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THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



2nd Annual South Jersey Special Olympics at Stockton's G. Larry James Stadium

Event Set for April 25

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Special Olympics began in the backyard of Eunice Kennedy Shriver's home in Maryland nearly half a century ago. Today, Shriver's backyard camp is an international competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities and a worldwide movement.

On **Sunday, April 25, 2010**, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host its 2nd Annual South Jersey Special Olympics Track and Field Event at the G. Larry James Stadium, located on the College's main Galloway Township campus. The event will begin at **8:00 a.m.** and conclude at **4:00 p.m.**

Stockton's Assistant Director of Counseling and Health Services, Robert J. Ross, said, "Last year we had over 150 athletes who participated in our inaugural Special Olympics event. We also had over 75 student volunteers and representation from 12 Stockton clubs and Greek organizations."

Participating athletes— ranging from eight-years-old to adult—will compete on Stockton's track, which is named in honor of G. Larry James, the man who shaped Stockton's athletics department and launched and lead the building campaign of Stockton's 70,000-square foot multi-purpose recreation center. G. Larry James— who is also known as "The Mighty Burner"— was a member of the 1968 United States Olympic 4x400 relay team, which won a gold medal and held the oldest running world record in the sport of track and field.

Ross said, "The G. Larry James Stadium is a very fitting venue for this event."

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