On the evening of Friday February 8 the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey gymnasium was turned into a battlefield. Snow warnings flooded the media, cautioning South Jersey of the cold impending doom which was sure to hit that night. Despite the severe weather warnings seventy five dedicated Richard Stockton College students filled the gym armed with sneakers and a fierce sense of competition. 

What was their mission? To dip, duck and dodge their way to greatness in a dodge-ball tournament where all the proceeds go to an ongoing effort to rebuild the Martin Luther King Jr. basketball court. Staffed entirely by volunteers the Stockton Center for Community Engagement fellows Scott Fisher, Morgan Truncalle, and Jennifer Love as well as three referees coordinated the event. Each team averaged three games in the first conference, a system which allowed only the top four teams to move forward into the final elimination round. The competition was intense but good spirited, and many teams upon elimination decided to stick around to watch the final match. The championship match was meant to be the best two out of three but the Heather Court Boys swept the match, stealing the first two wins and securing their glory. Stockton students Greg Stec, Alec Sheridan, Mike Rajoppi, Shane Morton and Pete Coulter stepped off the courts sweaty but satisfied and claimed their prizes; t-shirts, sixty dollars in gift cards to Pizza Hut as well another twenty-five dollar gift card to Wawa. Our second place team did not leave empty handed and were awarded a twenty-five dollar Wawa gift card as well for their efforts. We can thank Stockton Residential Life for the Pizza Hut gift card donations! At the end of the day the tournament raised a total of four hundred dollars to aid in MLK playground renovations, but the team says they aren’t done yet! Stockton Community Engagement Fellows have promised another fundraiser again soon!