

Syrian Student to Share His Story During Stockton Refugee Crisis Awareness Day

Interpretive Art Displays and Food and Clothing Drive Part of April 21 Event

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Galloway, NJ – Emad Khateeb, a junior Computer Science major at Stockton University, is one of the estimated nine million Syrians who have fled their homes since the outbreak of civil war in March 2011. He will share his personal journey from Syria to New Jersey during Refugee Crisis Awareness Day at Stockton University on **Thursday, April 21**.

After studying architecture for one year in Syria, Khateeb's university was shut down, which led him to leave the country to continue his education in the United States in 2013. He now lives in Atlantic City and during the summer, he travels to visit his family members who still live in Syria.

Khateeb said that he is thankful for support from his family and a scholarship that have helped him start a new life, but not everyone is as fortunate. "This whole refugee process is different from one person to another. Each person has their own story," he explained.

A number of Khateeb's friends also left and are in nearby countries

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At 6 p.m. in room B-126, Stockton President Harvey Kesselman will introduce Khateeb and other Syrian refugees who will share their stories and ways to help alleviate this humanitarian crisis.

Earlier in the day, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., an advocacy art installation of wooden diorama boxes will be displayed in the hallway of Upper F-