

## THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

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# ***Stockton to Honor Larry James for Four Decades of Excellence***

***Longtime Dean of Athletics and Recreational Programs and Services, Member of Track and Field Hall of Fame, was Olympic Gold and Silver Medalist and Penn Relays “Wall of Fame” Inductee***

### **For Immediate Release**

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**Galloway Twp., NJ** – G. Larry James, perhaps the most iconic personality associated with The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, will be honored by the College at a special reception to be held on Saturday, December 1, 2007.

James, 60, a gold and silver medalist and winning middle distance runner competed on what is generally regarded as the greatest track team ever assembled – the 1968 United States team at the Mexico City Olympiad. Mr. James will be recognized for his service and dedication to the College, his community and humanity over the last 40 years.

The event is expected to draw hundreds of friends, colleagues and former teammates from his undergraduate days at Villanova University as well as members from the 1968 Olympic team.

James, a resident of Smithville, shepherded the Ospreys' athletic programs from a largely non-competitive and club sport model into a perennial national power. The Stockton men's soccer team won the NCAA Division III national championship in 2001, and men's basketball, and men's and women's soccer reached the NCAA Final Four. Virtually all Stockton sports programs have been champions and contenders in the New Jersey Athletic Conference and their other respective leagues. Perhaps more importantly, Stockton athletes have accomplished these feats with graduation rates and grade point averages exceeding national averages by a wide margin.

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The event is free and open to the public, but does require that you RSVP to gain admission. The celebration will take place in "Big Blue" also known as the Stockton College Sports Center on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In lieu of ticket sales, the Stockton Foundation is accepting sponsorships and donations. Proceeds from the event benefit the G. Larry James Legacy Fund. RSVP's for the event are requested by November 19. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Ms. Regina Kinney at (609) 626-3604 or e-mail [Regina.Kinney@stockton.edu](mailto:Regina.Kinney@stockton.edu).

### **About Larry James:**

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Since his retirement as a competitor, James remains active in athletics and the Olympic movement. He is currently chair of the USA Track and Field Budget and Finance Committee and was selected to serve as Head Men's Manager at the 2004 Olympic Training Camp in Crete, Greece and the 2005 World Championships in Helsinki, Finland. James previously served as a manager for the USA Track and Field Team at the 2003 World Championships in France, the 1997 World Championships in Athens, Greece and the 1995 USA Versus Great Britain Meet. He also was on the coaching staff of the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival. Additionally, he served as a member of the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee, NCAA Men's Committee and the United States Olympic Committee's Games Preparation and Services Committee.

Civically, James presently serves on the Board of Trustees of AtlantiCare Health Services and