

**THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**

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## **The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Embarks on Historic Expansion of Campus**

**Changes Underway as Campus Center Construction  
Highlights Numerous Projects Campus-wide**

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**Galloway Twp., NJ** – Positive changes are happening at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The campus is undergoing construction, renovation and infrastructure improvements for the benefit of students, faculty, staff and the community. While some of these changes may involve minor temporary inconvenience, the long-term gain will be a more open, welcoming and more beautiful campus for all.

Currently in the midst of the single largest construction phase since the original Galloway Twp. Campus opened in 1971, Stockton broke ground in May on the 157,000 sq. ft. Campus Center, a building that when completed will be the centerpiece of an evolving and growing campus. It will be Stockton's "front door" and more. The Campus Center will provide one-stop shopping for student services, eliminating the need to traverse much of the campus for student records, registration, scholarship information, the Bursar – almost anything related to the business of attending Stockton. The Campus Center has the added benefit of expanding much-needed additional classroom space in the other campus buildings, a fact that translates to better accessibility and capacity, as well as the ability to further increase course offerings.

"The Campus Center is certainly the most visible project currently underway and a very significant piece to the Facilities Master Plan," said President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. "What may not be as readily apparent is the fact it is but one of

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more than 60 separate ongoing projects to improve our facilities and services. We are in the midst of a significant transformation.”

Dr. Saatkamp said these projects include expansion and renovation of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, a major renovation to the Elizabeth Alton Auditorium, additional housing units to advance Stockton’s evolution toward a more residential campus, in addition to the Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage (ATES) system to heat and cool campus building in an environmentally-responsible manner. Other projects include upgrades to the campus infrastructure such as telecommunications services, replacement of HVAC units and numerous office renovations around campus.

“Visitors to Stockton’s campus who have not been here in a while will notice some significant changes and may have some concerns,” Dr. Saatkamp said. “The idea is to observe the construction area in terms of what it truly represents: an exciting new era for Stockton. We need to think in terms of what will be rising in that area and what it will mean for the entire Stockton community.”

The Campus Center construction, overseen by Stockton’s Division of Administration and Finance and the Office of Facilities Planning and Plant Management, was designed by award-winning KSS Architects, L.L.P. and VMDO Architects of Princeton, NJ. Stockton’s tradition of being one of the “greenest” colleges in the United States is preserved in this iconic building, which represents a cultural and social center at the heart of the campus and celebrates the tradition of environmental responsibility. The Center’s heating and cooling systems will run off the existing geothermal wellfield, one of the largest systems of its kind in the world. It will also have the potential to work with the new Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage system dedicated earlier this year. Both systems utilize the area’s groundwater to dramatically reduce fuel usage and emissions. It is also being built in keeping with the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Gold Standard in sustainable design.

“The Campus Center will be a beautiful yet functional, expansive yet energy-efficient example of Stockton’s ongoing commitment to its heritage of respect for the environment and preserving the benefits of our location in the New Jersey Pine Barrens as one of the world’s natural treasures.” Dr. Saatkamp said. Additional “green” features of the building include a storm water collection system to irrigate an on-site “rain garden” or indigenous and adopted plant species, solar roof panels to further reduce energy costs, and a sophisticated energy management system that will monitor conditions and automatically control the best alternative energy use for the needed heating, cooling, ventilation and lighting systems.

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“This is truly going to be a smart building,” Dr. Saatkamp said, “and also a very beautiful, welcoming one.”

The Campus Center will include event facilities for theatre productions and other campus events, an area capable of hosting large-scale dining functions, a food service market featuring multiple stations offering a wide variety of meal choices, a coffee house, and meeting rooms.

The building’s design includes outstretched trusses at the top of soaring interior and exterior columns, evocative of the College’s Pinelands home, and translucent skylights to allow natural sunlight to reach building occupants and to further reduce energy costs.

“The Campus Center is located at the head of what will be our Campus Green,” Dr. Saatkamp said. “It will be a centerpiece and a focal point of our facilities and also a symbol of Stockton’s rise to new heights as an institution.”

The Center is scheduled to open in Early 2011, in time for the 40th anniversary of the start of classes at the Galloway Township campus. In the meantime Dr. Saatkamp urged students faculty, staff and visitors to exercise caution near the construction areas and to heed signage to facilitate safe transportation and movement around campus.

For construction updates, time-sensitive community information related to campus changes including transportation and parking options, WebCams of construction, the Facilities Master Plan and much more, please visit [www.stockton.edu](http://www.stockton.edu) and enter “construction updates” in the search engine. This page offers timely suggestions on how to minimize inconvenience during this exciting time of campus change.

The following is a summary of some of the additional projects:

- **Alton Auditorium Renovation** – Construction is underway with a completion date of December 2008.
- **Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center Addition** – Construction is underway with completion scheduled in December 2008.
- **Sports Center Photovoltaic and Lighting** – College is in the planning stage of replacing some existing lighting with more efficient and environmentally-friendly lighting and installing “green” photovoltaic system.

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- **Additional Parking** - One of the former athletic fields is being paved to provide additional parking. Upgrades and improvement to other athletic fields will compensate for the former field's conversion.
- **Free-to-Be Playground upgrade** – An improved playground for the children at the Free-to-Be facility is currently underway.
- **Fire Alarm upgrades** - Carbon dioxide detectors are being added and fire alarms are being upgraded in Housing II and Housing III with completion scheduled by the start of classes for Fall semester 2008
- **Housing V Construction** – Four more residential “Living Learning” Communities will open in time for the fall semester, providing a state-of-the-art residential experience for 260 more students as Stockton moves toward the vision of a more residential campus. This construction will enable Stockton to guarantee on-campus housing for the first two years for incoming freshmen.
- **Entrance sign renovation** – Phase I of this project is currently underway at the main entrance to the campus off Jimmie Leeds Road as part of a comprehensive “wayfinding” program.
- **Renovation of the Lakeside Center** will address the need for increased food service seating to accommodate an additional 384 residential students in Housing V.
- **Nature Path Lighting** – The College will install pathway lighting along the Nature Path from the main campus buildings across Lake Fred
- **New roller hockey / skateboard rink at Lakeside Housing** - A new rink, bleacher seating and lighting for night intramurals is currently being installed.

The preceding is just a sample of the many campus upgrades currently underway at Stockton. A complete synopsis, along with updated information related to safety and transportation can be found on the College Web site.

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