



Stockton #9 in Public Regional Universities Of the North Rated by U.S. News & World Report

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Galloway Township, NJ -The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is in the Top 10 public Regional Universities of the North, ranked at #9 by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2015 edition of "America's Best Colleges" released today.

Stockton also was ranked overall at #41 out of 135 public and private Northern universities by *U.S. News & World Report*, one of the nation's top sources of information on higher education. Stockton advanced in both categories since last year, when it was ranked at #14 in the top Regional Universities of the North and #60 overall among private, as well as public, northern regional universities.

"Stockton's recognition as a top tier public institution for the seventh straight year is truly a remarkable achievement of which students, faculty, staff, alumni and the region can be proud," said President Herman Saatkamp. "New Jersey's Distinctive Public College has attracted the most students in its history this fall, to be taught by a record 310 full-time faculty members, 96 percent of whom hold the highest degrees in their fields. Our distinguished faculty offers students the personal attention and hands-on opportunities of an elite, private college, at a public price."

Stockton is ranked with universities offering both undergraduate and master's programs in the northern region of the United States.

The annual report considers factors such as graduation and retention rates, assessment by peers, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. Stockton's graduation and retention rates have been rising impressively, with 87 percent of the freshmen who started in 2012 returning in 2013, the most recent year for which figures are available. Eighty percent of Stockton's recent graduates are either employed or in graduate school.

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Stockton was also recognized as one of the “Best Colleges for Veterans” by *U.S. News & World Report*, which ranked it as #15 out of the 49 schools ranked in the Regional Universities of the North.

The ranking is designed to provide military veterans and active-duty service members with information about which top-ranked schools offer them the most benefits and support for pursuing a college education.

Stockton’s program, founded in 2008, serves over 400 veterans and service members. Through the Office of Veteran Affairs, veterans and service members can explore eligibility for G.I. education benefits, receive referrals to a wide range of support services and connect with their fellow veterans by becoming a part of Stockton’s Student Veterans Organization.

Stockton was also named as “Best for Vets” by Military Times, an organization comprised of the Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times and Marine Corps Times.

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