

Stockton Honor Students and Women's Basketball Team Organize Basketball Clinic for Special Needs Children

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Honors Program at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in cooperation with the Stockton Women's Basketball Team hosted an on-campus basketball clinic for special needs children on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Approximately 17 special needs children of various ages participated.

The event was the brain child of Stockton students Laura Grow and Kimberlee Downey, both honor students and members of the Stockton Women's Basketball team. Grow and Downey organized the event and solicited help from other students to raise the funds and run the activities.

Approximately 15 members of the Honors Program and six members of the women's basketball team ran the clinic. The basketball team members ran drills and showed the participants how to shoot foul shots and lay-ups, as well as dribble and pass. The group then split into teams (based on age) and played basketball.

After the workout, all participants were treated to soft pretzels and bottled water. Each participant was also awarded a "Stockton Shootout" tee-shirt.

"The kids had a great time and it was amazing to watch them play. It is a great lesson to watch the children be truly happy no matter what the outcome was. It is definitely a reminder that we need to be happy with the blessings that we have and use them to their full potential," said event organizer, Laura Grow.

For more information about the Stockton Honors Program please contact Professor Michael J. Hozik at 609-652-4277 or Michael. Hozik@stockton.edu.

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^{*}Please see attached photo of the Stockton Students and participants.