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PRESS ADVISORY

Press Conference Scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, to Launch Academy for Neurodiversity at RCSJ, Break Ground on Housing for Developmentally Disabled

Rowan College of South Jersey, Rowan University and its medical schools, Gloucester County Special Services District, and Gloucester and Cumberland Counties team up on unique collaborative initiative

SEWELL – In a partnership that could be a national model for the provision of lifelong services for the developmentally disabled, Gloucester and Cumberland counties, the Schools for Neurodiversity at the Gloucester County Special Services District, Rowan College of South Jersey, Rowan University and its medical schools will announce the creation of the collaborative Academy for Neurodiversity at a press conference on Wednesday, October 25.

The 11:30 am. press conference at the Stephen M. Sweeney Center for Special Services, 530 Salina Road, Sewell, on the Rowan College of South Jersey campus will be followed by the groundbreaking for a new housing complex for the developmentally disabled funded through the Housing Authority of Gloucester County.

A tour of the Sweeney Center and the adjacent Bankbridge Developmental Center’s autism unit will follow at 12:30 p.m., providing opportunities to interview staff, parents and students.

Speakers at the press conference will include:

- Dr. Frederick Keating, *Rowan College of South Jersey President*
- Stephen Sweeney, *former New Jersey Senate President*
- Chad Bruner, *Gloucester County Administrator and Rowan University Board of Trustees Chair*
- Dr. Guy Davidson, *Dean of Academic Advancement & Special Services, RCSJ*
- Frank DiMarco, *Gloucester County Board of Commissioners Director*

- James Dundee, *Superintendent, Gloucester County Special Services School District*
- Michael Givens, *Student at the Steve Sweeney Center for Special Services*
- Kimberly Gober, *Executive Director, Gloucester County Housing Authority*
- Dr. Jennifer LeComte, *Director, Rowan Integrated Special Needs Center and Division Chief of General Internal Medicine at Rowan University's School of Osteopathic Medicine*

Dr. Keating and former Senator Sweeney will lead the tour of the Sweeney Center and the Bankbridge Developmental Center.
