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Richard Stockton College of NJ Announces Next Phase of Facilities Master Plan Plans Underway for Campus Expansion

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is planning to expand its campus and build additional housing and academic buildings to continue to address the higher education needs of its community.

To that end, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution at today's meeting to begin the implementation of the second phase of the College Facilities Master Plan. Upon the recommendation of President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., Stockton has contracted with RMJM Hillier Architects of Princeton NJ, to provide professional consulting services and to expand and update the plan. Hillier will work with Stockton's administration and facilities personnel to move the plan forward.

"Phase Two of our Master Plan provides a framework for the College to continue to grow in a responsible way and to meet the needs of our region and state," Dr. Saatkamp said. "This is a significant new development as we strive to meet the College's strategic mission and continue to attract the best and brightest students from a larger regional base."

To facilitate the plan, Stockton has received approval from the Pinelands Commission for 300 additional acres on campus on which the College may build. "Being located in one of the most environmentally sensitive regions in the nation, the Pinelands National Preserve, we are acutely aware of our responsibility to grow in harmony with our environment," Dr. Saatkamp said. We have accomplished that within the limitations of our existing campus footprint, such as the recently completed F-Wing expansion and renovation, a new campus housing village and plans for a new Campus Center. Now we have the opportunity to further expand Stockton's role as an educational and economic leader."

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Stockton was recently cited by the National Wildlife Federation as one of the most environmentally-responsible colleges in the United States. Green-friendly technology has been built into the new construction with the most efficient materials and the use of renewable solar energy. Stockton has long been a pioneer in green building technologies such as the use of geothermal energy, the new Aquifer Thermal Energy System, and the state's largest fuel cell. Stockton is situated on the state's largest campus with 1,600 acres. The new master plan sets aside more than 1,000 acres that will remain preserved from future development.

Some of the highlights of the new master plan include:

- A significant new housing village to build toward a goal of 3,000 residential housing opportunities on campus.
- Upgraded athletic facilities including plumbing at the baseball, softball and field hockey fields on the Pomona Road side of the campus.
- An academic village concept to enhance the quality of residential experience at Stockton with "Communities of Learning" near the central portion of campus, Lake Fred and Lake Pam.
- Build on available land at the Barlow Site off Pomona Road.
- An additional academic village including possible commercial development near the Jim Leeds Road Exit of the Garden State Parkway.

"This is a very exciting time to be at Stockton, and the future holds even greater promise for our College and our campus," Dr. Saatkamp added. "The new phase of the Facilities Master Plan enables us to move in a direction of responsible growth and to serve the educational needs of the region and state."

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