

## Stockton, Rowan to Offer Five-Year Dual Degree Program in Engineering

Qualified Students Receive Two Bachelor of Science Degrees

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**Galloway Township, NJ** -Students will be able to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, Mathematics, or Physics from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and a Bachelor of Science Engineering degree from Rowan University in five years under an agreement announced today by both institutions.

Qualified students would typically attend Stockton's School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NAMS) for the first three years and then spend two years at Rowan's College of Engineering, ultimately earning degrees from both institutions. The program gives students the opportunity to experience a liberal arts institution in their first three years and then move into a career-oriented engineering sequence.

"Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) are increasingly the key to jobs in education and industry in our global economy," said President Herman Saatkamp of Stockton. "This agreement offers students the opportunity to increase the value of their education while reducing the cost by receiving degrees from two prestigious New Jersey institutions of higher learning."

Said Dr. Ali A. Houshmand, president of Rowan University: "Stockton's strengths in the sciences mold well with our engineering programs to the great benefit of students and the region. This joint venture will increase access to prominent programs, enabling some of the best and brightest college students to stay here to earn degrees that open doors for them in high-demand -more-

fields. With two degrees, they will be uniquely prepared to work for leading technology-driven companies in New Jersey."

Three of Stockton's programs and five of Rowan's programs are participating in the agreement, which is limited to the dual degree combinations that can be completed in five years. Stockton's