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Department of Education Ready to Promote Higher Education and Careers at 2003 College Fair Week with Historically Black Colleges and Universities

The New Jersey Department of Education, in conjunction with the Historically Black Colleges and Universities College Fairs of New Jersey (HBCU-CFNJ), will sponsor a series of college fairs for high school students throughout the state from November 15-21. More than 3,500 students from nearly 70 high schools are expected to attend and speak with representatives from 35 historically black institutions of higher education.

"Since their inception, Historically Black Colleges and Universities from across the country have provided opportunities for achievement and access to higher education for the African American and international communities," said Commissioner of Education William L. Librera. "New Jersey has benefited and will continue to benefit from the commitment of these fine institutions to produce leaders for the new millennium."

The HBCU college fairs will be held in all regions of the state beginning on November 17. Prior to the New Jersey events, an HBCU event will be held at the 369th Armory in New York City from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on November 15. All of the New Jersey events will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following days and locations:

- November 17, at Burlington County College
- November 18, at Middlesex County College
- November 19, at Gloucester County College
- November 20, at The College of New Jersey
- November 21, at Essex County College

Students, parents and educators participating in the fairs will be able to hear guest speakers, participate in workshops, meet on-site with college recruiters, and obtain information about scholarships and college admissions. Department of Education recruiters will also be on hand to discuss the need for New Jersey to continue to attract high quality candidates to the teaching profession and the need for New Jersey to increase its pool of black and minority candidates to teach New Jersey's diverse student population. Maintaining an adequate supply of high quality teachers is a key goal of Governor James E. McGreevey. Eight points in Governor McGreevey's 21-point plan for education reform are linked to improving teaching.

The Department of Education's active participation and leadership in sponsoring the college fairs is another example of state-level activities to ensure that students are exposed to a variety of options and possibilities to consider as they plan for their futures.

For more information about HBCU College Fair Week, contact Arthur Mitchell or Lori Howard in the Office of Innovative Programs and Schools, 609-777-0800.

NOTE: Reporters and photographers are invited and encouraged to attend the college fairs listed in this press release.