

Stockton Action Volunteers for the Environment To Screen Award-Winning Documentary 'Bag It!'

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's student organization, Stockton Action Volunteers for the Environment (S.A.V.E.) is hosting a screening of the award-winning environmental documentary "Bag It!" at the Campus Center Theater on Friday, **April 25, 2014** on the college's main campus. A discussion begins at 7 p.m. and the movie begins at 8 p.m.

"Bag It!" follows "everyman" Jeb Berrier as he tries to make sense of our dependence on plastic bags. Although his quest starts out small, Berrier soon learns that the problem extends past landfills to oceans, rivers and ultimately human health.

The average American uses about 500 plastic bags each year, for about 12 minutes each. This single-use mentality has led to the formation of a floating island of plastic debris in the Pacific Ocean more than twice the size of Texas.

The film explores these issues and identifies how our daily reliance on plastic threatens not only waterways and marine life, but human health, as well. Two of the most common plastic additives are endocrine disruptors, which have been shown to link to cancer, diabetes, autism, attention deficit disorder, obesity and infertility.

S.A.V.E. recognizes the importance of reducing single-use plastic for the safety of our community and environment. S.A.V.E. is one of the oldest clubs at Stockton, and has been supporting environmental activism for 40 years. For the organization's 40th anniversary, S.A.V.E. invites the community to join its Earth Day celebration on **April 25** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and join the "Bag It!" event beginning at 7 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. All viewers will receive a reusable T-shirt bag. Old T-shirt donations are welcome, which will go to the project of turning them into reusable bags. For more information, contact Sarah Maldonado at 609-339-0183.

To view the "Bag It!" official trailer, click here.