market St., Newark, for the event.

New Community CEO Simone Gagneron thanked the employees.

“We appreciate each and every one of you for all that you do,” she said. “We would be remiss if we didn’t take time out of our schedules to celebrate you all and

to celebrate your important role in the organization.”

Human Resources Director Benjamin Galvez told the group they are crucial to New Community’s success.

“We wanted to recognize and support all of you that have an administrative role in the corporation and provide essential services to your department,” he said.

The employees enjoyed lunch and time with their peers. Three lucky participants won Amazon gift cards as part of a raffle.



New Community staff members enjoyed a luncheon for Administrative Professionals Day on April 23.

## NEW COMMUNITY RESIDENTS ENJOY PICNIC IN THE PARK

New Community residents gathered at Meditation Park on April 24 to enjoy the outdoors, a nice lunch and the company of each other. It was a beautiful day for a picnic in the park. New Community thanks its Resident Services Coordinators for planning the event.



## CHELC HOSTS WOMEN’S FORUM FOR COMMUNITY

In honor of Women’s History Month, [Community Hills Early Learning Center](#) hosted a Women’s Forum on March 21. The event was open to parents, employees and community members. Participants shared stories and spoke about the importance of self-care. It was a great way for the women to connect.



## NCC DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES IN NEWARK STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS



New Community Director of Community Engagement Richard Cammarieri, back row, center, participates in the Newark State of the City.



Newark Mayor Ras Baraka gave his State of the City Address on April 17 at NJPAC. NCC Director of Community Engagement Richard Cammarieri was one of the on-stage participants.

New Community Director of Community Engagement Richard Cammarieri participated in Newark Mayor Ras Baraka’s State of the City Address on April 17, which was held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC). *Photos courtesy of Simone Gagneron.*

## NCCTI WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS



New Community Career & Technical Institute (NCCTI) hosted orientation for Automotive Technician on March 5, above, and for Patient Care Technician on March 19, below.

