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THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## Veterans Issues Conference To Take Place at Stockton College

“Operation Promise Comes to Stockton” Conference  
Set to Take Place Wednesday, April 29, 2009

### ***For Immediate Release***

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** There are many challenges that a student must face when transitioning from the military to college life. The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will address these challenges at a veteran’s issues conference set to take place Wednesday, April 29, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lodge at Lakeside on the Galloway Township campus of the College.

“Operation Promise Comes to Stockton,” will be a free conference for college administrators, college educators, student affairs personnel and veteran students to come together and discuss methods to make an institution more accessible to veterans. Military personnel and organizations supporting veterans are also invited to share their ideas on how to make a campus more “veteran-friendly.”

“We are ready to assist veterans to transition from the military to their college education goals,” says Richard Stockton College President, Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. The conference will feature lectures, panel discussions and even a live webcast all dedicated to educating individuals so that they may assist veterans in the higher education setting.

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Schedule for the day's events:

- 9:00 a.m.** Registration
- 9:30 a.m.** Veterans of Foreign Wars Absecon Memorial Post #9462 present colors of the United States of America and related service flags.
- 9:40 a.m.** Opening Remarks, **Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr.**, *College President*
- 9:50 a.m.** Keynote Speaker, **Sen. Diane Allen (R-7)**, *7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Office*
- 10:25 a.m.** Panel Discussion #1: Issues and Barriers for Incoming Veterans Against Reintegration into Higher Education
- **Diane Allen** *Senator, (R-7), 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Office*
  - **Michael R. Francis**, *Chief Master Sergeant, 177<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing*
  - **Mark Anarumo**, *Visiting Specialist and Affiliated Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Stockton College*
  - **Bryan Adams**, *Student President of the Rutgers Student Veteran Organization*
  - **William Keyes**, *Program Support Assistant, War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center*
  - **Robert Ford**, *Senior Vice Commander, VFW Absecon Memorial Post #9462*
  - Moderator: **Tom O'Donnell**, *Assistant to the Dean of Students, Stockton College*
- 1:00 p.m.** Live Webcast of "Building a Veteran-Friendly Campus"
- 2:45 p.m.** Panel Discussion #2: Effective Academic and Student Life Program Strategies to Assist Veterans
- **Wendy A. Lang**, *Director of Programs & Policy Analysis, NJ Association of State Colleges and Universities*
  - **Charles Kern**, *Student President of the Stockton Veterans Organization*
  - **Louis Martini**, *Director Military Education, Thomas Edison College*
  - **Lauren DeRicci**, *Student President of Rowan Veterans Organization*
  - **Elizabeth O'Herrin**, *American Council on Education*
  - **Steve Vence**, *Director of Veteran Affairs, Kean University*
  - **Anne Marie Pistizzi**, *Director Veteran Affairs, Rowan University*
  - Moderator: **Patrick Shields**, *Coordinator of Veteran Affairs, Stockton College*

For more information or to register for "Operation Promise Comes to Stockton" please contact Patrick Shields, Coordinator of Veteran Affairs at 609-652-4987.

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