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Stockton Selected as Member Institution in Homeland Security Consortium

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is one of 104 institutions nationwide to become a member of the Homeland Security and Defense Education Consortium (HSDEC).

A network of teaching and research institutions offering education, research and cooperation relating to the homeland security and national defense mission, the HSDEC institutions promote the sharing and advancement of knowledge.

The Homeland Security and Defense Education Consortium, or HSDEC, is a network of teaching and research institutions focused on promoting education, research, and cooperation related to and supporting the homeland security/defense mission. The consortium is committed to building and maintaining a community of higher education institutions supporting this mission and the overall homeland security effort through the sharing and advancement of knowledge.

Established by the North American Aerospace Defense Command and US Northern Command, the Consortium's tenets include:

- Ensuring the Department of Defense role and perspective on homeland security is accurately reflected in educational programs
- Promoting development of homeland security-related educational programs
- Focusing and facilitating research and development of homeland security measures
- Encouraging cooperation among member institutions

In 2006, Stockton established one of the first homeland security programs in the nation directly linked to a criminal justice graduate-level curriculum.

Major Mark Anarumo, Ph.D. of the United States Air Force Security Forces joined Stockton's faculty in Fall 2007 to assist in program development and to serve as a course instructor.

Major Anarumo's experience includes leading a squadron whose task is to provide security for the 43rd Airlift Wing, the 23rd Fighter Group, the 18th Air Support Operations Group and 11 tenant units' assets and weapons systems that includes more than \$1.4 billion in aircraft and \$784 million in infrastructure. His expertise includes the training and equipping of a dozen different types of deployable air base defense teams. He has achieved recognition as the Top Gun Award winner and the Honor Graduate and Leadership Award winner in a Ground Combat Skills Level IV course.

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