

Dear Coordinators,

First of all, I thank you for electing me president of NJCEA for the 2007-09 term. I look forward to serving all of you.

As NJCEA president, I will provide for the advancement of membership through professional programs, services, and opportunities that will be ultimately beneficial to all students. I will work diligently to provide all members with an effective Association which promotes their professional needs and interests. I will promote and improve the public image and professional standing of Cooperative Education and all forms of Structured Learning Experiences. I look forward to assisting Career & Technical Student Organizations (CTSO's) whose purpose is to enhance Career & Technical Education. I will promote activities that encourage student involvement and advancement to include awarding NJCEA scholarships.

My primary goals during the 2007-09 term will be to expand membership by including the recruitment of Cooperative Education Coordinators and Structured Learning Coordinators. Also, I would like to increase committee involvement by membership. This committee involvement will lead to additional opportunities for membership and our students to include expansion of the NJCEA scholarship program, professional development, and articulation agreements with post-secondary institutions, business, and government. Finally, I would like the NJCEA membership to review and designate a workplace readiness exit exam for all Cooperative Education students in New Jersey. With NJDOE approval, passing this exam would certify the student's achievements of workplace competencies for employment and post-secondary opportunities.

I thank you again for your kind words concerning my election as president of NJCEA. I look forward to seeing all of you at our first general membership meeting in fall 2007.

John V. Hillard, Jr.
NJCEA President