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THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Stockton College to Confer Degrees at Annual Fall Commencement Ceremonies

Colonel Anthony M. La Sure to Deliver Keynote Address

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will conduct the Annual Fall Commencement Ceremonies on Sunday, December 14, 2008.

There will be two separate ceremonies. A special Hooding Ceremony for Masters degree candidates will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Stockton Performing Arts Center (M-Wing on the Galloway Twp. Campus.) The degree conferral ceremony for Bachelor degree candidates will be held at 1 p.m. in the Sports Center of the Galloway Township Campus. The Sports Center is located adjacent to parking lot 4, just off College Drive.

Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. will present diplomas to approximately 832 degree candidates in the 8 schools of the College: Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, General Studies, Graduate Studies, Health Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. As of this morning the total included 650 Fall, and 182 Summer graduates. Included in that number are 72 advanced degree candidates: 2 Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies; 14 Master of Business Administration; 9 Master of Arts in Instructional Technology; 18 Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, 13 Master of Arts in Education, 6 Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and 10 Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Colonel Anthony M. La Sure, Maintenance Group Commander of the 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, will deliver the Commencement Address.

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Faculty Grand Marshal for the Processional will be Cliff Whithem, Professor and Director of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies. Banner Carriers representing the Schools of the College include: Assistant Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology Amy J. Hadley, who will be representing the Faculty; Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Marissa Levy representing Graduate Studies; Richard Stockton College Student Zaneb Ghanem representing Arts and Humanities; Associate Professor of Business Studies Evonne Kruger representing Business; Assistant Professor of Developmental Mathematics Wondi Geremew representing General Studies; Assistant Professor of Education Norma J. Boakes representing Education; Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy Robert Marsico representing Health Sciences; Assistant Professor of Biology David Burleigh representing Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Richard Stockton College Student Russell Tonks representing Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Associate Director of Residence Life Rachel Stark will carry the College Banner.

Vocalist for the National Anthem will be Anthony M. Mauriello, Richard Stockton College Student. Richard Stockton College Student Lauren Hood will be Vocalist for the Alma Mater.

Ashley Pero, resident of Old Bridge, NJ and President of the Student Senate, will deliver the student address. She will graduate in Fall 2009 with a degree in psychology and a minor in forensic psychology. Pero plans to go to graduate school to pursue a career in counseling and hopes to work in a college setting as a psychologist. An active student leader on campus, Ashley is not only president of the Student Senate, but she is also on the Stockton Residents' Association, the Peer Education Club and a resident advisor for freshman students.

Richard Maung, of Vineland, NJ, a candidate for a Doctor of Physical Therapy, will deliver the student speech at the Hooding Ceremony.

About Colonel Anthony M. La Sure: Colonel Anthony M. La Sure is the Maintenance Group Commander of the 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, having been so appointed in May of 2007. Col. La Sure, in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, served in Operation Noble Eagle, flying a fighter plane to patrol and protect the cities of New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, as well as Camp David, for nine months.

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