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Richard Stockton College of NJ Joins United Nations Academic Impact

Higher Education Institution Pledges to Promote Principles Including
Human Rights, Educational Opportunity, Sustainability

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Galloway Twp., NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has been designated by the United Nations as a member of the UN Academic Impact, a global initiative that aligns the College with the organization's guiding principles. The principles are in the areas of human rights, literacy, sustainability and conflict resolutions.

"Stockton is delighted to be a part of this partnership with the United Nations," Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. Harvey Kesselman said. "The vision and goals of the organization are in line with our academic mission, strategic planning process and our goal to become more global in scope."

The UN Academic Impact officially launched last month at a conference in New York City. Stockton was among the first institutions to participate.

"The critical role of higher education in economic and social development and as a foundation for world peace is widely acknowledged," said Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General. "By formally endorsing the ten principles of Academic Impact, institutions use education as an engine for addressing global problems."

The founding principles of the group include the following:

- Commitment to the UN Charter
- Human rights
- Educational opportunity for all
- Higher education opportunity to every interested individual
- Capacity-building in higher education systems
- Global citizenship
- Peace and conflict resolution

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- Addressing poverty
- Sustainability
- The “unlearning” of intolerance

“These principles are areas the College has long embraced,” Dr. Kesselman said. “It is gratifying to be a part of this organization and to know that many of the ideals we have promoted for decades are now being formally recognized and advanced in this partnership.”

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