



Stockton, Atlantic City Historical Waterfront Foundation Join Forces

College and Atlantic City Aquarium to share facilities, programs, internships

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Galloway, NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and the Atlantic City Historical Waterfront Foundation joined forces today to expand educational programs for the public, increase internships and teacher training, and promote awareness of the coastal environment and eco-tourism.

Stockton President Herman Saatkamp and Jack Keith, executive director of the ACHWF, signed an agreement at the Atlantic City Aquarium in the Historic Gardner's Basin Waterfront Park, Atlantic City.

"Stockton welcomes the opportunity to expand its educational programs in Atlantic City and to support the Atlantic City Historic Waterfront Foundation," said President Saatkamp. "The college and the foundation are both vitally concerned with preparing our nation's young people to compete in the global fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM.) We also share the goal of protecting and preserving our marine environment."

"This agreement allows us to provide more training for science teachers, to offer eco-tourism internships for business students and to reach more youth in the community," President Saatkamp continued. "The foundation will have access to Stockton's facilities throughout the region for its programs, and we will work together to enhance public awareness of Atlantic City's historic waterfront."

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The foundation, established in 1976, operates the aquarium at 800 N. New Hampshire Avenue in cooperation with the City of Atlantic City.

Under the agreement, the college will hold classes and programs at the aquarium and the foundation will be able to conduct programs at Stockton's facilities throughout the region, including the Carnegie Center in Atlantic City, Kramer Hall in Hammonton, the Manahawkin Instructional Site, Anne Azeez Hall in Woodbine and the Nacote Creek Marine Science and Environmental Field Station in Port Republic.

The agreement lays the groundwork for Stockton and the foundation to work together to meet regional, state and national needs in STEM, with an eye toward global competitiveness. One aim is to attract more young people to science fields and to Stockton's School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NAMS.)

"The Richard Stockton College plays a major role in educating young scientists and technical workers," said Jack Keith, executive director of Gardner's Basin and a graduate of Stockton's Marine Science program. "This agreement will have an enormous influence on our ability to engage young people in the sciences as well as open opportunities for continuing education in the area."

Dean Dennis Weiss of NAMS, who is also a member of the foundation, said the agreement "sets up a strong relationship that combines the a4