



NJAPPA Fall General Membership Meeting

October 30, 2025, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Bergen Community College

Building: [Bergen at the Meadowlands](#): 1280 Wall Street W, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Parking: Free parking directly behind the building

Event Cost: Edu Members - \$20, Business Partners - \$40, Non-Members - \$60

Registration: *Advanced registration is mandatory. On-site registration will not be accepted.*

MEETING AGENDA:

08:00 AM – 9:00 AM [Registration, Breakfast, and Networking](#)

Come early and take advantage of this opportunity!

09:00 AM - 9:15 AM [Welcome Remarks and Board Introductions:](#)

- Dr. Eric Friedman, President, *Bergen Community College*
- Josh Johnson, NJIT, *NJAPPA President*

09:15 AM – 10:15 AM [Session One:](#)

[Leveraging Technology and AI for a Modern Mobile Workforce](#)

[Mr. Pat Buchanan, CEO & Co-Founder, OperationsHERO](#)

With the rise of big data, AI, machine learning, and data science, the twenty-first-century requirement has shifted to “if you can model it, you can manage it.” This session will delve into some of the transformative ways AI models are being utilized to collect and enhance data quality for facilities management, and examine case studies highlighting the opportunities, challenges, and limitations associated with AI.

[You will learn:](#)

1. How can technology be used to complete and track work more efficiently?
2. What are some of the ways AI/ML models can be helpful in day-to-day facilities?
3. What is machine learning, and how can it be used to build better models?
4. Why is energy data often modeled using linear regression, and what are its limitations?

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM [Break/Networking](#)

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM [Trivia](#)

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM [Session Two:](#)

[Facilities Roundtable Discussion](#)

[Hosted by Josh Johnson, Mercer County College](#)

This facility's roundtable discussion brings together supervisors, managers, directors, and other professionals in the education industry to address timely and relevant questions. It offers a unique opportunity to engage in strategic conversations around leadership, operational challenges, and the future of facilities management. Attendees will gain valuable insights and explore innovative approaches to the evolving demands of facilities operations. Designed to be interactive and engaging, this session will incorporate meaningful dialogue among experienced leaders at various levels of leadership.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Luncheon, Updates, and Networking:

- Networking activities
- ERAPPA Board Update, Earl Farrell, *ERAPPA Board Secretary*
- ERAPPA 2025 Conference Update, Amy Baker and Sue Maddalena, *Co-Chairs*
- A few words on happiness from David Raymond, *Ph-irst Phillie Phanatic, and now NJAPPA Ph-riend!* 😊
- 50/50 Raffle benefiting "[Bergen Cares Center](#)."

01:00 PM**Meeting Adjourned****01:00 PM – 02:00 PM****NJAPPA Board Meeting (closed session)****PRESENTER BIOS:**

Dr. Eric M. Friedman serves as the eighth president of *Bergen Community College*, New Jersey's largest. A dynamic and engaging leader, Dr. Friedman remains well-known across the community college landscape as an innovator and passionate promoter of equitable higher education programs and services. Driven by a consistent focus on how community colleges can have a transformative impact on individuals and communities, Dr. Friedman has led Bergen since January 2021.



Josh Johnson is the Director of Facilities & Operations at *Mercer County Community College* and the President of NJAPPA. He is a dedicated professional with strong leadership skills, extensive knowledge, and a strategic vision. Broad experience and passion for all phases of facilities and project management, proficient in complete building systems and operations & maintenance.



For the past 30 years, **Pat Buchanan** has worked on-site at education facilities in all 50 states and Canada. He has been a featured speaker at numerous national and state conferences, trade shows, and events. He and the *OperationsHERO* team are continually seeking opportunities to assist our educational institutions in saving money, improving efficiency, and supporting the students they serve.