

STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Stockton College Officially Dedicates New Campus Center with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

154,000 - sq. ft. Facility Opens as Part of Graduation Day

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Galloway Township, NJ- Richard Stockton College of New Jersey President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. presided over a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday to officially open and dedicate the College's new 154,000 – sq. ft. Campus Center.

The building's opening signals a new era for Stockton, adding much-needed space for classrooms and academic programs, student organizations, event and food services, "one-stop shopping" for campus business such as admissions, registrar, bursar, academic advising, career services and much more. The Center, built on time and on budget, is a key component of the College's academic mission, facilities master plan and 2020 strategic planning process.

"One of our biggest challenges has been operating the College at a severe space deficit, and the Campus Center provides us with the ability to add classrooms, faculty offices and student services and amenities," Dr. Saatkamp said. "This is more than just a building. As a result of its opening, we are no longer at a disadvantage in keeping Stockton accessible and attracting the best and brightest New Jersey students. What's more, the Campus Center provides a 'front door' for the College and a gathering place for our students, faculty and staff and community."

A large audience of graduates and their families, faculty, staff and administrators looked on as Dr. Saatkamp, and Board of Trustees Chair Stanley Ellis presided over the ceremonial ribbon cutting. The ceremony took place in between the College's morning and afternoon graduation exercises, in which a record number of 1,338 candidates received their diplomas. Robert Helsabeck, professor of sociology and president of the Faculty Senate, Kenan Kurt of the Student Senate and Megan Cumings of the Senior Class Council also participated in the ribbon cutting program.

"This building will be transformative to the College, Ellis said. "The president was very clear in expressing direction for the things he wanted to see in the Campus Center, and the final result certainly lives up to his vision."

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Dr. Saatkamp noted that in addition to the academic benefits of the building, the Campus Center would fit in with another key tenant of the College planning process: sustainability. He said the College had applied for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification, which requires 25 percent less energy use and 40 percent less water use than in conventional construction.

. Some of the building features include:

- An 8,800 sq. ft. event room which can be expanded and contracted to accommodate numerous events
- 400-seat food court
- Coffeehouse, game room and student lockers for commuter students
- Five meeting rooms
- Offices for more than 20 student organizations plus the student newspaper, radio and television stations
- A bookstore
- Wells Fargo Bank and ATM

The Campus Center represents an exciting new era at Stockton and will enable the College to better meet the needs of our students and community," Dr Saatkamp concluded.

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Photo Captions:

Photo 1: Stockton College President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. speaks before cutting the ribbon of the new Campus Center on Saturday

Photo 2: From left, Stockton College President Herman J. Saatkamp Jr., Student Trustee Janet Ta and Board of Trustees Chair Stanley Ellis cut the ribbon Saturday to mark the opening of the new Campus Center at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.