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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to Be Held at Newly Renovated Marine Science and Environmental Field Station

Growing Academic Programs Spur Field Station Addition

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Galloway Township, NJ- On Friday, September 18th, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's newly renovated eight-acre Marine Science and Environmental Field Station on Nacote Creek.

Dennis Weiss, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, will welcome guests with opening remarks and thanks; Donald Moore, Associate Vice President of the Division of Administration and Finance will discuss project development; and President Herman J. Saatkamp Jr. will proceed with the ceremonious ribbon cutting.

Program Schedule:

3:00 p.m. - Gathering

3:15 p.m. - Greetings, remarks, and ribbon cutting

3:45 p.m. - Self-guided tours of buildings, guided tours and trips on the R/V Gannet, and waterside refreshments.

5:00 p.m. – Program ends

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President Saatkamp said, "The Nacote Creek Marine Science and Environmental Field Station is one of our greatest facility resources at the College." "Stockton's proximity to both fresh and saltwater ecosystems gives students the unique opportunity to study a much more diverse assortment of marine life. We are pleased to be helping to make this facility even better for our students. This upgrade is part of a college-wide effort to improve and expand our academic facilities."

The Nacote Creek Rehabilitation and Upgrade Project began in the winter of 2009 and continued through the spring semester. An addition was built onto Building 501, the Teaching and Research Laboratory, nicknamed the log cabin, to increase space for larger and multiple course offerings. The computer lab was relocated and updated, an indoor seawater table was added for instructional use, the student lounge was improved, and a handicapped accessible restroom was added.

The Coastal Research Center (CRC), formerly located on the second floor of Building 504, was relocated to a new on-site building. The equipment storage building was replaced, and maintenance upgrades to pre-existing buildings were undertaken. In Building 504, the Management Office Building and Aquaculture Laboratory, the aging HVAC systems were replaced with new geothermal heating and cooling systems; a new potable well and septic system was installed; and pre-existing buildings were re-sided and re-roofed.

Greater academic demand initiated the renovation. Facility use is not limited to Marine Science faculty and students. The field station's user population has expanded over the years and currently includes students in Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, and the newly established Professional Science Master's in Environmental Science.

Beginning in the mid 1970s, Stockton's field station was located on rented space in Brigantine. However, in 1992, the current Marine Science and Environmental Field Station was purchased as residential property and converted into student laboratories. The Nacote Creek location, situated closer to the College, allowed for the growth of the field station and greater student involvement. In 1997, the National Science Foundation funded a renovation that converted the residential buildings into true teaching laboratories.

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