Richard Stockton College Spring Commencement Speakers Selected

Joe Lockhart of Glover Park Group, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno to Address Stockton Graduates on May 9

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Galloway Township, NJ- On **Sunday, May 9, 2010**, degree candidates at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will receive their diplomas and listen to the wisdom and advice from commencement speakers Joe Lockhart of Glover Park Group and Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno.

Lockhart will speak during the morning ceremony, which will begin at 10:00 a.m., and Guadagno will speak during the afternoon ceremony, which will begin at 2:00 p.m. Both ceremonies will take place in the Sports Center, located on Stockton's Pomona campus.

Joe Lockhart is a founding partner and managing director of The Glover Park Group and provides clients valuable insight in media relations and political strategy. He is the former chief spokesman and senior adviser to President Bill Clinton from 1998-2000.

Lockhart, a veteran of political campaigns, served as Senior Advisor to Sen. John Kerry's 2004 presidential bid. He has also served as national press secretary for the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign, deputy press secretary for the 1988 Dukakis-Bentsen campaign, and assistant press secretary for the 1984 Mondale-Ferraro campaign. In 1980, he was regional press coordinator for President Carter's re-election bid.

In addition, Lockhart has a wealth of experience in strategic communications for a variety of clients. As executive vice president at Bozell Sawyer Miller, he advised a range of high-profile corporations and institutions.

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An award-winning journalist, Lockhart has worked for both network and cable news outlets. He previously held posts as assignment editor at ABC News and deputy assignment manager for CNN in Washington. Lockhart also served as foreign producer for SKY Television News, Europe's first 24-hour television broadcast news service. Lockhart received a B.A. from Georgetown University.

Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno serves as the first Lt. Governor in the history of the State of New Jersey. Born in Waterloo, Iowa, Guadagno graduated from Ursinus College in 1980 and American University law school in 1983. She began her professional life as a federal prosecutor. Guadagno served on the Organized Crime and Racketeering Strike Force in Brooklyn, and then took a position in the United States Attorney's office in Newark. For her achievements there, she was awarded the United States Department of Justice's highest honor on two separate occasions.

Guadagno then moved on to become an assistant attorney general in New Jersey. In that position, and as deputy director of the Division of Criminal Justice, she was responsible for statewide criminal investigations with oversight of 300 prosecutors and investigators. After leaving office in 2001, she became an attorney in private practice, continuing her commitment to public service as a planning board member and commissioner in Monmouth Beach.

In 2007, Guadagno became the 75th sheriff of Monmouth County, and the county's first female sheriff. As sheriff, she pursued an aggressive agenda to fight crime and strengthen community outreach. Concurrently, she taught at Rutgers Law School-Newark.

Kim Guadagno was sworn in as New Jersey's first lieutenant governor on January 19, 2010. She lives in Monmouth County with her husband, Mike, and she has three sons, Kevin, Michael and Anderson.