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Stockton Provost Dr. David Carr Wins Prestigious William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement

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Galloway Township, NJ- Stockton Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. David Carr won national recognition this year for The William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement, which recognizes exceptional chief academic officers in higher education.

According to Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., "Dr. Carr's leadership, planning and evaluative skills have been of paramount importance to Stockton College. It was a pleasure to learn that he won this well-deserved honor."

Dr. Carr is a successful and key advocate for The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and its role in supporting New Jersey's surrounding communities. His dedication and commitment has spearheaded a number of vital initiatives including:

- The Political Engagement Project, a program that addresses the serious problem of political disengagement in young people through a non-partisan approach that increases college efforts to strengthen student interests in politics
- Collaboration with key individuals to establish the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, which works to uphold and instill in our citizenry the ethical standards of bipartisan collaboration and catalyzes research, analysis and innovative policy solutions to the economic, social and cultural issues facing southern New Jersey
- Establishment and support for activities promoting economic development, including the Small Business Development Center for Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties; The Stockton Center for Hospitality and Tourism research; The South Jersey Economic Review; and several community focused centers such as the Coastal Research Center and the Stockton Center on Successful Aging

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- Establishment of a vibrant program of service learning that engages students and faculty with the community
- Developing plans for the Small Business Development Center and the Southern Regional Institute, resources that provide professional development to the K-12 community, local government, and other agencies. (Housed in the historic Carnegie Library building in Atlantic City, these programs were funded largely by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority).

"I was honored to receive this national award that recognizes that civic engagement is a powerful learning tool," Dr. Carr said. "The skills of effective citizenship are also the skills that lead to success in the 21st Century workplace."

As Provost and Executive Vice President of Stockton College, Dr. Carr's role is pivotal in all aspects of the College's academic programming. He established new schools of Business and Health Sciences. Dr. Carr previously served the College as Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Prior to that time Dr. Carr worked at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. He earned his baccalaureate and master's degree from San Diego State University in Political Science and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

About The William M. Plater Award for Leadership In Civic Engagement: The William M. Plater Award for Leadership in Civic Engagement is a prestigious honor awarded to recognize the critical role that chief academic officers have in shaping the accountability, public advocacy, reform of academic programming and formation of partnerships within the county, state and nation to support civic-minded communities.

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