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Stockton College Art Gallery Set to Open; Inaugural Exhibitions Feature Visual Arts Faculty Members' Work

Retired Faculty Member David Ahlsted's Recent Paintings Also Displayed;
Exhibits are Free and Open to Public

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Galloway Township, NJ - The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will officially open its new Art Gallery with inaugural exhibitions "*New Work by the Visual Arts Faculty*" and "*David Ahlsted: Recent Paintings*" from January 17 through February 22, 2012. The exhibitions are part of the College's academic year-long celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Teaching.

While the work of Ahlsted, a former faculty member and current visual arts faculty Marilyn Brent, Alfonso Corpus, Frank Kallop, Michael McGarvey, Jedediah Morfit, Hannah Ueno and Wendel White will provide striking opening exhibitions, the new Art Gallery itself will be a star of the show.

"This new facility is comparable the very best galleries one would see in New York or San Francisco," Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp said. "It is a superb venue to display the works of talented artists."

Located adjacent to the Performing Arts Center in L-Wing of the campus here, the gallery has two levels. The lower gallery contains approximately 2,250 square feet with 183 feet of wall space. The upper gallery features a floor cutout overlooking the lower gallery and also is approximately 2,250 square feet with 163 feet of wall space.

The lower gallery will show the visual arts faculty exhibition. In the upper gallery, Ahlsted's solo exhibition features a selection of painted studies for his commissioned murals in the new Campus Center. Ahlsted's four murals, *New Jersey Pine Barrens: Spring, Summer, Fall Winter* were permanently installed in the Campus Center Grand Hall last year and may be viewed there during regular Campus Center hours.

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