

## Stockton to Host College\*Career\*Ready Academy in July for High School Students

Apply Now for Program by N.J. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

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**Galloway Township -** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host a College\*Career\*Ready Academy, a summer residential program for high-potential high school students, from **July 21-24, 2014.** 

The program, sponsored by the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation, is designed to prepare students for the ultra-competitive worlds of college admissions and eventual employment. Registration for the Academy is open for high school students entering freshman, sophomore and junior year in fall 2014.

"Smart does not mean ready. In fact, one of the main reasons for low college graduation rates is that even students with great potential may take the wrong courses in high school, make poorly considered decisions, or simply not work hard enough," said Dana Egreczky, senior vice president, Workforce Development, for the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and president of the Chamber Foundation. "Because attendance at each Academy will be limited, individuals will receive a personalized experience and get the most out of what is an exceptional program. They will leave better prepared to succeed in college and in the workplace."

College\*Career\*Ready Academies also will be held at The College of New Jersey, Montclair State University, Drew University and New Jersey City University. A program for college-bound students with mobility disabilities will be offered at the Kessler Foundation, at no cost to participants' families.

Stockton's program is set for this summer, but parents or educators should enroll their teens now, while there are still available openings.

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Each Academy will be led by experienced facilitators who will involve participants in engaging presentations, instructional simulation games, online activities, and personal interactions with college admissions officials, university deans and professors, and business leaders. Throughout the program, students will learn what colleges and employers expect, gain valuable insights and skills that can be used during the college admissions and career planning processes, and experience college and employment interviews. Participants will leave with an understanding of how the academic and social decisions they make today could impact their ability to get into college and their employability. They will also earn valuable credentials and a letter of recommendation upon satisfactory completion of the event.

Stockton is offering its alumni a chance to send eligible students (rising freshmen, sophomores and/or juniors) to this great program at the discounted rate of \$1,750, which covers all program activities, materials, room, and food.

In addition, participating families may be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar tuition credit at more than 350 private colleges across the country through the SAGE Scholars program.

For more information about, or to register a student in, The College\*Career\*Ready Academy, go to <u>www.CollegeCareerReadyAcademy.org</u>. Use institution code Stockton100 when registering, or call Patty Cullinane at 609-789-5279 for more information.

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