

STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Stockton College Again Ranks Among the Top Universities in *U.S. News and World Report* Annual Survey of Colleges

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has again been ranked among the nation's top public colleges and universities in the annual survey of *America's Best Colleges*.

In the listing released today by *U.S. News and World Report*, Stockton College is placed among the Best Universities/Master's in the North. Ranked in the top tier of this category for the fourth consecutive year, Stockton is tied for 51st place out of 126 institutions. Stockton is ranked in the top 15 among public institutions (13th). The College is ranked with universities offering both undergraduate and master's programs in the northern region of the United States.

"We are pleased to be highly ranked again this year in the respected *U.S. News America's Best Colleges* edition," Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. "Our ranking is significant considering we were listed in the fourth tier in 2003 and the third tier in 2005. We bypassed the second tier altogether and moved directly into the first tier in 2007. During our years in the top tier we have made a net gain while being compared with truly exceptional peer institutions."

Dr. Saatkamp added, "Stockton has proven to be an attractive choice for students and parents by preserving our focus on the liberal arts, our strength in the sciences and our growing professional studies programs," he said. "At the same time we are committed to accessibility and affordability for our students and parents."

Stockton's academic programs provide opportunities for study in established fields such as Criminal Justice, Psychology, Environmental Science, Biology, Business, and Literature, as well as emerging fields such as Computational Science, Tourism and Hospitality Management and Homeland Security.

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The College's graduate programs and the doctorate degrees in Physical Therapy are among the newer academic offerings responding to the needs of the growing southern New Jersey region and the state. In addition to the doctorate and post-professional doctorate in Physical Therapy, Stockton's current graduate degree programs include:

- Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
- Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies
- Master of Arts in Education
- Master of Arts in Educational Leadership
- Master of Arts in Instructional Technology
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Computational Science
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
- Master of Social Work
- Professional Science Master's in Environmental Science

Stockton maintains a tradition of offering student opportunities to connect with highly credentialed faculty in research and community service. The College's graduation and retention rates continue to be among the highest in New Jersey. The quality of Stockton's academic programs and caliber of its faculty have been recognized by such organizations as the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, the National Science Foundation, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the Pulitzer Prize committee, the United States Air Force Academy and *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times* and *NBC's Today Show*.

"It is fitting that Stockton, a public institution offering academic excellence, diversity, and affordability, is mentioned in the same company of such fine colleges and universities," Dr. Saatkamp said.

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