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Autonomous vehicles on the moon? Kean professor gets \$900K grant to help make that happen

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Kean University Associate Professor Moitrayee Chatterjee has received a two-year award of nearly \$900,000 from NASA to develop artificial intelligence technology that could help autonomous rovers navigate the moon, Mars and beyond while expanding research opportunities for Kean students.

The award, made through NASA’s MUREP Space Technology Artemis Research program, will strengthen Kean’s growing collaboration with NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center and support research into safer, more reliable navigation technologies for future space missions.

The initiative builds on an earlier NASA-funded collaboration that established student mentoring opportunities and connections with NASA scientists and technologists.

Chatterjee, who joined Kean as part of its recent merger with New Jersey City University, obviously was thrilled.

“We already had foundation to build upon after receiving a startup award from NASA previously,” Chatterjee said. “This project builds on that capability, and now we want to address the next phase of the research.”

Governor Sherrill Launches NJ Supercomputer Initiative to Drive Innovation, Create Inclusive Economic Opportunity, and Solve Shared Statewide Challenges

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Governor Mikie Sherrill today announced the launch of the New Jersey Supercomputer Initiative (NJSCI), a groundbreaking, more than \$125 million public-private partnership that will drive the next generation of research, innovation, education, and workforce development across the Garden State.

With support from leaders across New Jersey’s higher education institutions, State agencies, and the NJ AI Hub, as well as commitments from technology industry leaders, NJSCI will establish a supercomputer that serves as a cutting-edge, shared resource to meet the advanced computing needs of researchers, students, entrepreneurs, businesses, and other organizations across the state. The supercomputer will allow faculty and students to conduct advanced research on key challenges like cancer research and flood risk mapping, in a cost-effective, timely way that would be impossible with conventional computers. The initiative is expected to double the current supercomputing capacity available in aggregate across all of New Jersey’s research universities and dramatically increase available capacity for the most advanced supercomputing hardware, while also expanding world-class education and training, unlocking economic opportunity, and creating good-paying jobs for New Jerseyans.

“From Thomas Edison to Bell Labs and beyond, New Jersey has earned its reputation as the Innovation State through groundbreaking research and discoveries that transform lives. Today, we are building on that proud legacy by launching the New Jersey Supercomputer Initiative,” said Governor Sherrill.

New Jersey Economic Development Authority invests \$16.5M to support 8 startups

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Since February, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) has approved a total of \$16.5 million to support eight cutting-edge businesses through the New Jersey Innovation Evergreen Fund (NJIEF).

The startups are working on pushing forward new technologies in various sectors, including health care, biotechnology, and life sciences.

NJIEF increases access to strategic resources and venture capital in New Jersey, with the state as an equity investor in early-stage companies and deploying up to \$600 million alongside venture capital firms.

“The NJIEF’s success is measured not just in dollars invested, but in the transformative impact it has had on New Jersey businesses,” said NJEDA Chief Executive Officer Evan Weiss. “This cutting-edge initiative fuels innovation, creates jobs, and positions our state as a global center for technological discovery. Through strategic partnerships and targeted investments, Governor Mikie Sherrill and the NJEDA are helping the next generation of companies thrive, reinforcing New Jersey’s reputation as a leader in innovation and opportunity.”

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2026 IAC Lunch and Learn

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY AND BELONGING LECTURE

Built to Belong:
From Advocacy to Action
in Launching New Jersey's
Public Health Institute

Presented by
Denise Anderson, Ph.D., MPH
Executive Director,
Center for Health Equity & Belonging,
New Jersey's Public Health Institute

Public institutions communicate whose experiences matter and who belongs within the systems meant to protect collective well-being. So building equitable public health infrastructure requires more than creating a new organization—it requires challenging entrenched systems, cultivating trust, and translating community priorities into sustainable action. Drawing on her experience launching the Center for Health Equity & Belonging, New Jersey's Public Health Institute (CHEI-NJPHI), Dr. Denise Anderson will share the path from advocating for authorizing legislation to forming an administrator partnership with Acadia Integrated Health, developing a community-centered strategic plan, and taking on a key role in New Jersey's first Health Transformation Initiative. She will examine the tensions of turning vision into infrastructure—building legitimacy while building capacity, balancing urgency with sustainability—and invite participants to consider how public health institutions can be designed to share belonging and embed equity into their structures, partnerships, and measures of success.

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NOVEMBER 11, 2026
4:30pm

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