



Stockton Named 'Greenest College in New Jersey' by College Prowler Website

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Galloway Township, NJ -The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has been selected as the "Greenest College in New Jersey" by College Prowler, which produces print guides and a website using reviews from students, parents and professionals.

College Prowler rates each school on a scale of 1-10, and defines the rankings by stating: "Green living is steadily becoming the norm. These days, schools boast a high number of LEED-certified facilities and sustainability initiatives."

Stockton's Campus Center has been awarded the LEED® Gold certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council. 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.

Stockton's 154,000-square-foot Campus Center, which opened in May 2011, achieved this internationally recognized gold certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies.

Stockton's campus is in the Pinelands National Reserve and its Environmental Studies program is one of the oldest and best in the nation. The college also protects and manages 1,500 acres of forestlands under New Jersey's first comprehensive forest management plan on public land.

A new Center for Sustainability is expected to open at Stockton in Spring 2015. The college plans to break ground in August for the 3,800-square-foot facility to advance the Sustainability Program with hands-on training in alternative energy and conservation.

The \$900,000 facility off Louisville Avenue will include a classroom with cutting-edge interactive technology, a large laboratory focused on alternative energy and energy efficiency, as well as faculty offices and a student workspace.

The building was designed cooperatively by Stockton Sustainability faculty and the architectural team to be a one-of-a-kind, high performance facility.

Stockton was also recognized as one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S. and Canada by The Princeton Review this year. The guide highlighted Stockton's "ahead-of-its-time geothermal heating and cooling system," among other features.

College Prowler, owned by Niche, was started at in 2002 by Carnegie Mellon graduate Luke Skurman and is headquartered in Pittsburgh. For more information, click ecollegefinder.org.

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