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Stockton President Saatkamp, Judith Roman of AmeriHealth New Jersey to Lead Chamber of Commerce Southern NJ as Chair, Vice Chair

First College President, First Woman to Serve in Roles

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Voorhees Twp., NJ- Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., President of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Judith L. Roman, President and CEO of AmeriHealth N.J., will be making history on Thursday, Dec. 11 when they are expected to be elected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey (CCSNJ).

According to Debra P. DiLorenzo, CCSNJ President and CEO, Dr. Saatkamp will be the first college president to serve as Chair, and Ms. Roman will be the first woman Vice Chair, in the Chamber's 130-plus year history.

"We are very excited at the prospect of having two talented individuals such as Herman Saatkamp and Judy Roman serving the Chamber in these important leadership positions," Ms. DiLorenzo said. "Both of these individuals have very effective and unique styles and will work well together to bring the Chamber to even greater heights."

Dr. Saatkamp is in his sixth year as President of Stockton, which is rated by *U.S. News and World Report's America's Best Colleges* issue as being among the top tier of Northern Colleges and Universities. He came to Southern New Jersey from Indiana University/Purdue University in Indianapolis, where he was Dean of the School of Liberal Arts. He brought more than 30 years of higher education experience to the position at Stockton, including research and scholarship, fundraising and community involvement. Under Dr. Saatkamp's leadership, the College achieved high national rankings, added full-time teaching positions and embarked on an ambitious Facilities Master Plan. He also implemented an enrollment plan to grow the college in a controlled manner to meet the educational needs of Southern New Jersey.

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Considered one of the foremost experts on the writings of philosopher, George Santayana, Dr. Saatkamp is Senior and Founding Editor of *The Works of George Santayana*, serves on the Editorial Board of *Basic Bioethics* and as a Senior Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics. For more than two decades he was the General Editor of *The Works of George Santayana* (MIT Press) funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Dr. Saatkamp has been an active member of the Chamber since his arrival in New Jersey.

Ms. Roman was named President and CEO of AmeriHealth New Jersey in March 2006 after serving for two years as the organization's Vice President of Provider Relations. Roman has more than 20 years of experience in the health care industry. Since joining AmeriHealth in 2004 as Vice President of Provider Relations, she has significantly expanded and strengthened AmeriHealth's provider network, especially in northern New Jersey. Prior to joining AmeriHealth New Jersey, Roman was Vice President of Medical Delivery at WellChoice Inc., formerly known as Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield in New York. She also served as the regional Vice President of Medical Delivery at Oxford Health Plans in Iselin, New Jersey.

"AmeriHealth New Jersey services members throughout the state, and we're especially proud of our roots in Southern New Jersey," Ms. Roman said. "I look forward to leveraging the talent and commitment of the entire AmeriHealth organization to support the Chamber's leadership in servicing the Southern New Jersey business community."

"I am looking forward to working with Deb DiLorenzo, Judy Roman and the Chamber's membership in the coming year," Dr. Saatkamp said. "Southern New Jersey continues to be vibrant and the fastest growing region in the state. The Chamber plays a key role in nurturing a business-friendly environment and representing our interests in Trenton."

About the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey: Founded in 1873, the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey is the region's largest business organization with 1,700 member companies. The Chamber's mission is to provide its members with: opportunities to meet each other and do business; resources to enhance their position in the marketplace; and, a collective voice on public policy. The CCSNJ is the first and only Chamber in the country to have received ISO 9001:2000 certification.

About AmeriHealth New Jersey: AmeriHealth New Jersey provides health care coverage to nearly 230,000 New Jersey residents. The company's contracted hospital and physician network includes thousands of physicians at 76 hospitals throughout its service area. AmeriHealth New Jersey has offices in both Mt. Laurel and Iselin.

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