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THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Stockton College Spring Graduates to Receive Degrees at 39th Commencement Exercises May 9

Joe Lockhart, Founding Partner of Glover Park Group, and the Honorable Kim Guadagno, Lt. Governor of NJ, to Deliver Commencement Addresses

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Galloway Township, NJ- Spring graduates of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will receive their diplomas from the College's President, Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., on **Sunday, May 9, 2010** during the College's 39th commencement exercises.

President Saatkamp will present diplomas to more than 1,180 degree candidates in the eight schools of the College: Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, General Studies, Graduate and Continuing Studies, Health Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. In addition to that number, more than 90 advanced degree candidates will receive their degrees: 4 Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies; 5 Master of Business Administration; 5 Master of Arts in Instructional Technology; 24 Master of Arts in Education, 9 Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, 36 Doctor of Physical Therapy, and 9 Master of Science in Nursing.

Two separate ceremonies will be held in the Sports Center; the morning ceremony at **10:00 a.m.** and the afternoon ceremony at **2:00 p.m.** The morning ceremony is for all degree candidates in the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies, School of Arts and Humanities, School of Business and School of Education. The afternoon ceremony is for all degree candidates in the School of General Studies, School of Health Sciences, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

An additional ceremony in the morning will be held for graduate degree candidates. The Master's Degree Hooding Ceremony will take place at **8:30 a.m.** in the Performing Arts Center.

The valedictorian and salutatorian for the morning ceremony are Lauren Surprenant and Laura D'Errico respectively. **-more-**

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Valedictorian Lauren Surprenant came to Stockton as a freshman from Battle Creek, Michigan. She will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in literature with minors in theater and writing. Surprenant worked as a tutor in Stockton's Writing Skills Center, and she has participated in both the production and performance sides of several of the School of Arts and Humanities plays over the past four years. Salutatorian Laura D'Errico will graduate with a bachelor's degree in teacher education. D'Errico was previously the valedictorian in Stockton's spring 2008 commencement ceremony, when she graduated with her first degree in communications studies.

The valedictorian and salutatorian for the afternoon ceremony are Alisha R. Harron and Yan Chan respectively.

Alisha Harron, a resident of Cape May, will graduate with a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology and a minor in Holocaust and genocide studies. Harron is graduating with her undergraduate degree in just three years and she has already been accepted into the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's master's program in speech and hearing sciences. At Stockton, Harron was treasurer of the Speech and Hearing Club, a resident assistant, a member of the honors program, a teacher's assistant for George Zimmerman and a student assistant for Stacey DeNafo, the clinical supervisor of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Salutatorian Yan Chan grew up in Hong Kong and came to the United States after her primary school education. Chan will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a minor in chemistry.

Joe Lockhart, founding partner and managing director of the Glover Park Group, will deliver the commencement address during the morning ceremony, and Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno will deliver the commencement address during the afternoon ceremony.

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