



Stockton College Graduates to Receive Degrees at Dec. 14 Commencement Ceremony

Distinguished Professor William T. Daly to Deliver Keynote Address

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Galloway Township, NJ - President Herman Saatkamp will preside over a Commencement ceremony at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on **Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014**, which will include a keynote address by a founding member of the college's faculty.

The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. in the Sports Center, located on the college's main Galloway campus.

As of today, 891 summer and fall baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degree candidates are slated to receive degrees this month. Over 750 baccalaureate degree candidates may participate in the Sunday ceremony with 135 master's and doctoral degree candidates participating in a spring Commencement ceremony in May.

William T. Daly, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, of Port Republic, NJ, will deliver the Commencement address. "Brilliant," "the best" and "big-hearted" are among the words students used to describe Daly on the college's Facebook page. Daly "started my love of politics," wrote Russell Huegel who took Introduction to Politics with Daly in the fall of 1988. "He always challenged me and made me work harder for him than any other professor. We were so lucky he came to Stockton," Jennifer King commented.

As a Mayflower founding faculty member, he delivered his first lectures in the meeting rooms of the Mayflower Hotel on the Atlantic City Boardwalk in 1971, where the college's first classes were held before the Galloway campus was complete. He smiles when he recalls the memory of pigeons puttering through paperwork on his desk after onshore winds steered them through his oceanfront office windows.

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Daly chose Stockton because he was drawn to the mission of universally providing the right kind of education to students across the board.

He was instrumental in the development of Stockton's Educational Opportunity Fund, the Basic Studies program and the General Studies program, and he chaired the institutional self-study which led to Stockton's initial accreditation.

Provost and Executive Vice President Harvey Kesselman recently noted that Daly has probably educated 15,000 Stockton students and has changed the lives of many. Kesselman added that he wouldn't be where he is today if it weren't for Daly's advising skills.

Daly has received three Outstanding Achievement Awards from the NJ Department of Higher Education, nine appointments by Stockton Student Senate as Social and Behavioral Sciences Professor of the Year, and he was the first recipient of the Stockton Alumni Association's award for outstanding service to Stockton students.

Student Senate President Carl Archut Jr., from Paulsboro, NJ, will deliver the student address. Archut is a junior Liberal Studies major with concentrations in Leadership and Hospitality Management. He is active in the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, the Stockton Entertainment Team (SET) and the Hospitality Society, and works as a Resident Assistant and student worker in the Office of the Dean of Students. With his extensive experience in campus life, he is considering a career in Student Affairs and plans to pursue a master's degree in higher education administration upon graduating in May 2016.

Dr. Betsy McShea, associate professor of Developmental Mathematics, will be the faculty grand marshal.

Editor's Note: It is recommended that the following language be published with the list of graduates.

The names in this list are those of degree candidates as of November 12, 2014, not those who have been graduated officially. Not every individual who is listed has received a degree from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and there may be omissions of graduates, as well.

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