

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## Stockton College to Confer Degrees at Annual Fall Commencement Ceremonies

Provost Dr. David L. Carr to Deliver Keynote Address

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will conduct the Annual Fall Commencement Ceremonies on Sunday, December 13, 2009.

There will be two separate ceremonies. A special Hooding Ceremony for Master's degree candidates will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Stockton Performing Arts Center (M-Wing on the Galloway Township campus). The degree conferral ceremony for Bachelor degree candidates will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Sports Center on the Galloway Township campus. The Sports Center (aka Big Blue) is located adjacent to Parking Lot 4, just off College Drive.

Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. will present diplomas to approximately 818 degree candidates in the 8 schools of the College: Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, General Studies, Graduate Studies, Health Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. As of this morning the total included 648 fall and 170 summer graduates. Included in that number are 78 advanced degree candidates: 2 Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies; 19 Master of Business Administration; 17 Master of Arts in Instructional Technology; 21 Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, 4 Master of Arts in Education, 4 Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and 11 Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Dr. David L. Carr, Provost and Executive Vice President of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, will deliver the commencement address.

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Faculty Grand Marshall for the Processional will be Matthew Landau, Professor of Marine Science. Banner Carriers representing the Schools of the College include: Assistant Professor of Social Work William Reynolds representing the faculty; Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology Amy Ackerman representing Graduate Studies; Stockton student Angelica Jablonski representing Arts and Humanities; Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Information Systems Aakash Taneja representing Business; Associate Professor of Instructional Technology Jung Lee representing Education; Assistant Professor of Mathematics Francis Nzuki representing General Studies; Professor of Environmental Studies Claude Epstein representing Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Adjunct Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology Maria DeSantis representing Health Sciences; Stockton student Ruby Gonzalez representing Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Interim Director of the Educational Opportunity Fund Stacey McIntosh Zacharoff will carry the College banner.

Vocalist for the National Anthem will be Chantal McClary, a Stockton student who will also be receiving his degree during commencement. Stockton arts sophomore Brian Graziani will sing the Alma Mater.

Brian Brateris, resident of Lake Como, NJ and Student Senate President, will deliver the student address. Brateris is a mentor for the Student Orientation Adventure Program (SOAR), and he served as a Student Senator for three years. Brateris also served as Vice Chairman for School Spirit, Chairman of Student Welfare, and President and brother of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. As a member of Kappa Sigma, he was part of the charity work they conducted for Toys for Tots, The Fallen Heroes campaign, and Making Precious Strides (Hunter Syndrome). Brateris is also a current member of Stockton's Doctor of Physical Therapy class of 2012.

Batsheva Abraham, a candidate for the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT), will deliver the student speech at the Hooding Ceremony.

**About David Carr:** Dr. David L. Carr has served The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey as Executive Vice President and Provost, since the position's inception in 2004. In June of next year, Dr. Carr will transition from his current position as Provost to Senior Research Fellow for the College's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, where he will pursue his passion for political science. Dr. Carr came to the College in 1992, and throughout his Stockton career, he was essential in establishing the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy; establishing and supporting activities promoting economic development, including the Small Business Development Center for Atlantic, Cape May, and Cumberland counties, The Stockton Center for Hospitality and Tourism research, The South Jersey Economic Review, and several community focused centers such as the Coastal Research Center and the Stockton Center on Successful Aging; and establishing numerous service learning programs that engage students and faculty with the community. Dr. Carr earned his baccalaureate and master's degree from San Diego State University in Political Science and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Binghamton.