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## Stockton College Spring Graduates to Receive Degrees at 35<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 6

Senator William L. Gormley to Deliver Commencement Address, Receive Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa Degree

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**Galloway Twp., NJ** – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will conduct Commencement Exercises for its 35<sup>th</sup> four-year class on Sunday, May 6, 2007 in the Sports Center on the Galloway Township campus.

Two separate ceremonies for different divisions of the College are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All Master's candidates, Arts and Humanities and Professional Studies candidates will take part in the 10:30 a.m. ceremony. All General Studies, Natural Science and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Science candidates will participate in the 2:00 p.m. ceremony. The ceremonies are located in the Sports Center, which is adjacent to parking lot 4, just off College Drive.

Admission tickets are distributed to each graduate. See your graduate to obtain a ticket to the event.

William L. Gormley, New Jersey State Senator representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District from 1982 through 2007, will deliver the Commencement Address at both ceremonies. The College will also pay tribute to Gormley with words from President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., during the afternoon ceremony. In the morning ceremony, Gormley will be conferred with a Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa* by Dr. Clarence Hoover, III Chair of the College Board of Trustees, and President Saatkamp.

William L. Gormley served Southern New Jersey as the State Senator for District 2 for nearly a quarter century until he resigned in February.

Faculty Grand Marshal will be Michael L. Frank, Professor of Psychology. The valedictorian for the morning ceremony is Benjamin A. Dench. The salutatorian is Edward J. Pleczynski. For the afternoon ceremony, Michelle Zappacosta is valedictorian and Ngan B. Ly is salutatorian.

A total of more than 1,176 spring undergraduate candidates are scheduled to participate in the ceremonies. In addition, 70 graduate degree candidates took part including 11 MBA degrees, 14 Masters in Education, four Holocaust and Genocide Studies, 13 Instructional Technology, one Occupational Therapy, 13 Nursing, and 14 in Physical Therapy.