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The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Announces the Official Opening of the Stockton Center on Successful Aging

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is pleased to announce the formal establishment of the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA). The Center's mission is to develop programs that promote healthy, successful, and civically engaged aging among New Jersey's rapidly growing older population.

During the past six months Stockton faculty and administrators dialogued extensively with community partners from throughout the state in order to create a Center that is maximally effective in meeting community and statewide needs for academically supported gerontological research, education and services. The Center will encourage partnerships with not-for-profit organizations, government agencies, and other educational institutions. To encourage these collaborations, memoranda of understanding have been signed with The Society on Aging of New Jersey, the Seashore Gardens Living Center, Galloway Township and the Family Services Association. Several other affiliations are being negotiated, for example with the UMDNJ NJ Institute on Successful Aging, the Alzheimer's Association and the Atlantic County Government.

Concurrent with the planning, SCOSA developed programs in each core area, designed to lay the foundation for more extensive future efforts. Commencing last March with an educational lecture on the research underlying successful aging by Dr. Cindy Bergeman, Psychology Chair at the University of Notre Dame, the Center also sponsored "Stockton at Sunrise" lectures for residents of the Sunrise Assisted Living at Galloway in April, a continuing professional education program for providers in May, and computer training for seniors in June.

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Recently launched programs also include: a Brown Bag Lecture Series featuring the latest research on aging, organized by SCOSA Research Chair Dr. Lisa Cox; an educational series for seniors, organized by SCOSA Program Assistant Anita Beckwith and funded by the Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services; and a disaster