



Stockton Named a Public College of Distinction

Excels in Great Teaching, Student Engagement, Vibrant Community and Success of Graduates, Says Guide to Public Colleges of Distinction

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Galloway, NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey excels in having high-quality teaching, students who are engaged with the community, graduates who succeed and an exceptional campus atmosphere, according to the college guide, Public Colleges of Distinction.

“Stockton is a nationally recognized mid-sized public undergraduate and graduate college” with “the look of a private college but with one of the lowest costs within the state,” the guide said. “With a clear focus on student engagement and commitment to student success, Stockton prepares leaders for our community, state and nation.”

Public Colleges of Distinction also highlighted Stockton’s small classes, which average 20 students, taught by a faculty that is predominantly full-time and expert in its field.

It pointed to Stockton’s “stunning, 2,000-acre campus nestled in the environmentally protected Pinelands National Reserve” as well as its educational centers in Atlantic City, Hammonton, Manahawkin in Ocean County and Woodbine in Cape May County.

Stockton’s dual-degree agreements, including those with the University of Medicine and

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Dentistry, the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, and Rutgers School of Pharmacy were cited, along with dual-degree programs with Cornell University in veterinary medicine, and hospitality and tourism management; and with New Jersey Institute of Technology and Rutgers University for students interested in engineering.

Stockton is one of only three public colleges in New Jersey to earn the guide's recognition; the others are Ramapo College and The College of New Jersey.

Colleges and universities are nominated for participation in Colleges of Distinction by high school college counselors, college administrative members, and the Colleges of Distinction selection team, according to the guide.

"We interview senior administration, faculty, alumni and current students at each nominated college," Colleges of Distinction states on its [web site](#). "Feedback is gathered from administrators at other colleges and high school counselors across the country. We visit each of our colleges to get a feel for student engagement and quality of teaching."

The guide said it also uses a range of quantitative data such as graduation rates, classroom size, and other key stats that speak to its Four Distinctions: the success of its graduates, the quality of its teaching, student engagement and the atmosphere of its campus.

Stockton will be featured in the Public Colleges of Distinction eGuidebook available this fall.

The college was also recently named one of the "Best in the Northeast" by the Princeton Review, an education services company widely known for its test prep programs and college and graduate school guides.

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