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**NJBankers Education Foundation Donates $10,000 to Rutgers University to Aid Veteran Students**

The Trustees of the New Jersey Bankers Education Foundation recently presented a $10,000 donation to the Office of Veteran Affairs at Rutgers University to assist veteran students facing financial hurdles in continuing with their education. This latest donation brings the total Foundation contribution to Rutgers’ Veterans Programs to more than $32,000.

In presenting the check, Foundation Chairman Robert Stillwell, president/CEO of Boiling Springs Savings Bank, noted, “It is an honor for the New Jersey banking industry to provide assistance to veteran students who have served our country so selflessly. We hope to contribute to their transition to civilian life”.

In accepting the contribution, COL Stephen Abel (Ret.), Director**,** Veteran and Military Programs & Services- Rutgers University. said, “It is our mission to help student veterans through financial emergencies so that they can remain in school and complete their education. This contribution by the members of the New Jersey Bankers Association will help us to continue this important undertaking.”

About the Foundation: In addition to assisting veteran students at Rutgers, the Foundation also provides scholarships to dependents of service members of permanently disabled and fallen heroes of the post-9/11 Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. Either the dependent or the service member must have a connection to New Jersey. The Foundation is funded by New Jersey banks and governed by industry trustees. In general, scholarships cover all or a portion of tuition and books/supplies not covered by an academic scholarship and Veteran Administration benefits.

For more information, contact James Meredith, Foundation secretary/treasurer at jmeredith@njbankers.com]

**Photo caption:**

***New Jersey Bankers Education Foundation Trustees present a $10,000 check to Rutgers Office of Veterans Services- Back left to right, NJBankers First Vice Chairman Gerald Reeves, president/CEO, Sturdy Savings Bank; James Silkensen, director, Somerset Savings Bank;   
Ryan Lind, Rutgers Veteran; Thomas Krause, Rutgers Student; Kevin Cummings, president/CEO, Investors Bank; John McWeeney, Jr., president/CEO, NJBankers; James Meredith, EVP/COO, NJBankers and secretary/treasurer Education Foundation; NJBankers Second Vice Chairman Angela Snyder, CEO/vice chairman, Fulton Bank of New Jersey. Front: Foundation Chairman Robert Stillwell, president/CEO, Boiling Springs Savings Bank; Robert Bright, Asst. Dir., Veteran and Military Programs & Services- Rutgers University; NJ Bankers Chairman Stewart DMcClure, Jr., regional president, Lakeland Bank; and COL Stephen Abel (Ret.), Director, Veteran and Military Programs & Services- Rutgers University.***