



Stockton College Becomes First Four-Year School in American Honors Program in NJ

Helps Academically Talented Community College Students to Transition

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Galloway Township, NJ - The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey signed an agreement on Dec. 3 to become a member of the American Honors Transfer Network, which helps academically talented students at select community colleges transition to four-year schools.

American Honors prepares academically talented domestic and international students for success in both their first two years of college, as well as when they transfer from the community college to complete their bachelor's degree. The American Honors program is offered at two schools in New Jersey: Mercer County Community College and Union County College, and is currently available at five other community colleges around the United States.

"This is a very important program for us, which has national significance," said President Herman Saatkamp during signing ceremonies at the Board of Trustees meeting. "Stockton is the only four-year institution in New Jersey to participate in the American Honors Network and that gives the college another distinctive feature."

The American Honors Transfer Network consists of 45 select institutions across the country, such as Lafayette, Middlebury, Swarthmore, and Whittier, and the Universities of Arizona, Ohio State, Rochester, and Georgia, along with UCLA, Purdue, and others.

"We are delighted to have Stockton join the American Honors Network of leading public and private colleges and universities," said David Finegold, Chief Academic Officer, who participated in a signing ceremony at the Board of Trustees meeting. "We have been very impressed by the special courses and programs that Stockton has put in place to help transfer students transition into its honors program, and look forward to having many graduates come to you from American Honors at Mercer, Union, and our other community college programs across the nation."

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Qualified American Honors students, including those from Mercer and Union, would be eligible to enroll directly into Stockton's Honors program. Students in the American Honors program enroll in rigorous honors courses that are reviewed and authorized by a cross-section of faculty from participating institutions. Stockton's faculty will be eligible to participate in such reviews and dialogues with faculty across the country.

"Prior to Mercer's partnership with American Honors, we had a 'home-grown' Honors Program that has already sent a number of students to Stockton," said Dr. Gianna Durso-Finley, Assistant Dean for American Honors at Mercer County Community College in West Windsor, NJ. "We greatly look forward to expanding this partnership, sending students through the Honors-to-Honors pathway as early as Fall 2015."

For details about the American Honors program, visit AmericanHonors.org or email info@americanhonors.org.

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