



Dennis Bone Inducted into NJ Business Hall of Fame™

Director of the Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship honored as an Ultimate New Jersey Role Model

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Shown at the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame™ induction ceremony are, from left, Patrizia Zita, founding partner, Kaufman Zita Group and nominator; Michael Osuji, Lincoln School student presenter; honoree Dennis Bone, director, Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship; and New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno.

Dennis Bone, director of the Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship at the Montclair State University School of Business, and former president and CEO of Verizon New Jersey, was welcomed into the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame's Class of 2013 Laureates on May 2, 2013.

Bone was honored at a Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Elizabeth, N.J., with proceeds from the event supporting Junior Achievement of New Jersey's statewide JA High School Heroes Initiative.

"It's a wonderful honor to be chosen by your peers as an Ultimate New Jersey Role Model for New Jersey's aspiring business leaders," says Bone. "I am completely humbled by the induction into the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame."™

Bone's award celebrates a career distinguished by business excellence, visionary leadership, community involvement and the highest ethical standards.

“A Laureate induction into the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame™ is a lifetime achievement award for individuals who have made a significant, positive impact on New Jersey,” says Dawn Schwartz, Junior Achievement of NJ vice president of development and communications. “Bone was unanimously chosen by a peer selection committee. He truly believes in the New Jersey economy and has worked collaboratively to strengthen it for more than two decades.”

Bone’s award was presented by New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, who was the event’s keynote speaker, and Michael Osuji, a seventh-grade student at Lincoln School in Newark and Junior Achievement Student Ambassador. Bone and fellow Class of 2013 laureates Edith Hunt, chief diversity officer and advisory director of Goldman Sachs, and Barbara Koster, senior vice president and chief information officer of Prudential Financial, Inc., join a distinguished roster of 39 business leaders in the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame,™ the premier platform for recognizing New Jersey’s ultimate role models.

Bone was appointed director of the Montclair State University School of Business Feliciano Center for Entrepreneurship in December 2012. The innovative center and its entrepreneurial development program support the University’s commitment to preparing students for success in a competitive global economy.

A high-profile New Jersey business and telecommunications technology leader, Bone was the president and CEO of Verizon New Jersey from 2000 to 2012. During his tenure, he helped transform it from a voice-driven telecommunications company into a robust voice, data and video company.

“Mr. Bone is a true visionary in our state, because for so many years he has played an important role in New Jersey’s economic success,” Osuji told the induction ceremony’s 500 guests. “He wants to ensure a better future for students like me and for everyone who lives and works in our great state.”

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