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Stockton College Ranks Among the Best Universities in the North in *U.S. News and World Report* Annual Survey of Colleges

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GALLOWAY TWP., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has been ranked among the nation's top public colleges and universities in the annual survey of *America's Best Colleges*. In the listing released by *U.S. News and World Report*, Stockton College is placed among the Best Universities/Master's in the North. Ranked in this category for the first time, Stockton appears in the top tier and is among the top 20 public institutions.

For the first time, Stockton is ranked with universities offering both undergraduate and master's programs in the northern region of the U.S. Previously, Stockton had been classified as a national liberal arts college. *U.S. News and World Report* revised the categories this year, with the result that a number of institutions were placed into a different category.*

"We have consistently progressed to the point where this year, Stockton is in the top tier of the new rankings," said Herman J. Saatkamp Jr., President. Over the years, Stockton has maintained and improved its impressive rankings in the *U.S. News* survey. In its previous category, Stockton has been ranked consistently among the top public liberal arts colleges in the nation.

"The unwavering preservation of our liberal arts focus, our traditional strength in the sciences, and our professional studies programs makes Stockton an attractive choice for students," President Saatkamp said. Stockton's academic programs provide opportunities for study in established fields such as Criminal Justice, Psychology, Environmental Science, Biology, Business, and Literature, as well as emerging fields such as Computational Science, Tourism and Hospitality Management and Homeland Security. The College's graduate programs at the master's level and our new doctorate in Physical Therapy are responding to the needs of our growing region.

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The College has a tradition of offering unique opportunities for students to connect with highly credentialed faculty in research and community service, as well as graduation and retention rates among the highest in New Jersey. The quality of Stockton's academic programs and caliber of its faculty has been recognized by such organizations as the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, the National Science Foundation, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the Pulitzer Prize committee, the United States Air Force Academy, and *The New York Times*. In addition, Stockton faculty and students have participated this past year in competitively funded research offered by 30 different organizations in excess of \$5 million.

Stockton is actively constructing new residential halls and implementing a Master Plan focusing on academic programs and facilities as part of its ongoing strategy for sustained growth.

“Our ranking is significant considering the truly exceptional institutions with which we are now compared,” Dr. Saatkamp said. “It is fitting that our College, a public institution offering academic excellence, diversity, and affordability, is mentioned in the company of such other fine colleges and universities.”

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**U.S. News and World Report* describes the Universities/Master’s ranking as “institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs, but few, if any, doctoral programs.” *U.S. News* further reported that it “made numerous changes this year to improve its methodology and rankings. To sort colleges and universities into the appropriate categories, this 2008 edition of *America’s Best Colleges* uses the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching’s recently announced 2006 basic version of its Carnegie Classifications.” A complete summary of the methodology used to rank each school can be found online at www.usnews.com/colleges.