Princeton Review Names Richard Stockton College of NJ Among Best Northeastern Colleges

Diversity, Friendliness Cited in 2010 Guidebook and Web Site

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is one of the best colleges and universities in the Northeast, according to the Princeton Review.

The school's diversity, "friendliness" and "beautiful campus" were among Stockton's attributes mentioned by students surveyed for the "Best in the Northeast" section of *Princeton Review's 2010 Best Colleges Region by Region* Web site feature and in the book *The Best Northeastern Colleges: 2010 Edition.*

According to Robert Frank, Vice President of Publishing for Princeton Review, Stockton was selected "Primarily for (its) excellent academic programs. We choose the schools based on institutional data we collect for several hundred schools in each region, our visits to the schools over the years, and the opinions of independent and high school-based advisors whose recommendations we invite." He stressed Princeton Review also takes into account what each school's students report to them on an 80-question student survey.

The publication and Web site do not rank the schools. It selected 218 colleges and universities in 11 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, as well as the District of Columbia. In all, Princeton Review selected 640 colleges in all of its regions, representing approximately 25 percent of the nation's four-year colleges.

"As with any national recognition, we are very pleased to be named by Princeton Review as one of the best colleges and universities in the Northeast," said Stockton's President Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. "This designation is particularly gratifying given the significant input students have in the selection process."

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One such student quoted in Stockton's profile said "There is a great ethnic diversity on campus. Stockton has a good mix of small town kids from South Jersey and kids from the areas around Philadelphia and New York City."

Another student said "Stockton appealed to me because of its Marine Biology program. It is one of the best on the East Coast."

One international student was quoted as saying "I grew up in Venezuela and lived in Norway, during which time I was unaware of Stockton College. Once I was introduced I found a college where beautiful pinelands, lakes and the quality of education are blended together creating perfect harmony."