Stockton Joins with Community Coalition to Prevent and Reduce Youth Drug Abuse

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton University's Office of Service-Learning will be working with Join Together Atlantic County (JTAC), a coalition of non-profits, police, youths and parents, and the New Jersey Campus Compact, to build substance abuse education initiatives aimed at preventing and reducing substance abuse among Atlantic County youth.

Stockton has received funding from the N.J. Campus Compact for an AmeriCorps VISTA position to work with JTAC in specific ways:

- Piloting a new initiative - a prescription drug community forum;
- Conducting focus groups to update JTAC's substance abuse health education programs;
- Researching models, policies and legislation that curb youth substance abuse;
- Expanding JTAC's client referral network;
- Creating a public relations plan and marketing materials and holding public meetings for drug education programs;
- Improving JTAC's substance abuse training materials for educators, police and parents;
- Recruiting, training and mobilizing Stockton students and other youth volunteers.

The position includes a nearly $11,800 living allowance, basic health benefits, training and professional development, and a choice of a $5,775 education award or a $1,500 stipend upon successful completion of the one-year program. A relocation allowance of up to $500 and child care assistance would be available to eligible applicants. AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program.

Graduating college seniors, current graduate students, or professionals with experience working across cultures and with a range of community agencies, schools, government, or social services are encouraged to apply online. The deadline for completed applications is July 1.

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