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Stockton Achieves Growth in Enrollment, Facilities and Academic Programs

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Galloway Twp., NJ –The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey achieved its Fall 2007 enrollment projection in accordance with an enrollment management plan set in motion by its Board of Trustees nearly three years ago. The College welcomed nearly the same number of new freshman, transfer and readmitted students this fall semester as it did in Fall 2006.

As a result, the administration has reported a total undergraduate enrollment of 6,766. Approximately 87% percent of the undergraduates are maintaining full-time credit loads, up from 85% last year at this time. There are 589 graduate students enrolled in Stockton's advanced degree programs, an impressive increase of 21% from the same time in 2006. Thus, the College reports that its enrollment is up approximately 2% over 2006, a record-setting total at 7,355.

"Our increasing total enrollment reflects our ongoing ability to serve our student body in a responsible manner," said President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. "We are moving forward with the expansion of campus facilities. Our new housing construction is progressing on schedule, and we anticipate the availability of 375 new beds in 2008, which will help bolster our design for a robust living/learning environment."

Stockton has implemented a number of programs and upgrades that will enable the College to meet its enrollment growth in a deliberate manner. These resources include a new academic division of business, plans for more student housing and additional classroom buildings, a new campus center and more.

"These all help to ensure that the College can meet its enrollment targets and better serve the higher educational needs of our students and our region," Saatkamp added. "On the heels of our *U.S. News and World Report* ranking [Stockton appears in the top tier among the top-20 northern public institutions], we are poised for continued enrollment, facility and academic program growth."

Stockton College, nestled in 1,600 acres of New Jersey's Pinelands, is the largest college campus in the state. It is a short drive to popular beach resorts. The College offers many of the educational benefits found in private colleges that cost much more than Stockton, as well as the cultural benefits of a public university. It has the added benefit of one of the lowest tuition costs in the state.

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