



## Stockton Partners with Atlantic City for 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Service and Kickoff to Semester of Service

DO AC Theme Takes All Service Projects to Atlantic City

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Service will take students off campus to Atlantic City for a full day of community service benefiting the city on **Saturday, Sept. 7.**

Traditionally, Day of Service has taken volunteers off campus for service projects, but this is the first year that Stockton has focused on one specific region. Stockton is partnering with the City of Atlantic City and the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) to bring volunteers to the island to help with long-term Sandy recovery and pre-Miss America Pageant cleanup and beautification, among other projects.

"This year we will have 14 different projects, and we are expecting approximately 300 volunteers," said Office of Service-Learning Program Assistant Diana Strelczyk, who organizes the college's service events throughout the year. Day of Service is a Stockton tradition that brings students together for a day of community service to kick off the semester.

The September Day of Service will mark the beginning of Stockton's first-ever Semester of Service, which includes two full days of service at the start of each semester and Make a Difference Day in October, Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week in November, Read Across America Day in March and National Volunteerism Week in April.

"Having a Semester of Service allows for a number of different opportunities to give back. It's also a reminder that there are 364 other days to serve, so if you miss one, you can catch another," said Strelczyk.

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Service projects for the September Day of Service include post-Sandy cleanup with the Atlantic City Police Athletic League, setup and operational support for the DO AC Boardwalk Art Show with the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton College, dune replenishment with Stockton's WaterWatch student organization, gardening at the Covenant House Atlantic City Crisis Center and a barbeque cookout with senior citizens at the Shore Park Tenant Association.

Day of Service begins at 8 a.m. at the Stockton College Campus Center, located on the Galloway campus. Service projects will end at 3 p.m.

For more information or questions, please email [servicelearning@stockton.edu](mailto:servicelearning@stockton.edu).

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