

LAMONT O. REPOLLET



Lamont Repollet, Ed.D., is the 18th leader of Kean University in Union, NJ. As president, he has fostered an inclusive campus community focused on safety, academic excellence and diversity as the University moves toward formal designation as a research institution.

He previously served as New Jersey's Commissioner of Education under Governor Philip D. Murphy. Repollet oversaw the shift to remote education amid the COVID-19 pandemic and played a key role in planning for the 2020-2021 school year.

His other accomplishments as commissioner include expanding early childhood education; promoting a school culture that embraces social and emotional learning; and strengthening STEM opportunities for students. During his tenure, New Jersey's public schools were ranked number one in the nation in the Education Week "Quality Counts 2019" report, which captures key data to assess a state's educational performances.

From 2014 to 2018, Repollet served as superintendent of the Asbury Park School District. In his early days on the job, he carried a white hard hat to send a message that, with staff and students, he would rebuild the schools. New instructional and organizational approaches that he brought to the district helped increase the graduation rate by 30 percent. Before that, he served as principal of Carteret High School, where his leadership garnered national recognition, earning him a reputation for closing the opportunity gap.

Repollet has earned honors and recognition from numerous organizations including the 2021 Spirit of Community Award from Elizabeth Groundworks, the 2019 Medal of Excellence for Distinguished Service from The College of Education at Rowan University, the 2019 Trailblazer Award from the Innovation for Equity Summit and the 2019 Conclave Image Award from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Repollet holds a Doctorate in Education from Nova Southeastern University, a Master's degree in Education Administration from Kean University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from The College of New Jersey.