



Stockton's Retail, Hospitality & Tourism Network Co-Hosts South Jersey Industry Week

Events for Job Seekers Co-Sponsored by Fairleigh Dickinson

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Galloway Township, NJ - The Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Talent Network of South Jersey at The Richard Stockton College is co-hosting a Retail, Hospitality & Tourism Industry Week throughout South Jersey from March 17-21, 2014 with the RHT Talent Network North at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The Retail, Hospitality and Tourism (RHT) Talent Network works with businesses and other workforce organizations to determine the skill sets and experience they are looking for in employees, as well as industry trends and current workforce issues. The RHT Talent Network of Southern New Jersey, funded by a \$200,000 grant from the N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development, utilizes its resources, such as Stockton's major in Hospitality and Tourism Management and the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute for Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism (LIGHT), to connect those who are unemployed or under-employed with the tools to better qualify for opportunities guided by the needs of the employers.

Industry Week raises awareness of the industries in this business group by showcasing a series of events focusing on the employers and jobseekers.

The following events are planned:

- **March 17: Kick-Off Event at iPlay America**, 110 Schanck Road, Freehold from 1-3 p.m.

Rick Mazer, with Caesars Entertainment; Tim McMahon with CJ McLoone's Restaurant, and Colleen Ansbach with Simons Mall Management Group in Flemington, will be honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their contribution to their industries. Each recipient started in an entry-level capacity, and now holds a top management position in his or her company.

- **March 18: Speed Networking Event** at Kula Café, 1201 Springwood Ave., Asbury Park from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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A partnership with Monmouth County Workforce Investment Board and the Monmouth and Ocean County Food Bank Job Readiness Class, focusing on communication skills and/or professional culinary skills among young people ages 18-21.

- **March 19 and 20 in Atlantic City:** The RHT Talent Network is sponsoring **the New Jersey Governor's Conference on Tourism** at the Golden Nugget, hosted by NJ Travel Industry Association.
- **March 20: Monthly RHT Connect Networking Event** at the Carnegie Center, 35 S. Dr. MLK Blvd., Atlantic City at 2 p.m.

Jobseekers throughout Atlantic County are invited to come and share challenges, discuss ideas, share support experiences and receive advice on their job search.

- **March 20: Spring Training Workshop in Cumberland County** at the Cumberland County One Stop Career Center, 275 N. Delsea Drive, Vineland expected to run from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Event focuses on refining customer service skills, soft skills, cash handling, communications, presentation and other workplace hurdles.

Participants will receive preparation for a job fair the following day, where jobseekers will have priority service after successful completion of training workshop.

- **March 21: Spring Job Fair at the Cumberland Mall** in Vineland from 12 noon-2 p.m., with career-focused fashion show at 11 a.m.

This partnership with Cumberland County One Stop Career Center will bring over 20 employers and vendors to the job fair.

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