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**LUCILLE A. JOEL NAMED AS ITS INTERIM DEAN**

(Newark, N.J., July 1, 2008) -- Rutgers Chancellor Steven J. Diner has announced the appointment of Dr. Lucille A. Joel as interim dean of the Rutgers College of Nursing, effective immediately. Joel will administer the daily operations of the college while the university seeks a permanent replacement for the previous dean, Dr. Felissa Lashley, who retired last month.

Since coming to Rutgers in 1979, Joel has served in a variety of academic and administrative roles, including interim associate dean for academic affairs; chair, Department of Adults and the Aged; director, Teaching Nursing Home program; and associate dean for clinical affairs. Joel teaches at the baccalaureate, masters and doctoral levels, and previously was professor and director of the Post Baccalaureate Program in Nursing at Seton Hall University.

In June the Oradell, N.J. resident was honored by the American Nurses Association (ANA) Board of Directors, which presented her with the 2008 Honorary Recognition Award, one of ANA's highest honors.

Joel is author of Dimensions of Professional Nursing and The Nursing Experience, and Advanced Practice Nursing, published by McGraw-Hill and FA Davis, respectively. She is an international advisor to the American Journal of Nursing.

The interim dean is a recipient of the New Jersey Governors Nursing Merit Award for Education. She received a Diva award from the New Jersey Institute of Nursing, the McManus Medal from the Nursing Education Alumni Association of Teachers College, Columbia University, and is a member of the Seton Hall University College of Nursing Hall of Honor.

Among her many professional affiliations, Joel is the immediate past president of the Board of Trustees of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools and acts as the official representative to both the United Nations and to UNICEF for the International Council of Nurses.

Lucille Joel holds masters and doctoral degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York. She received her B.S. in Nursing from Seton Hall University.

From its headquarters at Rutgers-Newark, Rutgers College of Nursing offers a broad range of academic programs on all three Rutgers campuses. The college offers a master's program with unique practitioner specialties, a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, and the first Ph.D. nursing degree in New Jersey.