

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## **Kesselman Named Provost and Executive Vice President at The Richard Stockton College of NJ**

National Search Results in Appointment of Mays Landing Resident

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** After an exhaustive national search, Dr. Harvey Kesselman has been selected to serve as the College's next Provost and Executive Vice President, beginning July 1, 2010.

In making the announcement, Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. noted that "Dr. Kesselman exemplifies, at a superior level, the qualities sought in a Provost and Executive Vice President."

Dr. Kesselman brings to the position more than 28 years of experience in higher education. He has held a plethora of leadership roles at Stockton, including Dean, School of Education, CEO of the Southern Regional Institute (SRI) and Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC), Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Vice President of Student Affairs. Dr. Kesselman was also a member of the first graduating class from Stockton, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1979.

Dr. Kesselman holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration and an M.A. in Student Personnel Services/Counseling. He holds a Leadership in Education certificate from Harvard University's Institute for Management and Leadership.

As Dean of the School of Education, Dr. Kesselman instituted the Master of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership and has taken the lead in the establishment of the Stockton Center for Community Schools in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania Netter Center.

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In addition to his positions at Stockton, Dr. Kesselman has served on numerous national and state boards and organizations. He played a pivotal role on the Governor's Task Force for the NJ Stars program and was one of the primary authors of legislation signed into law by the Governor that improved the program. He is a nationally-recognized authority on campus judicial processes and served on the Panel of Experts for the U.S. Justice Department's Violence Against Women's Office. He has served in statewide leadership roles in areas including student assistance, affirmative action, Hispanic affairs, and the Equal Opportunity Fund, among others.

Dr. Kesselman succeeds Dr. David L. Carr, who is transitioning to an assignment as Professor of Political Science and Senior Research Fellow with the College's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. Dr. Carr previously served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

"It is both humbling and an honor to be selected to serve Stockton in this college-wide leadership position. I follow in the footsteps of a great Provost," Dr. Kesselman said. "I have a deep love of Stockton and will work tirelessly to ensure its continued success as one of the nation's outstanding public colleges."

The College contracted with a national search firm to work with an internal search committee to find a new Provost and Executive Vice President. The Office of the Provost has the central responsibility for all aspects of Stockton's teaching, research and service mission. The Search Team worked for many months recruiting, analyzing and interviewing candidates. Dr. Kesselman rose to the top through this search process.

"It became quite apparent during the search process that Dr. Kesselman's exceptional professional, personal and leadership qualities are precisely the right attributes for Stockton's future," said Dr. Saatkamp.

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