

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Wins Recognition From the National Wildlife Federation for Climate Leadership

*National Competition Recognizes The College's Contributions to the
Environment*

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GALLOWAY TWP., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey won first place in the National Wildlife Federation's Chill Out Contest in recognition of the College's outstanding environmentally responsible contributions and programs. Stockton is one of only seven institutions of higher education in the nation that were so honored. The others included California State University-Chico, Mount Wachusett Community College, Monmouth University, Oregon Institute of Technology, the University of California in Santa Barbara, and Oberlin College. One high school, Lawrenceville High School, was honored as well. This contest is part of a broader initiative for the National Wildlife Federation and is known as the Campus Ecology Program. The competition recognizes the efforts of institutions of higher education to use clean, renewable energy sources in a cost-saving and efficient way.

Jason Simmons, a Stockton student and Director of Stockton Action Volunteers for the Environment notified the competition of the College's efforts. Stockton is a leader in the application of new and alternative technologies to reduce both greenhouse gas emissions and the use of fossil fuel energy sources. Stockton's exceptionally large 400-borehole BTES (closed-loop) geothermal heat pump system has heated and cooled the academic buildings since 1994. The system decreases Stockton's electric consumption by 25% and the College's natural gas consumption by 70%. Carbon dioxide emissions are reduced by 13%, which saves the College \$330,000 per year. A 200 kW fuel cell provides 1/10th of the College's total energy and has been in place since 2002. The fully operational 20 kW of solar photovoltaics save the College \$3,500 annually.

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The College's most recent building also reflects Stockton's longstanding commitment to Green Technology and sustainability. Housing V Residential Commons broke ground on Wednesday, February 21st of this year. The buildings will be heated and cooled with a geothermal system similar to the one that serves the main campus buildings. Sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality were addressed in the design phase.

Richard Stockton College is an award-winning Liberal Arts and Sciences College that is located in an environmentally and culturally unique area. The College actively pursues environmentally responsible decision-making in working toward a sustainable South Jersey community.

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