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Stockton Establishes Advisory Panel To Augment New School of Business

Community and Educational Leaders Comprise Group

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has established a Business Advisory Board to work in conjunction with its new School of Business. The panel is comprised of prominent leaders in education and the local business community.

“Community partnerships are crucial to Stockton’s mission,” President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. “The formation of the Business Advisory Board will help us to be responsive and better meet the needs of our business community.”

The panel’s formation comes on the heels of the recent announcement that Stockton had converted its former Divisions to Schools – a move designed to increase academic offerings as well as to meet the needs of a growing enrollment and campus. Along with the change came a new School of Business headed by a new Dean, Dr. Janet “Jenny” Wagner.

The new Board includes fifteen prominent members of the community and key faculty members. Five of the members are Stockton alumnae: Maureen Adams (’91), CFO, Harrah’s Atlantic City; Joan Gravitz (’79), Treasurer, World Class Flowers; John Hughes (’78), President, Quantum Capital Management; Jeffrey Seelig (’90), CFO, AC Coin and Slot; and Ronald Stablini (’73), Senior VP and CFO, Atlantic City Linen.

The other members of the Board include: James Blake, CFO, Morey Organization; Joanne Carrocino, CEO & President, Cape Regional Medical Center; Philip DiBerardino, VP, Commerce Bank; Lois Fried, Partner, Capaldi Reynolds & Pelosi; Signe Huff, VP of Human Relations, Borgata Hotel Casino; Teddie O’Keefe, President, Smith-O’Keefe Associates; Mike Picucci, Manager of the Business Systems Group, Atlantic Electric; Audrey Sherrick, Partner, Tracey, Heun, Brennan & Co.; Nancy Smith, CEO, Masterminds Advertising; Charles Wray, an Editor at the *Press of Atlantic City* and the Honorable James Whelan, NJ Assembly, 2nd District.

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The goals of the Board are to assist the Business Division to:

- Assess its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats,
- Promote the undergraduate and graduate curriculums,
- Plan strategically upcoming projects,
- Fulfill an important step for accreditation and
- Raise funds needed for current and future initiatives.

Board members have begun to meet regularly and will continue to provide valuable input regarding the initiatives, plans, and environment of our region. Frank Thomas, Professor of Accounting and Finance and Chair of the Advisory Board stated, “The Board is a two-way street. We provide information and we receive essential feedback.”

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