

Stockton School of Business Earns Prestigious Accreditation from Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton University's School of Business today earned accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), an international body whose accreditation has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world's business programs.

"Accreditation by the AACSB is considered the hallmark of excellence, and we are proud that Stockton is among such select company worldwide," said University President Harvey Kesselman. "Dean Janet Wagner and our distinguished faculty deserve to be recognized for the academic pre-eminence of the School of Business, which is one of only five institutions in the United States to have earned this accreditation in the past year."

The School of Business, which was established as a separate school at Stockton in 2007, achieved this recognition after undergoing the rigorous accreditation process, which typically takes five to seven years, Wagner explained.

"AACSB accreditation adds prestige to our graduates' degrees," Wagner said. "Prospective students and their families often ask about accreditation, and graduate schools look favorably on degrees from AACSB-accredited schools."

"This provides more global awareness of the high quality of education at Stockton, reflected in the fact that over 75 percent of School of Business courses are taught by full-time faculty members," Wagner noted.

"It takes a great deal of commitment and determination to earn AACSB accreditation," said Robert D. Reid, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. "Business schools must not only meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty and professional staff must make a commitment to ongoing, continuous improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver the highest quality of education to students."

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The AACSB, founded in 1916, is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

Stockton's School of Business offers undergraduate programs in Business Studies, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Computer Science and Information Systems and a graduate MBA program.

For more information about Stockton University's School of Business, visit Stockton.edu/business.

For more information about AACSB International accreditation, visit the accreditation section of the website at <http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation>

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