

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## Stockton College Again Ranks Among the Top Universities in *U.S. News and World Report* Annual Survey of Colleges

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has again been ranked among the nation's top public colleges and universities in the annual survey of *America's Best Colleges*.

In the listing released by *U.S. News and World Report*, Stockton College is placed among the Best Universities/Master's in the North. Ranked in this category for the third consecutive year, Stockton appears in the top tier, moved up seven places in the overall ranking. Furthermore, Stockton is ranked for the first time among the top 10 public institutions (up from no. 12 last year.) Stockton is ranked with universities offering both undergraduate and master's programs in the northern region of the U.S.

"We are pleased to be highly ranked again this year in the respected *U.S. News America's Best Colleges* edition, Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. "We have consistently progressed to the point where two years ago, Stockton was listed in the top tier of the rankings, and now we are progressing within the top tier" said Herman J. Saatkamp Jr., President. "Over the years, Stockton improved its impressive rankings in the *U.S. News* survey. The preservation of our liberal arts focus, our traditional strength in the sciences, and our professional studies programs makes Stockton an attractive choice for students."

Stockton's academic programs provide opportunities for study in established fields such as Criminal Justice, Psychology, Environmental Science, Biology, Business, and Literature, as well as emerging fields such as Computational Science, Tourism and Hospitality Management and Homeland Security.

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The College's graduate programs and the doctorate in Physical Therapy are among the newer academic offerings responding to the needs of the growing Southern New Jersey region and the state. In addition to the doctorate in Physical Therapy, Stockton's current graduate degree programs include:

- Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
- Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies
- Master of Arts in Education
- Master of Arts Instructional Technology
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Computational Science
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
- Master of Social Work
- Professional Science Master's in Environmental Science

The College has a tradition of offering unique opportunities for students to connect with highly credentialed faculty in research and community service, as well as graduation and retention rates among the highest in New Jersey. The quality of Stockton's academic programs and caliber of its faculty have been recognized by such organizations as the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, the National Science Foundation, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the Pulitzer Prize committee, the United States Air Force Academy and *The New York Times*.

"Our ranking is significant considering we were listed in the fourth tier in 2003 and the third tier in 2005," Dr. Saatkamp said. "We then bypassed the second tier altogether and moved directly into the first tier. During our three years in the top tier we have consistently moved up. Our rankings are impressive given the truly exceptional institutions with which we are now compared. It is fitting that our College, a public institution offering academic excellence, diversity, and affordability, is mentioned in the company of such other fine colleges and universities."

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