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Stockton Social Work Students Seek Participation from Area Hispanic Communities

Hispanic Older Adults Invited to Campus Tour, Lunch, Activities

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Galloway Township, NJ- Social work students in Dr. Maggie Tang's advanced social work theories and methods class have worked throughout the semester to plan a campus tour for area Hispanic older adults.

Dr. Tang, an assistant professor of social work at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and her class have completed an agenda of activities that will take place on the College's campus. Hispanic older adults ages 60 and above are invited to participate in the event, which is free of charge.

The program will take place on **Wednesday, March 23, 2011**. Participants are asked to meet at 11:00 a.m. in the College's upper G-Wing lounge.

Participants will take a tour of the College's campus, including spots such as the Performing Arts Center, Art Gallery and athletics facilities. Games, lunch, singing and other activities are planned. The program will conclude at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Tang said, "This event offers students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience organizing a community event and working with and observing older adults."

The program also provides a valuable lesson in communication. The students will discover the most effective ways to communicate with Spanish-speaking older adults. Ashley Fisher, a junior social work major in Tang's class, believes that exploring ways to engage the older guests in the activities while finding multiple ways to communicate in a group setting will be important. Fisher hopes that she and her fellow students will strengthen their cultural competence.

Tang said, "Our program promises to illustrate the beauty and strength of culture."

Last year, Tang organized a similar event for Chinese older adults that attracted participation from nearly 70 Chinese seniors.

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The purpose of the event is two-fold. “My students will broaden their understanding and communication with Hispanic older adults, and as a result, both groups will be able to exchange ideas.”

In addition, the Hispanic older adults will be introduced to the numerous opportunities available to them at Stockton College.

The event is sponsored by the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA), which provides educational programming and services to respond to local, regional and statewide needs related to population aging.

To register for the event, please contact Dr. Maggie Tang at 609-626-6883 or by e-mail Maggie.Tang@stockton.edu.

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