



## **Stockton Students to Compete in National Campaign on Federal Debt's Impacts**

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Five students at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will compete with teams from 24 other colleges and universities in the national "It's Up to Us" campaign, designed to inform students about the long- and short-term effects of the federal debt and the impact it will have on their lives.

The competition, sponsored by the Clinton Global Initiative and Net Impact, aims to give students the opportunity to build a movement that addresses America's fiscal and economic challenges.

Student teams selected from across the country will compete to design and run thought-provoking, fun, and impactful campaigns about the effects of rising debt on economic opportunity and investment in the future.

Each team receives \$2,000 in budget funds to run their campus campaign for four-six weeks in early 2014. Campus campaigns are designed to activate a large portion of the study body with activities that may include speakers, rallies, petitions to lawmakers, video, use of social media, or writing for media outside the college.

The Stockton team is comprised of: Jessica Carey, team captain, a junior from Chatham, NJ majoring in Political Science; Katerina Childs, vice captain, a junior from Lacey Township who's a Criminal Justice major; Mico Lucide, of Galloway, and Ben Peoples of Yardville, NJ, both seniors majoring in Political Science, and Tarek Gad, a senior Economics major who is originally from Egypt but now lives in Egg Harbor Township.

They will compete against teams from New York University, Tufts University, George Washington University, Duke University and 20 other schools.

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The winning team will receive \$10,000 and be recognized by President Clinton at the 2014 Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) in March. Prizes of \$2,500 will be awarded to teams for special achievement in themed areas such as civic engagement and social media.

Team captain Jessica Carey attended the [Net Impact Conference](#) in California for training Oct. 24-26. The conference brought together 3,000 students and professionals who want to use their careers to tackle the world's toughest social and environmental problems, according to Net Impact's website.

“Recently, several students, including myself, have become aware of the debt crisis awaiting us after graduation,” Carey said. “More troubling than this fact is that the majority of students do not even know that this situation exists. We are simply trying to inform students of the predicament and inspire a conversation to start amongst them.”

Dr. Deborah Figart, professor of Education and Economics in the School of Education and Len Farber, director of Student Development, are the team advisors.

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