Degree Programs: Undergraduate degrees are offered in Health Science (BSHS), Nursing and Public Health. The BSHS program offers the following tracks: Generalist, Pre-Communication Disorders, Pre-Physical Therapy, Pre-Occupational Therapy and Physician Assistant. The Nursing program offers a four-year prelicensure program and an RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. At the graduate level, Stockton offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), Post-Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT), and Master of Science in Communication Disorders (MSCD).

Dean’s Notes: The School of Health Sciences (SHS) is located on the main campus in the West Quad building. The School is highly collaborative with partners across the region. This fall the BSHS program enrolled its first cohort of students for the newest track, Physician Assistant. Students in this dual-degree program earn a B.S. in Health Science from Stockton and an M.S. in Physician Assistant from Philadelphia University. This represents a collaboration between Stockton, Philadelphia University and Reliance Medical Group.

The School continues to collaborate with The Mainland Division of AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center and the Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation, both located on campus, for laboratory sessions where students can practice patient care skills and interact with trained clinicians. The Speech and Hearing Clinic, located in the Parkway building a short distance from the main campus, is a training facility for MSCD students that offers speech pathology and audiology services to children and adults in the surrounding community.

Collectively, SHS programs offer clinical experiences with education and health professionals throughout the region, including multi-facility health care organizations, early intervention agencies, school districts and private clinics. SHS is always adding new facilities, such as physicians’ offices for nurse practitioner students and sports centers for physical therapy students.

This year the SHS continued our commitment to interprofessional education with a number of activities, including a shared reading, a panel presentation by faculty and parents regarding autism, and our annual interprofessional conference held in conjunction with the Rothman Institute.

The BSHS program is the largest undergraduate major on campus, with more than 1,100 students enrolled. The BSHS faculty continues to offer students a range of innovative experiences and a cutting-edge curriculum grounded in interprofessional education. Faculty were awarded external grants to improve the health outcomes for individuals in our surrounding communities. An interprofessional group of faculty led students in occupational therapy on a learning abroad trip to Bogota, Colombia.

Faculty had work published in peer-reviewed publications and made over 50 presentations nationally and internationally, many of which were co-authored with SHS students. Scholarly work in teaching and learning explored a range of topics, including cultural competence in health care, wellness of individuals with developmental disabilities, teleconsultation with a developing country and assessment of essential learning outcomes.

Devoted to serving the community, faculty members also gave of their time and expertise. This year, examples include service on a number of editorial boards, membership on the Professional Advisory Council for the American Board of Disability Analysts and the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Association.