

Stockton's Thomas O'Donnell to Represent College at Student Veterans Advocacy Event in Washington

Pat Tillman Foundation, Student Veterans of America and Operation College Promise to Launch Education Program to Aid Veterans

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Washingotn, D.C. – Thomas J. O'Donnell, Assistant Dean of Students/Veteran Affairs at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, will represent the College at a special event in Washington, D.C. tomorrow to launch a new nationwide education program to aid student veterans.

The Pat Tillman Foundation's initiative, known as "Got Your 6" is being launched in conjunction with the Student Veterans of America and Operation College Promise. The event encourages institutions of higher learning to welcome, encourage, support and aid student veterans by providing resources, peer support, facilities or any other means to help student veterans meet their educational goals and become leaders in their fields of study.

"Stockton is a leader in veteran-friendly education practices with our Student Veteran Organization, Veterans Lounge and special events and recognition of for our student veterans,"

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O'Donnell said. "Our President, Dr. Herman Saatkamp, has been highly supportive of our efforts and I'm honored to represent the College in Washington."

O'Donnell also serves on the New Jersey and national Advisory Boards for Operation College Promise.

Tomorrow's event, to take place at George Washington University, will bring hundreds of advocates for veteran education together including student veterans, participating colleges and universities, members of the legislature and celebrities. The Education Pillar of the Tillman Foundation will kick the event off with a collection of more than 500 pledges from institutions of higher learning (including Stockton) to commit to implementing or enhancing resources, policies and programs to support their student veteran population.

The event will also showcase student veterans and Tillman Military Scholars from across the United States who are achieving academic excellence through their own talents and support of their institutions.

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