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## **Stockton College and Educational Testing Service (ETS) Establish Regional Internship Center for Southern New Jersey**

Partnership to Prepare Students for Successful Careers Following Graduation

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has entered into a partnership with Princeton-based Educational Testing Services (ETS) to establish the Regional Internship Center of Southern New Jersey (RICSJ). The Center, the first of its kind in the region, has been designed to prepare college students for successful careers, and to promote the region's economic development through the supply of "career ready" graduates.

The new Internship Center will be located at Stockton and work with area businesses and educational institutions to assess the changing needs of companies and provide an appropriately trained workforce. The services of the Center will be available to all students in the southern New Jersey region, regardless of their institution.

"As one of the main economic drivers in southern New Jersey, Stockton is a natural fit for this partnership with ETS," said President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. "The Regional Internship Center of Southern New Jersey will enable students to benefit from real-world knowledge and developing awareness of processes and skills needed to compete in today's rapidly-changing job market."

Among other services, the Center will develop training programs for internship supervision, conduct counseling and coaching seminars and develop on-line workshops in career-readiness skills.

"Stockton is positioned well to host the Regional Internship Center and to deliver these very important services," Provost Harvey Kesselman said. "Our strategic planning process calls for the development of these types of partnerships. Both employers and institutions of higher education need to prepare students for global competition. Our dedicated and accomplished

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faculty, as well as the distinctive nature of our academic mission will enable the RICSJ to deliver a well-prepared college graduate for today's workplace."

The Center aims to:

- Provide a comprehensive service for all sectors of the region to access talent, and establish business partnerships that increase commerce
- Link students to potential employers early in their academic careers to develop regional human capital for economic growth
- Service talented students from all institutions of higher education to gain career-related knowledge as interns
- Enrich the talent pipeline for each employer by providing customized program designs to meet the strategic objectives for inclusion, diversity, innovation and leadership

Stockton and ETS are currently reaching out to business leaders interested in building a talent pipeline for their organizations and would like to explore what the RICSJ offers: a service that provides a customized internship program aligned with an employer's demand for skill and knowledge.

"Students and employers alike will benefit from this partnership," Dr. Saatkamp concluded. "Graduates will enter the workplace with a portfolio of rich experiences. They will gain real-world knowledge of a career path and the skills to contribute to our growing local economy or any economy."

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