

# Stockton in *Kiplinger's* Top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges

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**Galloway Township, NJ** - The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has been named to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance's* list of 100 best values in public colleges for 2015. The ranking cites four-year schools that combine outstanding academics with affordable cost.

"New Jersey Distinctive Public College is pleased to be recognized by *Kiplinger's* on the value of a Stockton education," said President Herman Saatkamp. "Stockton's small class sizes and distinguished faculty, 96 percent of whom hold the highest degree in their fields, offer students the personal attention and hands-on opportunities of an elite, private college, at a public price."

*Kiplinger's* collected data from a total of 1,200 schools, provided by Peterson's Undergraduate Database. Stockton was also named to the Top 300 best values among private liberal arts colleges, private universities and public colleges, the first time the college has been recognized by *Kiplinger's*.

*Kiplinger's* assesses quality according to measurable standards, including the admission rate, the percentage of students who return for sophomore year, the student-faculty ratio and the four-year graduation rate. Cost criteria include sticker prices, financial aid and average debt at graduation.

"We salute this year's top schools," says Janet Bodnar, editor of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine. "Balancing top-quality education with affordable cost is a challenge for families in today's economy, which is why *Kiplinger's* rankings are such a valuable resource. The schools on the 2015 list offer students the best of both worlds."

Stockton has also been ranked #9 among public regional masters universities of the North by U.S. News and World Report. -more-

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The complete *Kiplinger's* rankings are available online at <u>kiplinger.com/links/college</u>. The rankings will also appear in the February 2015 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, on newsstands Jan. 6, 2015. Web visitors will find special features, including a tool that lets readers sort by admission rate, average debt at graduation and other criteria for all schools, plus by in-state and out-of-state cost for public universities; a slide show of the top 10 schools in each category; archives of previous years' rankings, and an FAQ about the ranking methodology.

### About Stockton

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, New Jersey's Distinctive Public College, offers an outstanding interdisciplinary approach to graduate and undergraduate education in liberal arts, professional studies, the health sciences and graduate and continuing studies. Its main campus is located on over 2,000 acres in the pristine Pinelands National Reserve in Galloway, NJ. Stockton also offers classes at instructional sites in Manahawkin, NJ, Woodbine, NJ and Hammonton, NJ and has just announced plans to develop the Stockton-Island Campus in Atlantic City with classes beginning in fall 2015. For more information, visit <u>Stockton.edu</u>

#### About Kiplinger

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