

Annual IDC Award Ceremony was held on May 31st at the Hilton Hotel in Parsippany, NJ.

Pictures of the ceremony will be published here soon...

**Date:** Sunday May 31, 2009

**Time:** 5:30 pm.

**Venue:**

Hilton Parsippany Hotel  
Grand Ballroom  
One Hilton Court  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

IDC helps to make New Jersey a stronger and more prosperous place by advancing the causes of peace, cross-cultural tolerance, and human dignity. We publicly recognize the outstanding achievements of those recipients who have distinguished themselves in their profession, community and service to humanity and New Jersey community.

The awards are based on a variety of factors, including interfaith/intercultural involvement, community service, educational involvements, professional and community honors, and business and professional leadership.

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### Master of Ceremonies



Michael Aron, Senior Political Correspondent, NJN News

### AWARDEES

### **Diversity Appreciation Award**



Hon. William J. Pascrell, Jr., Congressman, 8th Congressional District  
IDC recognizes Hon. Pascrell for his successful efforts to reach out to all faiths, cultures, and ethnicities and respecting, and understanding them.

### **Community Service Award**



Colonel Joseph R. Fuentes, Superintendent, New Jersey State Police  
IDC recognizes Col. Fuentes for his continued effort for a safer New Jersey and building bridges between state police and the Muslim community in New Jersey.

### **Peace and Understanding Award**



Rev. Donald M. Pitches, President, Bergen County Council of Churches  
IDC recognizes Rev. Pitches for his valuable contributions to Christian-Muslim dialogue in Northern New Jersey.

### **Media Award**



Frank Scandale, Editor, The Record  
IDC recognizes Mr. Scandale for his vision and commitment to improve The Record and the paper's coverage of diverse communities.

### **Education Award**



Dr. Clement A. Price, Director  
The Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, Rutgers University  
Dr. Price is recognized by the Interfaith Dialog Center for his contribution to celebration of diversity in NJ through education.

### **Business Award**



Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ

Horizon is recognized for its community involvement, relationship building, charitable contributions, external collaborations, and partnerships with charitable organizations.