



Stockton Featured in 'The Princeton Review's Guide to 332 Green Colleges: 2014 Edition'

Guide Profile Highlights Stockton's Commitment to Sustainability

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S. and Canada, according to The Princeton Review, an education services company known for its test prep programs and college rankings, ratings, and guidebooks. Stockton College is featured in the fifth annual edition of the free downloadable book, "The Princeton Review's Guide to 332 Green Colleges."

In the guide's profile on Stockton, The Princeton Review highlights the school's "ahead-of-its-time geothermal heating and cooling system," which was installed to save energy for all buildings that comprised the academic complex in 1993, and notes the project's expansion to provide up to 1,650 tons of cooling capacity to the modern campus.

In addition, the guide features Stockton's LEED® Gold-certified Campus Center, the recently completed Permeable Parking Lot, which reduces the amount of storm water flowing from the area, and the Richard Stockton Coastal Research Center (CRC), which functions as a teaching, training and research facility for Stockton students.

Also highlighted is the college's investment, in partnership with private sector developers, in solar energy, which totals 2.1 megawatts in solar arrays on campus including rooftop installations and shade canopies over parking lots.

Stockton, nestled in the Pinelands National Reserve, has a long history of being a "green" institution. The college currently protects and manages 1,500 acres of forestlands under New Jersey's first comprehensive forest management plan on public land.

"Being located in one of the most environmentally sensitive areas in the nation, the Pinelands National Reserve, we are acutely aware of our responsibility to grow in harmony with the

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environment,” said President Herman Saatkamp.

Stockton’s Campus Center, which opened in 2011, was awarded LEED® Gold certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the nation’s preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

The 154,000-square-foot Campus Center achieved this internationally recognized gold certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies.

President Saatkamp said one aim of achieving LEED gold is to “influence our students and the community to follow in our footsteps and to make even greater strides towards a healthier environment.”

“For students seeking a formal green education, Stockton offers bachelor’s degrees in both environmental science and sustainability, and a professional science master’s in environmental science,” the report stated. “Campus groups like Stockton Action Volunteers for the Environment (S.A.V.E.), Water Watch, and the Sustainability Living/Learning Community offer students the opportunity to get involved outside the classroom as well.”

The Princeton Review chose the schools based on a survey it conducted in 2013. The survey asked administrators at hundreds of colleges across the U.S. and Canada about their institution’s sustainability-related policies, practices, and programs. Using survey data that covered more than 25 fields, The Princeton Review tallied its "Green Ratings" (scores from 60 to 99) for 832 schools and reported them in the school profiles on the company’s website and in its college guides in summer 2013. The 332 schools in the guide received scores of 83 or above in that assessment. The Princeton Review does not rank the schools 1 to 332, nor does it report their Green Rating scores in the book.

The 332 school profiles in the guide feature essential information for applicants – facts and statistics on school demographics, admission, and financial aid – plus write-ups on the schools’ sustainability initiatives. A "Green Facts" sidebar reports on a wide range of topics from the school’s use of renewable energy sources, recycling and conservation programs to the availability of environmental studies and career guidance for green jobs.

"We are pleased to recommend The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to the many students seeking colleges that practice and promote environmentally responsible choices and practices," said Rob Franek, senior vice president/publisher of The Princeton Review.

Published a few days before the April 22 celebration of Earth Day, the 216-page guide is the only free comprehensive resource of its kind: it can be downloaded at www.princetonreview.com/green-guide and www.centerforgreenschools.org/greenguide.

The Princeton Review created its "Guide to 332 Green Colleges" in partnership with the Center for Green Schools (www.usgbc.org) at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

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