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For Immediate Release:

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to host 25th annual Pinelands Short Course

NEW LISBON, N.J. – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host the 25th annual Pinelands Short Course at its main campus in Galloway Township, Atlantic County on March 8, 2014.

“We are pleased to partner with The Richard Stockton College to present what promises to be an outstanding lineup and venue for the 25th annual Pinelands Short Course,” said Nancy Wittenberg, Executive Director of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission.

The Pinelands Short Course is a daylong event featuring educational presentations that explore the unique history, ecology, culture and music of the 1.1-million-acre Pinelands National Reserve of southern New Jersey.

The Pinelands Commission has organized and carried out the Short Course since its creation in 1990, with three different partners. The event has been held at Rutgers University (1990-2000), The Richard Stockton College (2001-2003) and Burlington County College (2004-2013).

"Stockton is distinctively suited to host this event, as our campus is in the Pinelands National Reserve and our Environmental Studies program is one of the oldest and best in the nation," said Stockton College President Herman Saatkamp. "The College also protects and manages 1,500 acres of forestlands under New Jersey's first comprehensive forest management plan on public land."

Next year's Short Course will be held in Stockton's Campus Center and in the new Unified Science Center, set to open this fall.

The 154,000-square-foot Campus Center, which opened in May 2011, was awarded the Gold Certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) by the U.S. Green Building Council. The building, which features an 8,000-square-foot event room, a theater, meeting rooms and a food court, uses 40 percent less water and 30 percent less energy than standard construction.

The Unified Science Center is a three-story, 66,000-square-foot building adjacent to the Campus Center. The Science Center includes 11 research labs, six multipurpose classrooms for natural

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science and math programs, computer classrooms, labs for Life Science, Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Analytical/Physical Chemistry, Genetics, Microbiology, and faculty and adjunct instructor offices. The building has been designed for energy efficiency in accordance with LEED guidelines.

The Pinelands Short Course is registered with the New Jersey Department of Education, and professional development credits are available to New Jersey teachers who attend. Discounted registration fees are offered to senior citizens and students.

The lineup of presentations and 2014 registration brochure will be available at www.nj.gov/pinelands in December. The brochure also will be mailed to past participants.

**** ATTENTION EDITORS:** Digital photos from last year's Pinelands Short Course, including the one below, can be obtained via e-mail by contacting Joel Mott at (609) 894-7300, ext. 125.



Above: Becca Gutwirth of the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge in Medford, NJ, holds a Screech Owl during a presentation she delivered during the 2013 Pinelands Short Course.

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