

Stockton College, Robert Ross Honored by Special Olympics NJ as Volunteer Group of Year

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Galloway Township, **NJ** - The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has been honored with the 2014 Volunteer Group of the Year Award from the Special Olympics New Jersey.

The Stockton volunteer group, headed by Bob Ross, assistant director of Counseling and Health Services, was recognized for its strong advocacy of Special Olympics New Jersey. Activities include hosting a track and field meet in the spring, a floor hockey tournament, the 3K Jingle All the Way Run, a young athlete program, and the Unified Sports basketball and soccer programs.

Ross was cited as being in instrumental in developing the Unified Sports and Young Athletes programs, partnering with the Athletics Department and Occupational Therapy students to work with the Special Olympians

"The word 'no' is not in Stockton College or Bob Ross's vocabulary, only 'yes," said Linda Cobb of Special Olympics New Jersey, in presenting the award.

Sue Kinsell, director of the Area 8 Special Olympics office in Pleasantville, said, "Over the past year, Bob and his group of students have gone above and beyond to make the Area 8 Track and Field Competition a great event for the over 200 athletes from the area who compete. It has been such a great experience for the athletes, coaches and families to be able to have our event at such as great facility. Bob's effort is truly recognized and appreciated."

"I am truly inspired by the cooperative effort of the entire campus community and the culture of kindness demonstrated by so many of our students," Ross said.

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The 2015 floor hockey events will be held at the college's main Galloway Center **in the Sports Center** on Jan. 10-11, 2015 at 11 a.m., with the Jingle all the Way Fun/Run Walk at Stockton on Jan. 10. To register fort the Jinge All the Way event, visit JATW3K.org

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