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to **Caroline Armour** and to all
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New Jersey Business Hall of Fame

Thursday, November 2, 2023 | Hyatt Regency New Brunswick

5:30PM Cocktail Reception

6:30PM New Jersey Business Hall of Fame Program begins

Speakers:

James Horne, Jr., JANJ President & CEO

Benedicta Adjei, Hamilton High School West

Brenda Ross-Dulan, The Ross Dulan Group, 2023 Trailblazer

Ellen Alexis, Irvington High School

Caroline Armour, Verizon, 2023 Laureate

Shamyra Taylor, Camden High School JROTC

Thomas Earp, Earp Cohn P.C., 2023 Laureate

Julian Miller, Washington Township High School

Michael Renna, South Jersey Industries, 2023 Laureate

Jennifer Osei Peprah, JANJ Alum, Montclair State University

Cid Wilson, Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility,
2023 Laureate

Cristine Santos, Vice Chair, JANJ State Board

8:15PM Program Concludes

Grab-and-Go desserts

8:30PM Event Concludes

2023 Award Honorees

Congratulations!

CLASS OF 2023 LAUREATES



Caroline Armour
Verizon



Thomas Earp
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The Ross Dulan Group



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November 2, 2023

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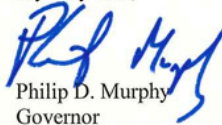
It is my pleasure to extend greetings to all in attendance for the 2023 New Jersey Business Hall of Fame Gala.

The New Jersey Business Hall of Fame serves to celebrate individuals who are leaders in their respective industries and have demonstrated sincere commitment to the community and the economic advancement of our Great State. The induction of a Laureate into the Hall of Fame serves as a testament to the significant and positive impact made by each of these individuals. The Inductees have consistently demonstrated business excellence, visionary and innovative leadership, community involvement, and high ethical standards.

I applaud tonight's Laureates: Caroline Armour, Thomas Earp, Michael Renna, Cid Wilson and this year's trailblazer, Brenda Ross-Dulan, for setting a premium example for future generations of innovators and entrepreneurs to follow. I am proud to celebrate with all those gathered tonight in commemorating their exceptional contributions to New Jersey's business community.

Best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.

My very best,


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Governor



**Thank you for continuing to inspire
and prepare our young people for
success!**

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Thomas Earp

Michael Renna

Cid Wilson

Trailblazer Award: Brenda Ross-Dulan

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Dennis W. Pullin

Carol Stillwell

Class of 2021

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All Laureate Legacies
were honored as part of
JA's Centennial
Celebration

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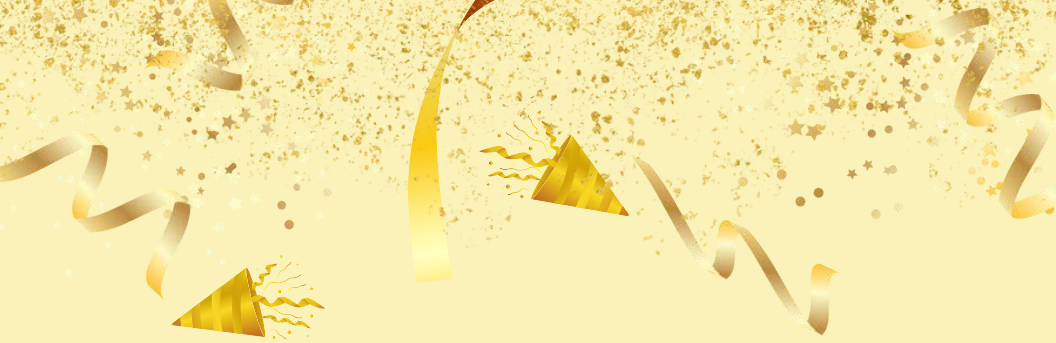
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- Edwin, 10th grade

"I enjoyed working with the children within my own community. This experience has helped me develop my leadership and communication skills."

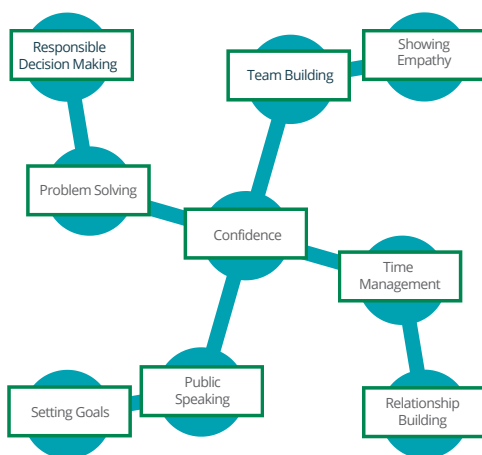
– Noelle, 12th grade

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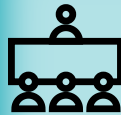
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77,871

**Total Student
Impact**



492,253

**Instructional
Contact
Hours**



208

**Number of
Schools**



2,904

**Volunteer
Role Models**



42%

**Eligible for
State's
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19 of 21

**Counties
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