

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## **Stockton Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. David L. Carr to Speak at One of His Last Commencement Ceremonies as Provost**

Kent St. John of Lindenwold to Receive Distinguished Service Award

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Provost Dr. David L. Carr will speak at Stockton's Annual Fall Commencement Ceremonies on Sunday, December 13, 2009. This year's commencement ceremony will be special for Dr. David Carr, who has attended commencement ceremonies for many years, because it will be one of his last as Provost of the College.

In June of 2010, Dr. Carr will transition from Provost to embark upon a new journey within the College. Dr. Carr will become the Senior Research Fellow for the College's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. Dr. Carr was a pivotal member, who collaborated with other key leaders to establish the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, which catalyzes research, analysis, and innovative policy solutions to the economic, social, and cultural issues facing southern New Jersey.

Dr. Carr earned his baccalaureate and master's degree from San Diego State University in Political Science and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Binghamton. In 1992, Dr. Carr began his career at Stockton as Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Carr was promoted to Vice President of Academic Affairs before assuming his current position as Provost and Executive Vice President from the position's inception in 2004. Prior to Stockton, Dr. Carr held teaching and administrative positions at higher education institutions in California, New York, and Minnesota.

Earlier this year, Dr. Carr was recognized by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. He received the prestigious William M. Platter Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement, which recognizes exceptional chief academic officers in higher education who have advanced the civic learning of undergraduates through programs and activities that encourage greater knowledge, skills, experiences, and reflection concerning the role of citizens in a democracy.

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Throughout his career at Stockton, Dr. Carr has expanded the opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and community members through the following initiatives:

- The Political Engagement Project, a program that addresses the serious problem of political disengagement in young people through a non-partisan approach that increases college efforts to strengthen student interest in politics.
- Establishment and support for activities promoting economic development, including the Small Business Development Center for Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland counties; The Stockton Center for Hospitality and Tourism research; The South Jersey Economic Review; and several community focused centers such as the Coastal Research Center and the Stockton Center on Successful Aging.
- Establishment of a vibrant program of service learning that engages students and faculty with the community.
- Developing plans for the Small Business Development Center and the Southern Regional Institute, resources that provide professional development to the K-12 community, local government, and other agencies. (Housed in the historic Carnegie Library building in Atlantic City, these programs were funded largely by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority.)

Dr. Carr's passions include politics, civic engagement, fly fishing, and photography. Dr. Carr's nature photography has been displayed at local exhibits, and many of his photos have been auctioned at Stockton's Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala to raise money in support of student scholarships.

Dr. Carr currently resides in Galloway with his wife Beverly. The couple has two grown children and four grandchildren.

Kent St. John, a lifelong resident of New Jersey and a key member of the NJN News team, will be recognized at commencement with a Distinguished Service Award.

Kent St. John is committed to many of the topics and issues on which he reports for NJN News. He serves as chief of the NJN News South Jersey bureau. A strong dedication to his work has earned Mr. St. John an Emmy Award nomination. He consistently delivers insightful and compelling reports on a wide range of topics, whether on location in South Jersey or in the NJN News studio in Trenton.

The NJN News team earned the 1996 Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for best news program from the Philadelphia chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Mr. St. John joined NJN in 1987 as part of the network's documentary team, *Target New Jersey*, and his early projects for NJN include *Atlantic City: The Ten Year Gamble* and *Going Home Alone*, a documentary about child care in New Jersey.

Prior to joining NJN, Mr. St. John was the morning news anchor for WDAS-AM/FM in Philadelphia. He also worked as the New Jersey Bureau Chief and editorial columnist for the Philadelphia Sunday Press; on the air at WWSJ-AM in Camden; WMBV-FM in Vineland; and NBS Radio in Philadelphia.

Kent St. John is a graduate of Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and a resident of Lindenwold.

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