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Regional Internship Center of Southern New Jersey to Open at Richard Stockton College

Center to Provide the Best Fitting Internships for Students, Businesses

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Galloway Township, NJ- Area students can visit The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to learn about an opportunity to apply the skills they have learned in the classroom to real world scenarios through a recently developed internship program. The new Regional Internship Center of Southern New Jersey (RICSNJ) will facilitate the process of matching students and businesses to create fitting internships– giving students the chance to gain valuable work experience and businesses the talent they need to succeed.

In today's economic atmosphere, an internship appearing on the résumé of a recent graduate distinguishes a job seeker who simply meets the requirements from a job seeker who has taken the extra step. With an abundance of fresh graduates and a very limited number of job openings, the competition is fierce.

Sue K. Jones, a resident of Ocean City and the director of the Regional Internship Center of Southern New Jersey, explained, "The Center will offer students an opportunity to combine a quality education through the application of student knowledge in a customized internship program relevant to a potential employer's core business."

Sue Jones has over 30 years worth of experience working in southern New Jersey–the past 12 have been in higher education. Jones has worked in the hotel and casino industry in human resources positions, which included the responsibility of developing internships. More recently, Jones has developed business relationships through continuing education positions, outreach to the casino/hotel industry and as an adjunct professor.

The Center will facilitate the link between educational institutions, both higher education and K-12, students, and employers in the public and private sectors. To ensure that both interns and businesses get the most out of each partnership, the Center will provide counseling sessions prior to internship assignments. **-more-**

The RICSNJ is intended to be a resource for undergraduate students enrolled at Stockton in any major. Sue Jones said, "This partnership between educational institutions and businesses is founded on the assumption that an educated and experienced workforce is critical to the economic future of New Jersey. We want to attract students from all fields of study."

In addition to the new Center, Stockton College will collaborate with the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to prepare students for the workforce by determining their skills and talents. The ETS will also work closely with the RICSNJ to identify business with a need for potential interns.

Students are encouraged to visit the RICSNJ, which is located on Stockton's Pomona campus. Businesses can express their interest in initiating partnerships and students can stay informed of developing opportunities by following Stockton College Internships on Facebook.

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