



Stockton College, Burlington County College Sign Guaranteed Admission Program Agreement

Stockton's Sustainability Program Now Accessible to BCC Students

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Galloway Township, NJ- Qualified graduates of Burlington County College will be guaranteed admission into The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's sustainability undergraduate degree program based on an articulation agreement signed by both institutions today.

Stockton College President Herman J. Saatkamp and Burlington County College President David Hespe signed a Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP) agreement at Stockton's Board of Trustees meeting, which will enable Burlington County College students to transfer to Stockton's sustainability program after earning an associate's degree. The sustainability program integrates the natural sciences, technology, economics, policy, ethics and other fields.

Burlington County College students who fulfill all necessary criteria in designated majors will be guaranteed the opportunity to earn direct admission into Stockton College with junior status.

Sustainability is one of the major themes in Stockton's 2020 Strategic Plan. Enhancing sustainability education is a core of the plan. "In the fall of 2012, the first Stockton students enrolled in our sustainability program, which is Stockton's newest undergraduate degree program, and just one year later, we are proud to be clearing the pathway to bring Burlington County College students in," said Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp.

To qualify for acceptance, Burlington County College students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and declare their intention to enroll in the GAP program before completing 30 credits at Burlington County College. Upon completion of an associate's degree and acceptance into the program, accepted students will take sustainability courses at Stockton and can graduate with a bachelor's degree from Stockton within two years.

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"Burlington County College's sustainability and alternative energy degree programs were created, in part, due to the growing demand for talented and trained green professionals," said Burlington County College President David C. Hesper.

"This agreement affords BCC students studying sustainability the very important opportunity to continue to pursue a bachelor's degree in this field. We are proud to partner with institutions like The Richard Stockton College. They have been leaders in this area and environmental innovators," Hesper continued.

There are two dozen majors that Burlington County College students can major in that will allow them to join the GAP program, including biology, environmental science, physics, literature, social work and health science.

"Accessibility is the key to higher education and we are delighted to join forces with Burlington County College to allow our sustainability program to reach more qualified students," said Dr. Saatkamp.

Photo Caption: Left to right, Stockton Provost and Executive Vice President Harvey Kesselman, Burlington County College President David Hesper, Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, BCC Academic Vice President David Spang, and BCC Transfer Credit Director Robert Ariosto sign a Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP) agreement at the Stockton College Board of Trustees meeting February 20.

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