



## **Stockton College to Conduct Annual Fall Graduation on Sunday Dec. 16**

Estimated 776 Undergraduate Degree Candidates,  
95 Graduate Degree Candidates Scheduled to Participate

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will conduct its annual Fall Commencement ceremonies on **Sunday, December 16, 2012**.

The degree conferral ceremony will be held at **1:00 p.m.** in the Sports Center of the Galloway Township Campus. The Sports Center is located adjacent to parking lot 4, just off Vera King Farris Drive.

Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp will present diplomas to 776 bachelor degree candidates in the eight academic schools of the College: Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, General Studies, Graduate and Continuing Studies, Health Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. In addition, there will be 95 advanced degree candidates.

Grand Marshal for the Processional will be Geology Professor Michael Hozik. Stockton's Highest Praise Gospel Choir will perform the National Anthem, and student Edward Caycedo will sing the Alma Mater. Student Senate President AJ Vervoort will make remarks.

Keynote speaker is Associate Professor of Writing Emari DiGiorgio, a Stockton alumna who resides in Ventnor, NJ.

Earlier this year, DiGiorgio was named a Distinguished Teaching Artist by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. She is the recipient of the Governor's Award in Arts Education. Her poems have appeared in numerous print and online journals. She is also a recipient of a Vermont Studio Center Residency, a New Jersey State Council on the Arts Poetry Fellowship, and the Ellen LaForge Memorial Poetry Prize. She was recently featured in the Dodge Poetry Foundation's "Poetry Friday" blog.

In addition to her Stockton teaching and writing, DiGiorgio conducts a monthly creative writing workshop at the South Jersey chapter of the cancer resource center, Gilda's Club.

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