

# STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



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**GALLOWAY TWP NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey earned high marks in the Sustainable Endowments Institute's *Sustainability Report Card*. Stockton's overall grade was the top score among the New Jersey public higher education institutions that participated.

Stockton, located in New Jersey's protected Pinelands National Reserve and long a model for "green" initiatives nationwide, rated an "A" for its use of energy in relation to climate change. Home to one of the world's largest closed-loop geothermal heating and cooling systems for its buildings, the College also employs Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage technology, energy efficient lighting, timers on temperature controls and numerous other techniques. Ten percent of the College vehicle fleet is comprised of electric cars and six percent of electricity is purchased from a solar array located on campus.

"As New Jersey's Green College, we had an expectation to do well on this report card," Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. "We are pleased to have done well overall, and we are clearly focused on the areas where we can do an even better job."

The report card is compiled from information provided voluntarily by the institutions. In all, 322 colleges and universities participated nationwide in the extensive survey. It graded such factors as faculty and administration initiatives, climate change and energy, food and recycling, green building, student involvement, and transportation. It was Stockton's first year participating in the survey. "We consider our grade to be a good base line to evaluate where we stand nationally and how we might strive for continued improvement," Dr. Saatkamp said. **-more-**

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The aim is to provide accessible information so that schools may learn from each other's experiences, thereby fostering more effective sustainability policies. The report assesses 52