

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## Richard Stockton College of NJ to Collaborate With Noyes Museum of Art, Celebrate With Events

Arts, Dance, Gallery Exhibits Set to Commemorate Partnership

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has entered into a collaboration with the Noyes Museum of Art that will benefit students and enthusiasts of the arts, as well as the College, Museum and the entire southern New Jersey region.

"I am delighted Stockton has entered into a mutually beneficial agreement with the Noyes Museum that will provide enjoyment for the southern New Jersey arts community, increase opportunities for our students and expand programming at the Noyes," said Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. "The College has a history with the Noyes family going back to our earliest days. In 1975, honorary Stockton degrees were conferred upon Fred and Ethel Noyes. Over the years, the Noyes Museum has hosted numerous Stockton events, including our annual Alumni holiday reception. This partnership is a natural fit."

Stockton, which has a longstanding commitment to the arts and humanities, will partner with the Noyes Museum and will provide significant renovations and upgrades to support an expanded array of educational opportunities, events, exhibits and performances at the nearby off-campus facility. Stockton is also home to one of the area's top Performing Arts Center, and its own art gallery.

Charles A. Bryant, Jr., President of the Noyes Museum Board of Directors, said, "As the only art museum in South Jersey, this partnership with Stockton will enhance and deepen the community's connection with New Jersey arts and culture."

Stockton's Visual Arts program is growing and a new Bachelor of Fine Arts degree is currently under development. Such areas as Communications Studies, Historical Studies, Language and Culture Studies, Literature and Philosophy are examples of how Stockton is serving the Arts and Humanities in southern New Jersey. The partnership with the Noyes is a natural extension of Stockton's commitment to the area's cultural scene.

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“A vibrant Noyes Museum is an asset to our community,” Dr. Saatkamp said. “Our ability to integrate the arts into our educational programming is adding value to our students’ education. This will be an extremely positive relationship, and we’re happy to have scheduled events as a preview for what our students and community can expect from the partnership.”

Michael Hyett, Esq., President of the Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winslow Noyes Foundation’s Board of Trustees said, “We view the partnership with great enthusiasm, and we’re confident that the future looks a lot brighter for our local cultural gem, the Noyes Museum of Art. Our entire region will benefit from the enhanced programs, exhibitions and educational opportunities that will soon unfold as a result of the collaboration. Our founders, Fred and Ethel Noyes, would be extremely proud of the way the seed that they planted some 25 years ago has flourished.”

In commemoration of the partnership, a weeklong celebration titled “Making Noyes at Stockton” has been planned, consisting of events, performances and gallery exhibits, February 24-27, all open and free to the public:

### **Color Lines: Three One-Act Plays by Richard Wright**

Wednesday, February 24

4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m., Noyes Oceanville

The Stockton Theatre Club brings to the stage three previously unpublished and unperformed one-act plays written by renowned author of *Native Son*, Richard Wright. These intriguing pieces were recently discovered by the Stockton Text Center.

### **Stockton Masterclass with Philadanco!**

Thursday, February 25

10:45 a.m. – 12 noon, Noyes Oceanville

Look on as Stockton dance majors study with The Philadelphia Dance Company, celebrated for its innovation and preservation of African-American traditions in dance. Philadanco performs the same evening at Stockton’s Performing Arts Center. To purchase tickets to this performance contact 609-652-9000. Orchestra \$40, Mezzanine \$25, Seniors take \$5 off, Children \$10 with adult ticket.

### **Make Some *NOISE* Arts Party**

Friday, February 26

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Noyes Oceanville

Meet the faculty of Stockton’s visual arts program, view the galleries and enjoy the music of jazz artist Michael Pedicine. Refreshments served throughout the evening.

### **Open House**

Saturday, February 27

10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Noyes Oceanville and Hammonton

Come browse the galleries. Admission is free all day long.

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**Images of Nature: Southern New Jersey and Beyond, Exhibit and Reception**

Friday, March 5

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Noyes Hammonton

This exhibit displays the photography of Stockton's Provost Dr. David L. Carr. Dr. Carr, a native of San Diego, has traveled the world with camera in hand and has captured in his photos the natural beauty of New Jersey, Tanzania, Alaska, and the American West.

**Editor's note (not for publication): On Tuesday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. there will be an official commemoration of the new partnership at the Noyes Museum of Art with a ceremonial signing of the agreement, reception, gallery previews, and special performance by the Bay-Atlantic Symphony Ensemble for students, Stockton and Noyes leadership, donors, and arts faculty. This event is invitation only. Media coverage is invited.**



From left to right: Charles A. Bryant, Jr., President of the Noyes Museum Board of Directors; Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., President of Stockton College; Michael Hyett, Esq., President of the Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winslow Noyes Foundation's Board of Trustees; and Michael Cagno, Executive Director of the Noyes Museum

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