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Stockton College Spring Graduates to Receive Degrees at May 7 Commencement Exercises

Boardwalk Empire Author Hon. Nelson Johnson, MSNBC Commentator Willie Geist to Deliver Commencement Addresses

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Galloway Township, NJ- A record number of 1,338 Spring graduates will receive their diplomas from President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on Saturday, May 7, 2011.

President Saatkamp will present diplomas in the eight Schools of the College: Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, General Studies, Graduate and Continuing Studies, Health Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Included in that number are 133 advanced degree candidates: 36 Master of Arts in Education; 35 Doctor of Physical Therapy; 20 Master of Social Work; 11 Master of Science in Nursing; nine Master of Arts in Criminal Justice; nine Master of Business Administration; seven Master of Arts in Instructional Technology; five Professional Science Master's in Environmental Science; one Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

Two separate ceremonies will be held in the Sports Center; the morning ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and the afternoon ceremony at 2:30 p.m. The morning ceremony is for all degree candidates in the School of Arts and Humanities, School of Business, School of Education and several in the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies. The afternoon ceremony is for all degree candidates in the School of General Studies, School of Health Sciences, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and several in the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies.

Between the morning and afternoon exercises, guests and the public are invited to a special ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. to mark the official opening of the Campus Center. The ceremony will take place in front of the Campus Center, located adjacent to the Sports Center.

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Commencement addresses will be delivered by the Honorable Nelson Johnson, a jurist, historian and author of *Boardwalk Empire* for the morning ceremony and by Willie Geist, host of MSNBC program *Way Too Early with Willie Geist* in the afternoon.

The valedictorian and salutatorian for the morning ceremony are Danielle Nobilucci of Atlantic City and Stephanie Cawley of Cape May Court House, respectively.

Valedictorian Danielle Nobilucci graduated at the top of her class of 2000 at Atlantic City High School. She chose to pursue other goals before attending college and began her studies at the College in 2005. Spurred by Dr. Lisa Honaker's "Horror in Literature and Film" class, Danielle pursued her passion for writing and is graduating today with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Literature with a focus on Literary Studies. She was a member of the International English Honor Society, the Service Learning Program at a local middle school, and presented a paper "The Price of Female Autonomy in Wharton's *The House of Mirth*" at the Women's and Gender Studies Consortium at The College of New Jersey. She plans to pursue a career in publishing and fiction writing.

The respective valedictorian and salutatorian for the afternoon ceremony are Trisha Sharma of Orange County, California and Amalia Martinez, who emigrated from Catalina de Guines, Cuba at age 10 and moved to Miami Florida.

Valedictorian Trisha Sharma grew up in Orange County, California and is a 2007 graduate of Oxford Academy. She has always maintained an interest in medicine and decided to pursue a career as a physician. She was accepted into the combined seven-year BS/MD program between Stockton and the UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School. Today, she will be receiving a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Stockton while simultaneously completing her first year of medical school. She is scheduled to receive her medical degree in 2014. She is a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship at Stockton, and thanked Dr. Debbi Dagavarian whom she met during her first year at the College and who has since become a mentor.

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