

## THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

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### **Media Alert/Invitation to Cover**

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

***Nationally known writer and motivational speaker Stedman Graham will 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 17, 2006.

There will be two separate ceremonies. A special Hooding Ceremony for Masters 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 Pomona Campus.) The degree conferral ceremony for Bachelor degree candidates will be held at 1 p.m. in the Sports Center of the Pomona Campus. The Sports Center is located adjacent to parking lot 4, just off College Drive.

Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. will present diplomas to approximately 751 bachelor degree candidates in five divisions of the College: Arts and Humanities, General Studies, Natural Science and Mathematics, Professional Studies, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. As of Friday morning the total included 536 Fall, and 141 Summer graduates. Additionally, there will be 74 advanced degrees conferred: three Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies; 14 Master of Business Administration; two Master of Business Studies; 31 Master of Arts in Instructional Technology; 19 Master of Science in Occupational Therapy and five Master of Arts in Education.

Stedman Graham, nationally known writer and motivational speaker, and a native of Middle Twp., NJ, will deliver the keynote address.

Dr. Edmund Keeley who is known for his translation of modern Greek poetry will receive an honorary degree and will read one of the most famous poems that he has translated, Constantine Cavafy's "Ithaca."

Faculty Grand Marshal for the Processional will be Penelope Dugan, Professor of Writing.

Mary Ann Trail, President of the Faculty Assembly will deliver the faculty salutation.

Nicholas Sena, President of the Student Senate, will deliver the student address.

**About Stedman Graham:** Stedman Graham, author, educator and entrepreneur has built a strong reputation for helping corporations, organizations and individuals succeed. He is chairman and CEO of S. Graham and Associates (SGA), a Chicago-based management and marketing consulting company specializing in Corporate and Education markets. Some of SGA's clients include Wells Fargo, CVS Pharmacy, Merrill Lynch, the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps, and Manpower.

Graham is the author of ten books including two *New York Times* Bestsellers, *You Can Make It Happen: A Nine-Step Plan For Plan for Success* and *Teens Can Make It Happen: Nine Steps to Success*. In 2005 he published *Who Are You? A Success Process For Building Your Life's Foundation*, and this past fall, his latest book, *Diversity: Leaders Not Labels – A New Plan for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* was released.

Actively involved in education, he is a former adjunct professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and has taught a leadership course at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

Graham has dedicated his life to youth and to the community. In 1985, Graham founded AAD Health, Education & Sports, a non-profit organization with a membership of 500 local and professional athletes and other civic leaders committed to developing leadership in underserved youth.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Hardin-Simmons University; a Master's Degree in Education from Ball State University and an Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from Coker College, where he serves as a distinguished visiting professor.

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