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**Higher Education Association Gets New Leadership as Current CEO Accepts
Position to Head Public Policy Center at Stockton University**

The New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU), the nonprofit advocacy organization serving as the voice of public higher education in New Jersey, is pleased to announce the appointment of Director of Government and Legal Affairs Barbara Berreski, JD, MS, as its interim executive director, starting January 1, 2018. NJASCU's current executive director, Dr. Michael W. Klein, has accepted a new position as interim executive director of Stockton University's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Ms. Berreski has managed the public higher education advocacy efforts with state officials since 2012 on behalf of NJASCU, which represents nine New Jersey public colleges and universities. Previously, she was a deputy attorney general with the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety from 1991 to 2012. Ms. Berreski is a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and the District Court of New Jersey. She holds a BA from the University of Pennsylvania, JD from Temple University Law School, and master's degree in Nonprofit Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania.

"Barbara's advocacy experience and educational background make her an excellent choice for accomplishing our goal of working with a new administration in Trenton to make public higher education a top priority for our state," said AJ Sabath, chairman of the board of NJASCU.

"The NJASCU trustees and presidents have complete confidence in her to take the reins of the organization. Key legislators and staff know and trust her, and they have come to rely on her expertise in such critical issues as financial aid, contracting, and Title IX. Barb is our perfect spokesperson to articulate on how investment in higher education provides the opportunity for New Jersey's residents to achieve their dreams, while also providing academic, cultural, and economic benefits to all New Jerseyans," Mr. Sabath said.

"Speaking on behalf of the entire NJASCU Board, we have enjoyed tremendously working with Mike during his six years as executive director and 13 years as director of Legal and Government Affairs," Chairman Sabath said. "We are sad to see him go, but very pleased he will be working at a job for which he is so well suited as someone who is a preeminent higher education scholar with invaluable practical experience."

[See Stockton University's press announcement.](#)

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