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Stockton Provost and Acting President Dr. David Carr notes that "This project will empower Stockton students to grapple with the significant political and economic issues facing our nation today and in the near future. By presenting them with the facts and analysis from a non-partisan perspective, our efforts will prepare students to seek appropriate solutions in their lives, in their communities, and in the nation. Stockton is honored to have been selected as one of only nine institutions chosen nationwide to host this program."

Throughout the year Stockton's America's Future project will sponsor or co-sponsor various programs and activities that aim to engage broad sections of the campus community and our south Jersey neighbors, in a conversation about our nation's fiscal circumstances and the policy options needed to confront and address these complex issues.

This programming will begin on Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 4:30 P.M. in Upper G-Wing Lounge on the Galloway Township Campus with a SCOSA lecture by Marcello Spinella titled "Aging Successfully with (or Without) Money". Additional programming highlights include:

The Stockton Center for Economic Education workshop "Understanding National Debt" for K-12 teachers to be held in November 2008.

SCOSA and Economics Program sponsored lecture on "National Debt" by Andrew Yarrow, Vice President of Public Agenda in February 2009.

Wednesdays on Women Forum: "Guns, Butter, or Other Priorities: How the National Debt Affects Women" to be held on March 4, 2009.

Event details will be posted on the Stockton Homepage as information becomes available. For additional information, please contact Dr. Ramya Vijaya at (609) 652-4741 or e-mail her at vijayar@stockton.edu.