

Drs. Gaba and Cuitiño Join Board of Directors for National Aerospace Research & Technology Park

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The National Aerospace Research & Technology Park (NARTP) announced today that two new members have joined its board of directors.

Both of the new board members come to the NARTP from New Jersey institutes of higher learning. Dr. Barbara Gaba has served as President of Atlantic Cape Community College since 2017. Dr. Alberto Cuitiño is a professor and interim Dean of the School of Engineering at Rutgers University. The terms for both career educators expire on February 21, 2026.



Dr. Barbara Gaba

"We are fortunate to have Dr. Gaba and Dr. Cuitiño join our board of directors at this stage of the NARTP's development when our academic partnerships are so vital," said Mark Loeben, chairman of the NARTP Board of Directors, American Airlines Captain, and retired U.S. Air Force Major General. "As we advance the NARTP and its mission to bring a new aerospace industry to Atlantic County, we will benefit greatly from the perspective of these academic leaders to ensure our region's educational institutions are prepared to train the region's workforce for careers in aircraft maintenance, air cargo operations, uncrewed aerial systems (drones) and advanced air mobility."

When she was appointed as ACCC's ninth president in January 2017, Dr. Gaba became the first female and first African-American president in the college's 50-year history. She is deeply committed to the mission of the community college to provide affordable educational pathways for student success and has been a driving force in improving campus technology and Atlantic

Cape's focus on innovation.

"It is an honor to serve on the NARTP Board," stated Dr. Gaba. "This is a tremendous opportunity to help advance economic development in Atlantic County while ensuring there are affordable educational pathways for our students, especially our underserved and underrepresented students, to take advantage of exciting careers in aeronautics."

Currently a Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and Interim Dean of the School of Engineering at Rutgers University, Dr. Cuitiño's expertise includes pharmaceutical manufacturing, computational material simulation, multiscale modeling, dislocation mechanics, fracture in single metal crystals, granular materials, mechanical behavior of solid foams, and folding patterns in thin films. A 2022 Faculty of the Year Honoree for Rutgers

Engineering, his work has been published extensively in academic journals and he is often invited to speak at international conferences and symposia.



Dr. Alberto Cuitino

"By proudly accepting the invitation to join the NARTP board, I ensure that Rutgers University has a seat at the table as this aerospace innovation ecosystem is being developed in southern New Jersey," said Dr. Cuitiño. "Both our students and faculty look forward to shaping the future of aviation at the NARTP."

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The NARTP Board of Directors is now comprised of 23 members of varying backgrounds, including aviation industry leaders, economic development professionals, academics, and government stakeholders. All Board Members are listed at nartp.com/nartp-board-of-directors.

About National Aerospace Research & Technology Park (NARTP)

The NARTP is catalyzing innovation with an ecosystem of partnerships and harnessing the power of collaboration, facilitating research and development, innovation, and commercialization of emerging aviation technologies. NARTP is located on a 58-acre parcel adjoining the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center, an internationally recognized facility

dedicated to research, development, and sustainment of the National Airspace System, and the Atlantic City International Airport, a designated Smart Airport Research Test Bed Facility. NARTP tenants are performing leading research in Unmanned Aerial Systems/Advanced Air Mobility (UAS/AAM) focusing on the safety implications of nascent UAS operational concepts, their testing and certification, as well as the emerging technologies needed to support the development of new regulatory standards. For more information about NARTP, visit www.nartp.com.

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