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Stockton College to Host New Jersey Amistad Commission Southern Region Countywide Professional Development Day

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host The Amistad Commission and The New Jersey Department of Education's Southern Region Countywide Professional Development Day on Friday, Oct. 9, 2009. The event will take place at the Galloway Township campus' Performing Arts Center.

"We are extremely pleased Stockton will be hosting this important educational event, which promises to be a rewarding one for all who attend," said Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Stockton's Dean of Education. "The Amistad Commission's choice of Stockton for this conference is certainly in keeping with our tradition as one of the premier teacher training programs in New Jersey."

Registration for the event, which is expected to attract educators statewide, begins at 8:30 a.m., and the workshop will run from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend, and teachers may earn 3.5 Professional Development Hours for their participation.

The workshop will debut the New Jersey Amistad Social Studies Web-based Curriculum and serve as a tutorial on how to navigate and get the most out of the New Jersey Amistad Commission web-based curriculum resource, which is a comprehensive password-protected web resource available to every teacher in New Jersey, 24 hours a day, seven days a week free of charge since September 1, 2009.

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The New Jersey Amistad Commission web-based curriculum resource is the first K-12 social studies curriculum in the country to infuse African American influence, history, and accomplishments within the constructs of social studies instruction in all public schools. The new curriculum is a response to the Amistad Bill (A1301), which calls on New Jersey schools to incorporate African American history, contributions, and experiences into social studies curricula.

The Amistad Commission will also provide course pacing for K-12, lesson plan templates, sample lesson plans, and rubrics for replication, which were designed to be used in all K-12 social studies classes and interdisciplinary courses. The Amistad resources can also be infused into elementary, middle, and high school American history, language arts, art, and music courses in all of the 619 school districts.

The workshop is sponsored by Stockton's Southern Regional Institute (SRI) and the Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC). The SRI & ETTC provides professional development opportunities for K-12 educators, technology coordinators, school administrators, and other professionals who offer support services to schools." Together the SRI & ETTC improve student academic achievement and teacher effectiveness through technology training and technology services.

For more information and to register for the workshop, please visit www.etc.net/cal.

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