

# College to Fund Stockton Champions of Youth Program in Affiliation with Boys and Girls Club

Youth-Mentoring Program Serves High School Students in Atlantic City

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Galloway Township Atlantic City, which formerly operated the program with help from Stockton, has agreed to have the college assume financial and programming responsibility. The club has said it suffered a shortfall in funding and is working to remain open this summer with help from the community.

“Stockton is committed to serving the community and helping young people become all that they can be,” said President Herman Saatkamp, who is also a member of the Boys and Girls Club board. “Champions of Youth challenges students, helps them to plan for the future, and provides resources to ensure their success.”

“We are bringing under our umbrella this incredibly successful program, and through this affiliation with the Boys and Girl Club, we will continue its momentum and growth,” President Saatkamp said.

All but one of the students who participated in the Champions of Youth program over the past eight years completed high school and 50 percent of them are attending four-year colleges, said Director Michael Everett, who will be employed by Stockton.

On Sunday, May 11, Melissa Luna became the first Champion to graduate from Stockton, with a degree in Sociology.

