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**Stockton Enrolls Largest Freshman Class
In The College's History**

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Galloway Twp., NJ –The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey announced that its fall 2008 freshman class is the largest and most academically talented to date. The College welcomed 842 freshmen this September, an increase of 43 freshman students over the fall semester 2007.

“Our enrollment reflects our ability to serve our student body,” said President Herman J. Saatkamp Jr. “We are moving forward with the expansion of campus facilities. Our new housing construction has been completed on schedule, and we created housing for 375 new residential students in 2008, which will help support our design for a robust living/learning environment.”

The College has reported a total undergraduate enrollment of 6,667. Approximately 89% percent of undergraduates are maintaining a full-time credit load, compared to 87% last year at this time. According to John Iacovelli, Dean of Enrollment Management, “Not only did we increase the freshman class in size, but this group comes in with significantly higher SAT scores and class ranks.” The rise in full-time credit loads is indicative of an ever-increasing number of students living in residence and retention figures that show steady improvement as more students persist to attain their college degrees.

There are 640 graduate and post-graduate students enrolled in Stockton's advanced degree programs, an impressive increase of 8.7% from the same time in 2007.

Stockton has implemented a number of programs and upgrades that enable the College to plan its enrollment growth in a deliberate manner. These resources include the designation of eight schools within the College, the establishment of four living/learning communities and plans for additional classroom buildings, a new campus center and more.

“Each of these factors help to ensure that the College meets 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,* 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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*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 second consecutive year, Stockton appears in the top tier, moved up 14 places in the overall ranking and is among the top 15 public institutions (no. 12.).