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## Stockton College Introduces New Learning Opportunity: Stockton Summer Sustainability and Environmental Academy

Program for Rising High School Seniors Takes Place July 10-24

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**Galloway Twp., NJ** – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is offering a new two-week residential learning experience for 48 qualified rising high school seniors: the Stockton Summer Sustainability and Environmental Academy (SSSEA).

"Building on more than two decades of success hosting the Governor's School on the Environment, and having one of the more environmentally-conscious institutions in the nation, Stockton is uniquely positioned to host this Academy," said Stockton Provost Dr. Harvey Kesselman," the students who are selected to attend this Academy will enjoy rare opportunities for learning while earning three college credits."

Participants in the Academy will spend adventure-filled days hiking, kayaking and learning about many of the ecological habitats in southern New Jersey. Students will explore the 1,600 acres of Stockton's main campus in the environmentally-sensitive Pinelands, experience sustainable living on an island in the middle of Barnegat Bay, and learn about the coastal and marine environment aboard Stockton's research vessels located at its Nacote Creek Marine Science and Environmental Field Station.

In the evenings, participants will take part in discussions with experts in environmental

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conservation, environmental law, sustainability, and other areas. Leaders of Stockton's science faculty and representatives of "green" corporations will be among those taking part.

Applications for the Academy are available now and must be completed and submitted by March 31, 2011. For applications go to the Stockton website at <u>www.stockton.edu</u> and enter the keyword SSSEA in the "search box." This will bring you to the Program's information and application page. Due to the nature of the experiences offered, small class sizes and other limitations, only 48 applicants will be admitted into the competitive program. Notifications of acceptances are expected to be emailed on or before April 15, 2011.

The Academy will take place from July 10 to July 24, 2011. Upon successful completion, students will be awarded three college-level credits which may be transferable to other colleges and universities and will be accepted at Stockton. Tuition, all transportation for field trips, and room and board for the two-week experience is \$2,500.

"As New Jersey's Green College, Stockton has been in the forefront of environmental education since its founding 40 years ago., said Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Dennis Weiss. " Our Environmental Science and Marine Science Programs are nationally renowned and the faculty are leaders in the study of local, regional and global environments. This Academy promises to be a truly exceptional opportunity for environmentally-minded students." For more information contact Kevin C. Wolbach, Director, via email at <u>SSSEA@Stockton.edu</u> or by calling (609) 652-4924.

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