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Stockton Hosts Nonprofit Forum on Upcoming Tourist Season

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Galloway Township, NJ- Shore businesses are rebounding and are open early for the summer season, attendees learned at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Manahawkin Instructional Site today.

The Manahawkin Instructional Site hosted the Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce's quarterly Nonprofit Forum today, which was attended by 50 business owners and representatives from nonprofit organizations. The theme was internships and service learning.

"Today was an opportunity for Ocean County to see our presence and create and develop partnerships with our students and faculty. Many nonprofits were extremely interested in service learning opportunities, which spurred a number of conversations," said Michele Collins-Davies, operations manager at the Manahawkin Instructional Site.

The keynote speaker was Daniel Tome, coordinator of Service-Learning at Stockton College. Tome discussed the opportunities for partnerships between community nonprofits and Stockton students and faculty. Christy Cunningham, associate director of the Career Center at Stockton College, and Dr. Donna Albano, associate professor of business studies, shared how to find interns and establish mutually beneficial internships.

There are currently hundreds of businesses open in the LBI region and there are events happening now. Chocolate Week 2013 in Long Beach Island begins February 9 with chocolate themed specials, overnight stays, realtor open houses and more. Many more events are listed at www.visitlbiregion.com.

FEMA informed attendees that there is still time to apply for assistance, and offered information on various resources available to businesses and nonprofits. # # #