



## Stockton, Rowan to Offer 'Go Global,' Free Summer Online Course, to Incoming Freshmen

Selected Students Invited to Take Course on Global Issues

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**Galloway Township, NJ - Go Global!**, a collaborative effort by The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Rowan University, will offer first-time students who are entering the colleges this fall a free online course this summer.

Go Global! will focus on global issues from a variety of perspectives and will explore important trends that have the potential to transform the way students live and interact with others, said Dr. Susan Davenport, vice provost of E-Learning at Stockton.

The course, which starts July 1, will be taught by faculty at Stockton and Rowan and will count toward the students' college requirements.

"We are excited to partner with Rowan to provide this unique opportunity to students in Southern New Jersey," said Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Stockton's provost and executive vice president. "Knowledge of global issues is essential for every career path, and this course is a great first step for our future students and leaders. We are proud to offer this free course because we know how important it is to help students and their families reduce the cost of education. Stockton and Rowan are committed to providing innovative solutions."

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) course was developed by faculty from across the United States.

George L. Mehaffy, vice president for Academic Leadership and Change, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) is very enthusiastic about the initiative.

"Hats off to Rowan University and The Richard Stockton College for their exciting new collaboration, Go Global!," Mehaffy said. "Their work builds on AASCU's new model of collaborative course development and delivery, a model that represents what's best about higher education in the 21st century. This new program holds the promise of transforming the

learning experience for students in southern New Jersey and preparing them to tackle the global challenges that face our world today.”

A limited number of students who are enrolled as freshmen in Stockton this fall have been invited to participate and course is filled, Dr. Davenport said. Rowan University is currently accepting registration for its course.

“This free credit-bearing course is a test of sorts,” said Dr. Jim Newell, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs of Rowan University. “The future of higher education will require that institutions partner on initiatives like this as a means of keeping costs down while delivering high-quality educational options for our students. This is a quality course that will change the way people look at e-learning. We are excited to offer it to our students.”

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