

## Stockton College Annual Day of Service Expected to be Largest Ever

More than 500 Expected to Volunteer in 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Service Projects

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**Galloway Township**, **NJ** – More than 500 people are expected to take part in Stockton College's Day of Service to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on his national holiday Monday, Jan. 16.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Service has kicked off the spring semester at Stockton throughout the tenure of College President Herman J. Saatkamp.

The public is invited to participate along with Stockton students, faculty and staff. The College is partnering with the Galloway Twp. Public Schools for the event this year. Galloway schools will be sending a large contingent of students and teachers to participate. There will be 21 local organizations involved and 25 different service projects and activities. The activities will be taking place both on and off Stockton's campus here.

"It is gratifying to see how the Day of Service has grown over the years," Dr. Saatkamp said. "It has gotten larger each year both in participation and the number of people and agencies we help. We encourage everyone to take a day on rather than a day off to honor Dr. King's memory."

Electronic registration to volunteer has closed, but the College will accommodate any walk-in volunteers attending the event.

The opening of the program begins at 9 a.m. with remarks by Dr. Saatkamp and a keynote address by Stockton grad terry Dougherty, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Roland Rogers Elementary in Galloway. There will also be entertainment and musical selections.

The program will also include several Community Engagement Awards presented to various outstanding individuals.

"The Day of Service gives our students and community the opportunity to start off the New Year and the new semester by giving back to people in need," President Saatkamp said. "It is quite rewarding to watch the program succeed and attract more and more volunteers and to help more agencies."

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