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## Eagles' Legend Vince Papale, Stockton Professor Franklin Smith to Headline "Invincible Evening" at College

Public Invited to Screening of Film, Panel Discussion on September 13

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**Galloway Township, NJ -** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host an "Invincible Evening" with legendary former Philadelphia Eagle Vince Papale on Thursday, September 13 in the N-Wing Dining Hall of the Galloway Township campus.

Papale, a Philadelphia native and lifelong Eagles fan who did not play college football, became the NFL's oldest rookie in 1976 when he made the team following an open tryout. His remarkable story was made into the hit movie *Invincible* which opened as the nation's top box office draw for two consecutive weeks in August 2006. Papale is portrayed onscreen by Mark Wahlberg.

Papale and Stockton Professor of Sociology Franklin O. Smith, who played a role in the film as "Les," the Eagles' equipment manager; will discuss the making of *Invincible* and the nationwide impact of the film.

Last year, the Philadelphia Eagles watched the movie before opening their season, and earlier this month Appalachian State's team watched it just prior to the Mountaineers' stunning upset over Michigan, the fifth-ranked team in the nation.

The free panel discussion and film screening are open to the public and will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 in the N-Wing Dining Hall.