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Electronic Communication

In keeping with Stockton’s commitment to efficient and sustainable use of its resources, electronic communication is considered an official form of College communication.

E-mail: Computer Services assigns an official *goStockton* e-mail account to each student. In general, mass e-mailing is not supported by the College. Routine messages for members of the College community can be posted through the *goStockton* portal, listservs or Stockton’s Web site.

All members of the College community are expected to read their official Stockton e-mail accounts regularly. Redirecting Stockton e-mail to another account does not absolve a user from the responsibilities associated with timely reading of communications sent to an official Stockton e-mail address.

goStockton Portal: The portal is a campus-wide resource for news and information. Tabs are present for different constituencies—students, faculty, staff and alumni. Within the tabs, content and announcement channels contain relevant information from registration and grade information to special events and emergency announcements. The portal can be customized by individuals for ultimate usefulness.

Social Media: Many campus offices and student organizations maintain a presence on social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Foursquare.

Text Messaging: The College maintains an emergency text messaging system as part of our emergency communications. Individuals must “opt into” the service by subscribing on the *goStockton* portal’s Student Services tab, the Personal Information channel; click on “Update Emergency Text Message Contacts.” Up to two additional contacts may be designated to receive emergency text messages.

Web-based Documents: The College has a moral and legal obligation to inform its students and community of its policies, procedures and expectations. In order to fulfill this obligation and remain a good steward of resources, Stockton publishes its important policies and publications in digital format. The *Bulletin*, *Student Handbook* and *Guide to Residential Life* are accessible through the College’s home page using “student affairs publications” in the search box. It is each student’s responsibility to become familiar with the information contained in these publications.

Campus Expansion

Unified Science Center: To support the college’s Science and Mathematics Programs, a three-story building more than 66 thousand square feet in size is being constructed. The building will include laboratories, classrooms and support facilities and is expected to be completed by spring 2013.

While Stockton increases educational space on its main campus, it continues to increase educational opportunities community wide. The Hammonton Educational Center is a newly-renovated, historical building in western Atlantic County that will offer classes in its educational spaces, a computer lab and an art café.

The Manahawkin Education Center in southern Ocean County will provide courses for college credits and continuing professional education opportunities.

Agreements with the Noyes Museum of Art in Galloway Township and Hammonton, Dante Hall of the Performing Arts in Atlantic City and The Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage in Cape May County expand educational opportunities for Stockton students and community members throughout southern New Jersey.

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Campus Smoking Policy

Smoking poses a significant risk to the health of both the smoker and the non-smoker. The New Jersey Legislature finds tobacco to be the leading cause of preventable disease and death and that tobacco smoke constitutes a substantial health hazard to the non-smoking majority. The "New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act," prohibits smoking of tobacco products and the use of electronic smoking devices in all enclosed indoor places of public access and workplaces, with few exceptions. N.J.S.A. 26:3D-56, Therefore, smoking is prohibited on all campus property except within the gazebo structures specifically erected for such purpose.

*Cigarette butts are not biodegradable!
The life of a cigarette butt with filter
can be as long as 25 years!*

All buildings in the residential hall complexes are designated as smoke-free; therefore, all residents and guests are prohibited from smoking in any residence hall or apartment-style building. No smoking is permitted in these facilities at any time. In addition, no candles, ignitable lanterns, incense, flammable accelerants or similar products are permitted in any buildings.

All Stockton employees, students and visitors are required to comply with this policy. Normal administrative disciplinary procedures or the appropriate negotiated agreement grievance procedure will prevail for employee violators. Student violators will be called before the Campus Hearing Board. Violators may also be criminally charged with a disorderly persons offense and penalty fine up to \$200.00. (N.J.S.A. 2C:33-13).

Recognized Student Groups Policy

Students are expected to know and abide by the regulations governing recognized student groups, as set forth in the *Student Organizations Manual* and the *Operating Procedures for Fraternities and Sororities*. These publications are available in the Office of Student Development and online at www.stockton.edu/studentdevelopment.

Failure to abide by these regulations may result in judicial action for individuals and/or groups. For example, accepting membership into a group either suspended or withdrawn from recognition by the College is a violation of College policy and subject to judicial action.

Hazing

Stockton College recognizes that student organizations are an integral part of the College. They provide co-curricular opportunities contributing to the academic and social experience of students. This relationship carries with it certain rights of the College to protect and preserve an appropriate environment in which student organizations may operate.

Hazing Defined

The following act was passed by the New Jersey Legislature in 1980 with regard to hazing and aggravated hazing under the New Jersey Criminal Codes:

- A. A person is guilty of hazing, a disorderly persons offense, if, in connection with initiation of applicants to or members of a fraternal organization, he/she knowingly or recklessly organizes, promotes, facilitates or engages in any conduct other than competitive athletic events, which places or may place another person in danger of bodily injury.
- B. A person is guilty of aggravated hazing, a crime of the fourth degree, if he/she commits an act prohibited in subsection "A" that results in serious bodily injury to another.
- C. Consent shall not be available as a defense to disciplinary action and/or prosecution for committing acts of hazing.

New Member Bill of Rights

A new member shall have the right to be free of all activities that may constitute hazing while attempting to become a member of a student organization. Student organizations and their members are prohibited from engaging in or encouraging others to engage in activities that are defined as hazing. (See also N.J.S.A. 18A:3-24 et seq.)

EQUITY IN ATHLETICS ACT

Stockton College abides by all policies and procedures identified by the NCAA regarding the Equity in Athletics Act. All pertinent records relating to our student athletes are on file with the Office of Athletics and Recreation, Sports Center Room 303.

Guest/Visitation Policy

Guidelines

The Guest Visitation and Registration Policy is formulated to address the needs of the Stockton community. The policy's purpose is to foster a living/ learning environment in an open bucolic campus while recognizing privacy interests of students living in college housing. The College's housing areas are **not open to the public** and are open to non-residential students on a limited basis as articulated below.

The policy is anchored in a concern for safety and security where guest registration will provide invaluable information to the College in emergency situations. Because of the layout and openness where there are secured but multiple points of access to campus housing, the responsibility to register a guest is on the housing resident. Moreover, all guests must be mutually agreed upon by all assigned roommates as negotiated through roommate or community agreements. Where a roommate does not consent, students and guests may meet in common areas including residence hall lounges until 10 pm.

While College staff cannot know with 100% accuracy if all guests are properly registered, it is the goal of the College that guests in residential complexes between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. will be registered. If the College learns such "Overnight Guests" are not properly registered, 1) the guest may be considered a trespasser and subject to arrest and immediate removal and 2) the resident may be subject to College discipline and revocation of housing privileges with the forfeiture of any housing payment(s) made. The College may exercise its judgment as to how to proceed given the totality of the circumstances involved.

Non-residential Stockton students and non-students are required to be registered as guests by a resident student to enter any residential facility at the conclusion of a College-sponsored event. Any individual authorized to use computer labs in housing facilities is required to register as a guest of a resident student, should he or she remain in the housing area upon leaving a computer lab.

Overnight guests (staying between 10 pm and 8 am) are permitted in residential areas as long as guest registration procedures are followed. Each guest must have a resident student host and the host must obtain roommate approval for overnight guests. Each resident student is limited to two overnight guests at any one time. The Office of Residential

Life reserves the right to limit the number of overnight guests staying in a residential facility at one time. Guests intending to stay for more than one night must indicate the duration of their stay on the Guest Registration Form. Between the hours of 10 pm and 8 am, any unregistered guests or guests without a valid ID in their possession will be considered trespassers and may be subject to arrest. In addition to being arrested for trespassing, non-resident student guests could be subject to disciplinary action for failure to register after 10 pm.

This policy strives for but does not guarantee absolute safety to students, employees, guests, overnight guests, or visitors to the campus. The College is housed on an open campus that cannot be patrolled at all times in all places, and all employees, students, guests, overnight guests and visitors are advised to exercise prudent preventative safety measures.

Registration

Residents must register their guests using HousingNET in the Residential Life channel on the Student Life tab of the *goStockton* portal. Residents are expected to accompany their guest through the registration process. This registration validates that all roommates agree to the guest's stay.

Once the registration process is completed, you will receive a guest pass and a parking pass for their vehicle, if appropriate. Guests must carry ID and their guest pass with them at all times. Guest passes are valid for three consecutive days.

The parking pass must be placed inside the guest's vehicle on the dashboard where it will be visible from outside the vehicle. All guests of Housing 1, 4 and 5 residents **MUST** park in the North Lot only. All guests of Housing 2 and 3 residents **MUST** park in Lot 6 or any properly marked parking spaces for commuters/visitors.

Overnight guests will not be permitted in housing complex areas during Welcome Week orientation, exam periods and other times. The Office of Residential Life and Campus Police reserve the right to temporarily suspend guest privileges when it is in the best interest of the College community.

Residents with complaints concerning the visitation policy should contact the Office of Residential Life, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities or Campus Police.

Register guests online through the *goStockton* Portal's Student Life Tab in the Campus Living Channel.

Emergency Notification via Text Messaging

Opt in to the emergency text messaging system through the goStockton Portal.

This option is found in the Personal Information channel on the Student Services and Employee tabs.

The College maintains an emergency text messaging system that enables a limited number of campus administrators to send urgent text messages to cell phones of subscribers in the event of an emergency; *e.g.* school closing for inclement weather. Participation is voluntary and individuals must “opt in” to the program. The College does not charge for the service and participants may opt out at any time. The text messaging is an addition to the other emergency

communications such as cable television, e-mail, the College Web site, electronic message boards, voice messaging, electronic classroom notification system and local media.



According to Stockton’s Chief of Police, Glenn Miller, “While none of these methods is foolproof, collectively we have the ability to notify large numbers of people in a short amount of time.”

Emergency Building Evacuation Procedures

To ensure your safety in case of an emergency, review this procedure and familiarize yourself with all exits from classrooms, work areas and on-campus residences. If you hear an alarm or see a visual strobe light signal, assume that an emergency is in effect. Failure to evacuate is a violation of New Jersey law; violators are subject to penalties.

Exit through the nearest exterior door and assemble in the evacuation areas not less than 300 feet from the buildings. Please familiarize yourself with all exits and plan alternate route evacuations. If possible, carry your personal items upon evacuation. All doors should be closed, lights turned off and all areas totally evacuated. All classroom doors must remain unlocked during evacuation.

No one is permitted to use elevators during evacuation. Handicapped and/or special needs individuals on upper floors during evacuation should go to the nearest breezeway or connectway and wait for assistance from police or fire fighters. No one is to re-enter a building unless the signal is given by Campus Police, on-site fire officials or authorized designee.

Emergency Operations Planning

The College has extensive emergency operations plans in place using an “all-hazards” approach to planning. We work closely with the Offices of Emergency Management for Galloway Township, Atlantic County and the New Jersey State Police in developing and testing these plans. The Incident Command System is used in the management of our plans which we test several times annually and update as needed.

Our Emergency Procedures booklet is available in many areas on campus including all classrooms, the offices of the Dean of Students, Human Resources, the College Centers, Police Department and several other locations. You can also access this information on the Police Department Web site, www.stockton.edu/police or the goStockton portal’s Home tab, Campus Safety & Transportation channel.

PREVENTION is the most effective means of dealing with crime.
Notify police of any emergencies, suspicious behavior or dangerous situations.

Emergency: 9 1 1
Non-emergency: 609.652.4390

Stockton is required by law to disclose its graduation rates.
The graduation rate for the Fall 2005 cohort of first-time, full-time freshmen is 66%, as calculated under the reporting guidelines.
Visit the College’s Institutional Research Web site for additional information.

Community Safety on Campus

Residential Safety

Stockton is an open and accessible campus that also serves as the host site for several community and special interest groups. It is the responsibility of all users of the College and their guests to exercise prudence with respect to their personal safety.

- All students and guests must carry a photo ID at all times. Do not allow unidentified people into your residence.
- If you lose your ID card, report it immediately at Manage My ID in the Campus Living channel of the *goStockton* portal's Student Life tab.
- Value your safety and the safety of others. Keep residence doors and windows locked at all times.
- Keep cars locked at all times; secure valuables out of sight in the trunk. Bicycles should be secured and locked in racks; bicycles may be registered with Campus Police.

Stockton recognizes the importance of establishing and enforcing acceptable community standards and behaviors as they relate to established laws and regulations of federal, state and local agencies, as well as policies of the College. Here are some of the practices in place for your safety:

- The Campus Escort Program is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling the Police at 609.652.4390.
- Personal belongings such as TVs and computers should be registered through the Campus Police's Operation Identification program.
- Vehicle registration and display of parking decal is mandatory. Violations of parking and traffic regulations are enforced by the Campus Police.
- Guests and their vehicles must be registered at "HousingNET" in the Residential Life channel, Student Life tab of the *goStockton* portal.

Moving Safely Around Campus

The campus is well lighted, but some common-sense practices should be followed when walking, especially at night. Any student, faculty or staff may request an escort from Campus Police seven days a week, 24 hours a day by calling 609.652.4390.

- Employ common sense and be alert and cognizant of your surroundings. Watch out for suspicious persons and dangerous situations. Notify the police of suspicious persons by calling 911.
- Plan your route; take well-lighted, busy walkways whenever possible; never take shortcuts through poorly-lighted areas. Have your car or residence keys ready before you reach your home or vehicle.
- Do not walk alone. Use the escort program. If you walk alone, walk near the curbs avoiding alleys, entryways and shrubs.
- If you discover that someone is following you, get to a well-lighted area and telephone the police, 609.652.4390.
- *Never* accept a ride from a stranger. *Never* hitchhike.
- Commuters should lock any valuables out of sight in their trunks. Commuters using public transportation should adopt safety measures similar to those included herein.

**Campus Escort Program
is available 24/7 to *everyone* in the
Stockton community.
Call 609.652.4390
to arrange for an escort.**

Campus Crime Statistics

The Campus Police work closely with other offices on campus to address safety issues and maintain a safe, threat-free environment for students, parents, faculty, staff and visitors. Stockton's campus has not experienced a significant number of serious crimes.

In accordance with Public Law 101-542: *The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act*, the College is required to provide information relating to campus crime statistics and security measures to all persons on request. This act requires all colleges and universities to report incidents that fall under the following categories: murder, negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson and hate crimes. This Act also requires all colleges and universities to report the number of arrests for liquor law violations, drug abuse and weapon possession.

Stockton's Campus Police submit the monthly Uniform Crime Report to the New Jersey State Police. Crime statistics from the last three years include satellite campuses, in addition to the main campus. Refer to the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report on the Police Department's Web site for details of off-campus facilities.

For information on the Campus Police and campus safety, visit the Police Department's Web site at www.stockton.edu/police. The College's latest Crime Statistics Report and fire statistics are available in the *Annual Security and Fire Safety Report* publication available in the Campus Safety Channel on the *goStockton* portal's Home Tab.

Alcohol and Drug Education and Policies

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (PL 101-226) require Stockton College to certify the adoption, implementation and evaluation of programs to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The information provided in this publication can help you make reasonable and informed decisions regarding the use of drugs and alcohol. Additional information can be found in the *Student Handbook* and *The Guide to Residential Life*.

Education and Treatment Services

Stockton College

J-204

Alcohol and Drug Education

609.626.6855

Counseling Center

609.652.4722

Peer Educators

609.652.4701

AIDS Information Hotline

800.624.2377

Al-Anon

888.425.2666

www.al-anon.org

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Cape Atlantic Intergroup

609.651.8855

www.caigrp.org

www.aa.org

AtlantiCare Behavioral Health Center

Mental Health Services

609.656.5142

Addiction Treatment Services

609.645.3572

Lighthouse at Mays Landing

609.625.4900

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Helpline

800.992.0401

National Cocaine Hotline

800.262.2463

800.COCAINE

Park Bench

877.775.2624

Seabrook House

Admissions Office

856.455.7575

24-Hour Call Line

800.761.7575

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Alcohol Policy

As an institution of higher education whose primary purpose is the pursuit of academic excellence, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey emphasizes development of the whole student, personally, socially and educationally. In doing so, the College has established a policy regarding the consumption, distribution and/or possession of alcoholic beverages on College property. It follows that, with the academic mission at the forefront, co-curricular activities must enhance and not detract from academic pursuits of the community. This policy is based on the philosophy that community life at Stockton must demonstrate a respect for others as well as uphold the laws of the State of New Jersey. Consequently, the following policy guidelines are established and are in effect at Stockton:

A. Legal Drinking Age: All individuals of the Stockton community are expected to uphold all New Jersey State statutes relating to the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Senate Bill No. 885 (1982) stipulates the legal drinking age for the State of New Jersey: "The Legislature finds and declares and by this act intends, pending the revision and amendment of the many statutory provisions involved, to . . . extend to persons 21 years of age and older the right to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages..."

B. Permission to Serve Alcoholic Beverages: No programming event will be approved where consumption of alcohol is the primary or sole purpose of gathering.

C. Drinking in Public Areas: Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted, regardless of age, in Housing II and III residential facilities. Open alcohol containers are prohibited in any public area of the campus except when special permits are obtained through the College's Food Service Vendor. The disciplinary action for minor alcohol violations that occur in the housing and residence life areas will be administered by the Director of Residential Life or his/her designee. If the situation warrants, any violation can be referred to Campus Police or the Campus Hearing Board.

D. Responsibility for Conduct: Intoxication and/or disorderly conduct resulting from the use and consumption of alcohol, whether in private or public areas of the campus, will be dealt with according to College policies/regulations and other municipal and/or state laws. Any group or organization of the campus community sponsoring a function where alcohol is served will be held responsible to College, local and state authorities for ensuring adequate security and maintenance of the event at all times.

E. Violations: Violations of this policy include violations of federal, state and local laws and are subject to College disciplinary procedures and prosecution by local and/or state law enforcement officials.

F. License to Dispense Alcohol: The College Food Service Vendor is the only entity authorized to sell alcohol on the campus. Beer and wine are lawfully considered alcoholic beverages. Any individual or organization must obtain permission from our Food Service Vendor to dispense alcoholic beverages on campus. The Food Service Vendor will obtain a license or

special permit from the New Jersey State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control in order to dispense alcoholic beverages at events or activities where alcoholic beverages are sold; tickets, donations, or other special assessments are purchased for admission; or at events where the price of alcoholic beverage is included in the price charged for food, refreshments and/or entertainment.

G. College Priorities: The College reserves the right to prohibit the serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus whenever such activity is considered detrimental to the conduct of educational functions. Alcohol is not permitted at any student club/organization sponsored event, unless the club/organization obtains permission from the College's Food Service Vendor. Student clubs/organizations are responsible for assuring that no alcohol is present at their events unless the club/ organization obtains permission from the College's Food Service Vendor (see F above).

H. Housing and Residential Areas: Students who are of legal drinking age (*i.e.*, 21 years of age and older) may consume alcoholic beverages only within the confines of individual Housing I, IV and V apartments and Seaview, pursuant to College regulations established in the *Guide to Residential Life*. Campus Police and members of Residential Life staff reserve the right to prevent loitering of individuals carrying or consuming alcohol in or around our housing, dormitory and courtyard residences. Violations of the alcohol policy occurring in residential areas are subject to administrative disciplinary sanctions as outlined in the *Guide to Residential Life* and the lease agreement.

I. Intoxication: The State of New Jersey passed a law which states that minors who drink and drive will be cited with a DWI offense if they have a blood alcohol level of .01.

Parental Notification

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 authorizes institutions of higher education to inform a parent or legal guardian of any student, under the age of 21, who has been found in violation of any law or College policy governing the use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances. Therefore, the College reserves the right to notify parents or guardians of students under the age of 21 regarding any violation related to alcohol or drug policies. The Dean of Students or designee may notify parents of alcohol/drug related disciplinary/judicial matters. The student will normally receive notice before any notification to parent (guardian) occurs unless emergency circumstances warrant otherwise.

Alcohol Poisoning

Symptoms include:

- Consumed a large volume of alcohol in a short time
- Unconscious; cannot be awakened
- Cold, clammy, unusually pale or bluish skin
- Slow or irregular breathing; less than eight times a minute or ten seconds or more between breaths
- Vomits while passed out without waking during or after

Remedial actions, if you suspect alcohol poisoning:

- DO SOMETHING; don't worry about the person's subsequent thoughts or attitude
- DIAL 911 immediately
- STAY with the person and monitor his/her breathing. Start CPR, if breathing stops

Refer to the "Good Samaritan Policy" in the *Student Handbook* regarding providing assistance during alcohol abuse emergencies.

Campus Drug Policy

All state, federal and local laws and ordinances regarding the possession, use and distribution of drugs, both legal and illegal, as well as laws pertaining to the use and sale of alcohol, apply to activities at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Stockton has incorporated, by reference, the prohibition of state law on the use, possession or distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs or controlled dangerous substances into its Campus Code of Conduct. Members of the College community and their guests who are charged with possession, possession with intent to distribute and/or intent to sell drugs will be held accountable through appropriate administrative offices of the College (*e.g.*, Campus Police or Office of Residential Life) and the Campus Hearing Board.

Resident students charged with possession of drugs with intent to distribute or with selling drugs may have their housing privileges temporarily suspended pending the results of the Campus Hearing Board process. Students found responsible for selling drugs will be immediately and permanently removed from campus housing and will be subject to disciplinary proceedings, which may result in suspension or expulsion from the College.

Students charged with possessing or using drugs or possessing drug paraphernalia or who are present in any residential, recreational or academic area on campus where a drug violation is taking place, even if not actually in possession of or consuming the substance, are subject to disciplinary action through the Campus Hearing Board process.

The College provides alcohol and drug education programs, including individual counseling and referral through the Counseling Center and Office of Alcohol and Drug Education; both are located in J-204 of the main campus complex. Students who seek peer support can contact the Peer Educators in the Office of the Health Educator.

State Statutes Regarding Substance Abuse

The following is a selection of New Jersey statutes dealing with substance abuse offenses. Learn about these laws so that you can act appropriately within the law. (Source: New Jersey Statutes NJSA 2C:33-15 and NJSA 2C:35-1 *et seq.*)

- Anyone convicted of distributing a controlled substance to a person under age 18 will be subject to twice the term of imprisonment, fine and penalty.
- "Distribute" does not necessarily mean "sell." Passing or attempting to transfer drugs to another may be considered distribution, even if no money changes hands.
- New Jersey law provides strict liability for drug-induced deaths. Even if the victim voluntarily takes the drug, the person who distributes or dispenses the controlled dangerous substance can be prosecuted for a homicide.
- Anyone convicted of any drug offense, including use, will have to pay a special cash penalty which starts at \$400 and goes up to \$3000. This money is intended for drug enforcement and prevention programs.
- Anyone convicted of any drug offense will automatically lose his or her driver's license for at least six months. It doesn't matter if a car was used in committing the offense.
- The penalties for a first DWI offense (i.e., operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs) in New Jersey are as follows:
 - Up to one year loss of driver's license
 - Possibility of 30 days in jail
 - Minimum of \$3,530 in fines, costs, fees, etc
- Drivers and passengers are subject to a \$200 fine for consumption of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle.
- New Jersey law also prohibits an "unsealed container" of an alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle. Drivers and passengers are subject to mandatory \$200 fines for a first offense and will perform a mandatory ten days community service for a second offense. An "unsealed container" includes a glass or cup.
- Anyone under 21 years old who consumes or possesses any alcoholic beverage in a public place or a motor vehicle is a disorderly person subject to up to six months in jail and a fine up to \$1000.
- Anabolic steroids are controlled substances. Convictions for distribution carry fines of up to \$7500 and a prison term between five and ten years.

Underage Drinking and Driving

If you are under 21 and drive with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.01% or higher, you will be subject to the following penalties:

- Loss or postponement of driving privileges 30-90 days
- 15 to 30 days of community service
- Participation in a program of alcohol education and highway safety

Weapons on Campus

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey prohibits the use or possession of any weapons, as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:39-1, in all campus buildings and on all College properties and at all College-sponsored events. The prohibition of use and possession of weapons as defined below applies to students, employees, independent contractors and visitors/members of the public, including those who have a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon. Violators of this policy may be removed from campus, arrested, expelled, suspended, placed on probation or given a lesser sanction for good cause consistent with due process. Individuals shall be held accountable through the criminal justice system and/or the Campus Hearing Board. The prohibition may not apply to authorized law enforcement personnel pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:39-6 if an exemption applies to carry a weapon on campus.

All state and federal statutes and local ordinances regarding the possession of firearms and weapons, including imitation firearms, both legal and illegal apply on all College property and at College-sponsored events and any applicable statutes, laws, regulations and ordinances, are hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth here at length. Under New Jersey statutes, weapons mean:

Anything readily capable of lethal use or of inflicting serious bodily injury.

The term includes, but is not limited to: air guns, spring guns or pistols or weapons of a similar nature in which the propelling force is from an elastic band, carbon dioxide, compressed or other gas or vapor, air or compressed air or ignited by compressed air and ejecting a bullet or missile, knives, clubs, night sticks, metal knuckles, firearm silencers, armor piercing ammunition, zip guns, chemical substances, i.e. pepper spray over 3/4oz. (See, N.J.S.A.2C:39-6(i) setting out permissible conditions for carrying chemical substances for personal self-defense.) Note is taken that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C: 39-5(e)(1), any person who knowingly has in his/her possession any firearm in or upon any part of the buildings and grounds of any college or university without authorization of the governing officer of the institution, is guilty of a crime of the third degree, irrespective of whether one possesses a valid permit to carry the firearm or a valid firearms purchaser identification card.

It is acknowledged that there may be special circumstances when a weapon or imitation weapon may be needed for use in a theatrical performance, class demonstration, movie shoot, or student-sponsored event, etc. If use and/or possession is necessary, written authorization to use and/or possess such shall be obtained through the Stockton Police Department, Chief of Police 609.652.4390. Stockton Police reserve the right to inspect such firearm or weapon and determine where such may be authorized for use and storage, the times that such may be used and the manner in which the firearm or weapon may be used and stored. Approval will be based on College safety standards, applicable state and federal law, as well as a documented plan for the secure storage, handling and care of the weapon.

Campus Conduct Code

The following regulations govern the conduct of all administrators, faculty, staff, other employees and students and all visitors, guests and licensees while they are on the campus or in College-owned or controlled facilities. These regulations shall not preclude enforcement of applicable federal, state and local laws or ordinances. The College is in no way a sanctuary from the law, and all persons who violate the law must expect to pay the penalties of the law.

The Campus Conduct Code specifically prohibits the following actions. Additional information regarding any of these prohibitions can be found in the *Student Handbook* or by contacting the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

1. Dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism or knowingly furnishing false information to any College administrator, staff or faculty.
2. Forgery, alteration or misuse of College documents, records, identification cards, other official College database files or other misuse of the College's computerized systems.
3. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, public service functions or other College activities on College premises.
4. Theft, obtaining property under false pretenses, knowingly possessing or receiving stolen property, destroying or damaging, or threatening to destroy or damage property of the state or any person.
5. Any action that harms, threatens bodily harm or presents an imminent danger of harm to any person. (See Disposition of Domestic Violence Complaints.)
6. Any act of sexual assault or sexual contact under circumstances of physical force, intimidation or any other nonconsensual circumstance. (See Campus Sexual Assault Policy.)
7. Conduct which is severe, pervasive or persistent in nature that constitutes a) an invasion of an individual's right to privacy, or b) conduct that violates the College's policy prohibiting discrimination. (See Student Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Academic/Educational Environment.)
8. Possession, use, distribution or attempted distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs, controlled dangerous substances or drug paraphernalia that are prohibited by state or federal laws or knowingly being present at the time of the prohibited conduct.
9. Possession or use of a firearm, explosive, dangerous chemical or other dangerous weapon in contravention of federal, state or local laws or College policies and procedures.
10. Inciting or inducing others to engage in any conduct or to perform acts prohibited herein. Inciting means the advocacy of imminent lawless conduct by the person(s) addressed and must be coupled with a reasonable apprehension of imminent danger to the property, functions and purposes of the College, including the safety of College community members. Inducing means offering another person any incentive to engage in prohibited conduct or prevailing upon them to engage in such conduct.
11. Disorderly, lewd, indecent or obscene conduct such as exhibitionism, on or off the College property or at a College-sponsored or a supervised function.
12. Unauthorized use of the College's name, logo, finances, materials and supplies (including stationery bearing the College's letterhead), or facilities (including computer facilities) for commercial, personal or political purposes.
13. Refusal to comply with a request, directive or order from an official of the College, including Campus Police officers, members of the College administrative staff or other authorized persons acting in the performance of their official College duties and responsibilities.
14. Unauthorized entry into and/or use of College facilities/equipment, including but not limited to the library, athletic facilities and equipment, galleries, classrooms, television/video equipment, computers or confidential files. (See Computer and Communication Facilities Standards.)
15. Possession, consumption and/or distribution, or attempted distribution of alcoholic beverages in contravention of federal, state or local laws or College regulations.
16. Off-campus actions and/or behaviors that violate laws and regulations of federal, state and local agencies, as well as policies of the College. When considering this code a Complainant must specify which other code violation, law and/or regulation(s) herein represents misconduct occurring off-campus.
17. Violations of established College policies or regulations and any other procedures or regulations officially promulgated by the College and/or the State of New Jersey. When considering this code, a Complainant must specify which policies or regulations, not included herein, represent a violation of this code.

Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities
F-107, 609.626.3585

Sexual Assault Policy

A Universal Crime

Sexual assault is an act committed against a person's will, involving the threat or use of force. Both men and women can be victims. In the State of New Jersey, sexual assault is defined as an act of sexual penetration with another person using either force or coercion, or committing an act of sexual penetration on a victim who is physically helpless, mentally defective or mentally incapacitated at the time of the sexual assault.

Due to many misconceptions surrounding sexual assault, victims often do not seek support or professional help. If you are a victim of sexual assault, know that you are not alone; resources are available on campus and in the community to assist and support you.

If You Are Sexually Assaulted

- Get to a safe place (see list on this page)
- Do not change clothes, bathe, shower or douche
- Do not eat, drink, smoke or urinate
- Get immediate medical attention
- Talk with someone you trust; you are not alone
- Believe it is not your fault
- Give yourself time to heal; seek professional help

Campus Police
911 or 609.652.4390

Stockton College
Counseling Center
J-204
609.652.4722

Campus Sexual Assault Policy

Sexual assault is a crime prohibited by College policy, and by state and federal law. Sex crimes committed in New Jersey fall under Chapter 2C of the Criminal Code. Every member of our community has a right to an environment void of coercion and assault. It is the responsibility of each person affiliated with the College to respect the personal dignity of others.

The College will impose sanctions in accordance with appropriate College processes upon any person found to have violated this policy, including, but not limited to, suspension or permanent expulsion. In addition, an individual charged may be subject to prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

Campus Community Advisory Notice

Federal law requires sex offenders, who must register under state law, to provide notice of enrollment or employment at any institution of higher education and to provide notice of each change of enrollment or employment status at the IHE.

Information regarding registration of sex offenders may be obtained by written request to the Campus Police.

Victim's Bill of Rights

The State of New Jersey recognizes that the impact of violence on its victims and the surrounding community can be severe and long lasting. Thus, it has established a Bill of Rights to articulate requirements for policies, procedures and services designed to insure that the needs of victims are met and that the colleges and universities in New Jersey create and maintain communities that support human dignity. The Campus Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights (NJS18A:61E-1 *et seq.*) is accorded to victims of sexual assault that occur:

- on the campus of any public or independent institution of higher education in the State of New Jersey, and
- where the victim or alleged perpetrator is a student at that institution, and/or
- where the victim is a student involved in an off-campus sexual assault.

New Jersey's Campus Sexual Assault Victim's Bill of Rights mandates human dignity rights, access to resources, campus judicial process, investigation and adjudication, and campus intervention. For complete information, refer to the Student Handbook online at www.stockton.edu/sapublications.

Allegations of Sexual Assault: Safe Reporting Places

The following safe places are available on campus and in the surrounding community for reporting allegations of sexual assault. Individuals choosing to report an incident of sexual assault to trained college officials will be informed of reporting options and supplied with medical and counseling referrals. Trained College officials are available to assist victims throughout the reporting process.

Affirmative Action Office, L-214	609.652.4693
Campus Police,* Bldg. 71	9-1-1
Counseling Center, J-204	609.652.4722
Dean of Students, Campus Center 243	609.652.4645
Health Services	
West Quad Building, Suite 108	609.652.4701
Office of Student Rights and	
Responsibilities, F-107	609.626.3585
Residential Life, A-100**	609.652.4332
Residential Life, Hsg IV, 82-3 and 82-4	609.652.4697
Title IX Coordinator, Nancy W. Hicks, L-214	609-652-4693

* 24-Hours;

** Weekdays until midnight; weekends, noon until midnight

Off-campus Support:

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center	
City Division	609.344.4081
Mainland Campus	609.652.1000
Atlantic County Women's Center	800.286.4184
Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network	800.656.HOPE

Prohibitions Against Discrimination and Harassment

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is committed to providing every student and employee with an environment free from discrimination or harassment. Students, employees and applicants for employment can access the full text of the College's discrimination policies online at the College's Office of Affirmative Action and Ethical Standards.

Protected Categories

Discrimination or harassment based on the following protected categories is prohibited and will not be tolerated.

race	atypical hereditary cellular/blood trait
creed	genetic information
color	ancestry
nationality	national origin
age	marital status
sex/gender	gender identity or expression
familial status	domestic partnership status
religion	affectional or sexual orientation
disability	civil union status
liability for service in the Armed Forces of the USA	

the workplace/educational environment, such as any field location, any offsite business-related social function or any facility where College business is being conducted and discussed.

This policy also applies to third party harassment. Third party harassment is unwelcome, severe, pervasive or persistent conduct involving any of the protected categories that is not directed at an individual but is a part of that individual's work or academic environment. Third party harassment based upon any of the aforementioned protected categories is prohibited by this policy.

Outside groups contracted by the College to perform on-campus services come under the purview of this statement.

Sexual harassment is a form of unlawful gender discrimination and likewise, will not be tolerated. Sexual (or gender-based) harassment includes hostile environment, *quid pro quo* or same sex harassment.

Applicability

The College's policies against discrimination apply to conduct that occurs in the workplace and the educational environment. Coverage includes conduct which occurs at any location that can be reasonably regarded as an extension of

Resources for Students with Disabilities

"No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States...shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."
 --Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Federal law defines individuals with disabilities as those who have "a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities." Disabilities can be highly visible or less visible, such as learning disabilities.

The College has the affirmative obligation to provide reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities to ensure equal academic opportunity. However, all students must meet all essential college requirements. Any student at Stockton with a physical, sensory, emotional or learning disability should meet with personnel from the Learning Access Program as soon as possible. Even students who have a mild disability may find it beneficial to speak with the LAP staff. Every effort will be made to provide assistance and/or referral so that individuals with physical, psychological or learning disabilities can participate fully in the life of the College community.

Under Section 504, a recovering alcoholic or drug abuser may be a person with a disability. Current drug or alcohol abusers may be considered disabled under Section 594, but not under the ADA. Under both laws, a person may not be qualified for an educational program because of adverse behavior that sometimes accompanies alcoholism and drug addiction.

A "qualified individual" is defined as one who meets the academic and technical standards requisite to admission or participation in the institution's programs and activities. This would include students with any of the disabilities or impairments in the list given here:

AIDS	Deafness/hearing	Mental retardation
ADD	Diabetes	Multiple sclerosis
Alcoholism	Drug addiction	Muscular dystrophy
Blindness/visual	Epilepsy	Orthopedic or speech
Cancer	Heart disease	Perceptual handicaps
Cerebral palsy	Mental illness	(e.g. dyslexia)

Learning Access Program
 Counseling Center, J-204, 609.652.4988

Parking and Transportation

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's location in the Pinelands National Reserve, the country's first National Reserve means we have a responsibility to retain the integrity of our beautiful natural setting and to abide by legal mandates that come with residence in this unique environment. One of the consequences is that the College is limited in the amount of paved parking that can be provided.

The Stockton Police Department continues its efforts to ease campus parking concerns for residential and commuting students, faculty, staff, visitors and guests. The following regulations are in effect this academic year and are designed to improve parking conditions on campus for everyone.

All residential students must register their vehicles online through the *goStockton* portal at HousingNET and obtain parking permits from their respective Residence Life offices. This parking permit must be permanently affixed to the outside rear window on the driver's side of their vehicle.

Residential students must keep their vehicles parked within their respective residential parking areas between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, while on campus.

Residents of Housing 1, 4 and 5 are required to use residential area parking lots north of Lake Fred. The Lakeside Center parking lot (between B-C Courts) is only for properly permitted handicapped students and service vehicles. Laurel Lane is only for permitted service vehicles. Student vehicles are prohibited from driving or parking on Laurel Lane and it is not a drop-off area. Designated "drop-off" areas are established by signage in Housing 1, 4 and 5 parking areas. A maximum 15 minute drop-off/pick-up period is allowed.

Residents of Housing 2 and 3 are required to park in lot 7. **Staff, faculty and commuter students** are not required to obtain parking permits and are permitted to park in Lots 1 through 6, designated sections of Lot 7 and the North Lot along Rt. 575 until 11:00 pm (use the shuttle to the main campus).

Shuttle Service and Public Transportation

During the fall and spring semesters, the College provides free shuttle service between the main campus and the campus residences north of Lake Fred. Additionally, service is provided between Stockton Seaview and the main campus.

The first route, known as A&S, begins at 7:45 am with a last departure at 11:00 pm from the Arts and Science Building, Monday through Thursday. Students may board at stops on Oak Pond Road, at the Commons Building and Greenbriar Court.

The second route, known as CC, begins at 8:00 am with the last departure from the Campus Center at 10:15 pm, Monday through Thursday. Students, faculty and staff may board in the North Lot, at the Commons Building #80 and Greenbriar Court. There are three drop off locations in front of the Campus Center: top of Lot 1, main Campus Center entrance and the left side of the Center, for those riders with a final destination of the Sports Center.

The third route is the Seaview route. To view the schedule, go to the transportation Web site by entering "transportation" in the search area on the College's home page.

Please note that Friday shuttle service ends at 5:15 pm.

For assistance with transportation, call 609.652.4415.

South Jersey Transportation Authority provides shuttle service between the main campus and the Egg Harbor City Rail Station. This service is free for students, faculty and staff. Check for an updated schedule on the *goStockton* Portal's home tab, in the Campus Safety and Transportation channel.

NJ Transit bus schedules are available in the Campus Center. Commuter students should visit or call the Office of Student Development (609.652.4205) for carpooling information and to meet other commuter students.

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