

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARDING OF HONORARY
DEGREES TO JOHN DIONISIO, ROBERT DOW, JOHN
McCANN, AND CLEMENT PRICE**

WHEREAS, by awarding honorary degrees, New Jersey Institute of Technology recognizes outstanding individuals whose accomplishments are of such excellence that they provide inspiration to our graduates, and in honoring such individuals, the university is honored as well.

WHEREAS, the following individuals have displayed the level of exemplary achievement deemed worthy of the singular recognition conveyed by the conferral of an honorary degree by the university, namely,

John Dionisio, whose leadership of the world's preeminent engineering design firm, AECOM, an \$8-billion, global provider of professional technical and management support services lauded for its innovative, economical approach to critical infrastructure projects worldwide, including the World Trade Center PATH terminal and the Second Avenue subway, is exemplary. Under Mr. Dionisio's leadership as CEO, AECOM tripled its revenue and doubled its workforce, while considerably expanding its service offerings and geographic reach. Mr. Dionisio was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to a three-year term on the U.S.-Brazil CEO Forum during 2013. His success as a corporate visionary, who has vastly expanded the reach and impact of his company across continents and industry sectors while insisting on the highest ethical standards, is deeply inspiring to NJIT students. In supporting excellence at NJIT by providing scholarships to students in the Albert Dorman Honors College, named for AECOM's founding chairman, he has earned the enduring gratitude of our entire university community.

Robert Dow '69, serving as Senior Partner and Chairman of the Board of the Lord Abbett Mutual Funds, Mr. Dow received a BSCE from Newark College of Engineering in 1969. While at Lord Abbett he served in a number of investment positions, including Portfolio Manager for several Lord Abbett funds and Head of Fixed Income, where he was an integral part of developing and introducing Lord Abbett bond funds. Under his leadership the firm grew from \$18 billion to \$113 billion assets under management. Mr. Dow is a former Olympic athlete in the sport of fencing, and donates time and financing to the Peter Westbrook Foundation, which uses fencing to develop life skills in young people from underserved communities. Mr. Dow is a Trustee of the Christina Seix Academy, a private co-educational extended day, year round school established by his wife on a 64-acre campus in Ewing, NJ for children in economic need from Pre-K to 8. The couple established the Christina and Robert Dow Foundation in the late 1980s, and have provided major support to Yale University, Columbia University Business School and New Jersey Institute of Technology among other organizations. They have established four scholarship endowments at NJIT.

John McCann, currently Chief Executive Officer of Quanta Services, Inc., Mr. McCann has an outstanding and sustained record of corporate leadership. His notable record of civic and educational engagement can be highlighted by his appointment to the Board of Trustees of Warren County Community College in 2000. When he was elected to serve as Chairman, then Governor Whitman recognized him as the youngest board chair of a public institution of higher education to ever have served in that capacity in the history of New Jersey. In addition, Mr. McCann was instrumental in working with the State Legislature for the creation of the highly successful STARS program, offering tremendous opportunity to community college students to continue their education to the baccalaureate level. A successful businessman, an Eagle Scout, a member of the DARE NJ Board of Directors, and an NJIT Overseer, Mr. McCann exemplifies the kind of engaged and successful professional NJIT seeks to inspire their students and graduates.

Clement Price, Ph.D., a Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor of History, Rutgers University-Newark Campus, and Director of the Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, Dr. Price is the foremost authority on the black New Jersey past by virtue of his *Freedom Not Far Distant: A Documentary History of Afro-Americans in New Jersey* (1980) and numerous other scholarly works. A long-time resident of Newark, Dr. Price was recently appointed the City of Newark's official historian by Mayor Luis Quintana, and was presented with a key to the city, the city's highest honor. Dr. Price's lifelong philosophy is to give back to the community through civic engagement. He has been the recipient of many awards for academic and community service, including: The New Jersey Nets Basketball Black History Month award at the Prudential Arena in Newark, New Jersey, February, 2011; the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award from Essex County in February, 2010; a Lifetime Achievement Award from Local Initiatives Support Corporation, (LISC) New Jersey in November, 2008; and New Jersey Professor of the Year by The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in 1999. In 2006, he was inducted into the Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni. Dr. Price chaired President Obama's transition team for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NJIT will confer upon John Dionisio the Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Science, *honoris causa*; upon Robert Dow the Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Science, *honoris causa*; upon John McCann the Honorary Degree of Bachelor of Science, *honoris causa*; and upon Clement

Price the Honorary Degree of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, at the May 20th, 2014, NJIT Commencement Ceremony at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey.

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