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Stockton, Atlantic Cape Ink Agreement for Dual Degree Program

Colleges Partner to Lower Cost of Education, Increase Degrees, Ease Admission and Transfer Processes

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Galloway Twp., – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and Atlantic Cape Community College have entered into an Articulation Agreement for a new Dual Degree Program (DDP) that promises to benefit local students by increasing degrees earned, and reducing the cost of their education.

The agreement, formalized with a signing ceremony today, also streamlines the transfer and admission process into Stockton. Upon successful completion, students earn an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree from Atlantic Cape as well as their Stockton Baccalaureate degree in their chosen program of study.

Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp and Atlantic Cape Community College President Peter Mora officially signed the agreement in the Grand Hall of Stockton's Campus Center.

"Stockton is proud to partner with Atlantic Cape to offer a Dual Degree Program to students in Atlantic and Cape May Counties," Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp

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said. "This program will ease the transfer and admission processes, and provide credit to Atlantic Cape for work completed there before transferring to Stockton College. This program provides the opportunity to earn degrees from both institutions."

Students participating in the program have the opportunity to reach their educational goals in a cost-effective manner, paying the Atlantic Cape tuition rate for all or part of their lower division Coursework and paying the senior public tuition rate once they transition to Stockton with as many as 64 earned credits. Students who meet the program requirements will be guaranteed admission to Stockton without loss of credit earned, up to 64 credits.

"The Dual Degree Program agreement between Atlantic Cape and The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey offers students incredible opportunities. The program will give students an incentive to complete their associate degrees at Atlantic Cape and receive greater access to Stockton at the junior level," Dr. Mora said.

New students may apply for the DDP immediately to be accepted in both the fall and spring semesters of the 2012-13 academic year. Transfer students enrolled at Atlantic Cape who have not yet applied to Stockton as first-year applicants are also eligible for consideration in this program. Students in this category must complete a DDP form available at Stockton and Atlantic Cape, along with their transfer application. Atlantic Cape students who wish to transfer to Stockton without having completed their associate's degree also may apply, provided they have completed a cumulative total of 64 credits. Students who have completed at least 32 approved credits in their Associate's degree program will earn an A.A. or A.S. degree from Atlantic Cape.

The DDP participants who have completed requirements for an associate's degree at Atlantic Cape are guaranteed to be admitted as juniors to Stockton with no loss of credit up to 64 previously earned credits. Those who transfer prior to earning an Associate's degree are eligible to receive it upon completing the balance of their 64 credits of course work at Stockton. Students must also meet the academic residency and degree requirements at Atlantic Cape.

All students enrolled in the program will take part in an "Orientation to Stockton" seminar, to ease their transition to the College.

Both Stockton and Atlantic Cape agreed to monitor the academic performance of each Atlantic Cape graduate enrolled in the program and to work individually with students to ease the transfer and matriculation processes.

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