



GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

March 14, 2018

Dear Student, Parent, and/or Guardian:

The Board of Trustees has approved the 2018–2019 tuition at \$31,416, a 2% increase over last year. For nursing students, the 2018–2019 tuition will be \$33,638. Even with this change, Georgian Court University is committed to ensuring tuition levels remain affordable and below the national rate of inflation; and therefore, **there will be no increase in the standard room and board rate and no increase in the comprehensive fee.** There will be an additional \$100 Student Activity Fee, as voted on and approved by the Student Government Association.

Your college education is an important investment in yourself and your future. When you consider the cost of a GCU education, you should also consider the *value* of that education. Our outcomes indicate that more than 90% of graduates are placed in jobs or graduate school within a year of graduation. Plus, *Washington Monthly* ranks Georgian Court University in the Top 50 Northeast Schools that are a “Best Bang for the Buck,” a national measurement of how well institutions educate their students at an affordable tuition. The ranking also looks at our strong alumni earnings. (GCU alumni earn 13.75% more income than predicted.)

GCU is also investing in the student experience. This year, we saw upgrades to the Casino and other buildings; and as the 2018–2019 academic year opens, there will be additional campus improvements. Renovations and changes include continued upgrades to the Lion’s Den, expanded use of the Casino, residential space upgrades in Maria Hall, and upgrades to the dining experience, such as new food stations.

At the same time, our academic and student life areas are growing. We recently added Bachelor of Science degrees in Finance, Marketing, and Management, and expanded our B.S.N. in Nursing program with an RN to B.S.N. track. We launched new minors in economics, finance, global justice and society, law enforcement and corrections, management, and the USA and the World. We welcomed six new faculty members last year and will begin the search for eight new faculty members to join GCU in Fall 2018. Our new Writing Center and Math Lab are attracting students, and more classroom technology upgrades are underway. This is in addition to the start of GCU@Hazlet and GCU@Cumberland, and our new online degrees for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Plus, we have 13 sites across the state where we offer graduate degrees in education. Our growth is an investment in you, our students, and in the future of Georgian Court.

At GCU, we want you to take advantage of as many experiences as possible, and the University will continue to offer qualified students scholarship opportunities for more savings. In addition, you may apply for federal and state assistance (if desired) by completing the Free Application for Federal

Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.ed.gov. Remember, the Georgian Court University school code is 002608. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 732-987-2258 or financialaid@georgian.edu with questions.

The administration, faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees are committed to being transparent with you, particularly regarding the cost of higher education and the need to keep expenses as low as possible. We are sensitive to these issues and work continuously to streamline University operations while enhancing academic and student services.

Georgian Court University is committed to making a top-quality, private education experience affordable. Please remember that we are here to assist you.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D.
President