

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## Richard Stockton College Gives Back to Surrounding Community

Students, Faculty, Staff Kick Off Fall Semester with Volunteer Activities

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Sometimes the most valuable lessons in life are the simplest—and they don't have to be taught in the classroom. Students, faculty and staff at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey begin each semester with an important learning experience, one that doesn't require textbooks or computer software.

Each September and January, Stockton College holds a Day of Service event, open to the entire Stockton community, to kick off the upcoming semester with community service projects. Participants take part in volunteer activities on campus and at locations throughout southern New Jersey.

Stockton College's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Service event will take place on **Friday, September 3, 2010**, just three days before the start of classes. From **8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**, a continental breakfast, registration session and welcome by Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., will take place in I-Wing Gymnasium. Afterwards, volunteers will depart to various service sites.

The College's Service Learning Office invites area organizations to participate and continuously seeks new community partners. The following is a sampling of the community partners who will host volunteer activities for Stockton students during the upcoming September event: Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Oceanville), Gilda's Club South Jersey (Linwood), Family Service Association (Egg Harbor Township) and the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey (Newtonville).

Dr. Saatkamp said, "Day of Service has become a tradition at our College. Last semester, the event drew a record breaking number of participants."

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Day of Service is about lending a helping hand, getting involved and spreading community engagement. Throughout the day, new students meet other new students, returning students reunite with classmates, freshmen have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the surrounding area and most importantly, students give their individual contributions to the community.

Area organizations interested in participating in future Day of Service events can contact Dianne Stalling in the Office of Student Development by e-mail at [stallind@Stockton.edu](mailto:stallind@Stockton.edu) or by phone at 609-652-4205.

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