



Murphy Writing of Stockton College to Help Writers Develop Craft with Writing Getaways

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Galloway Township, NJ - The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will be offering new programs in the United States and abroad to help writers develop their craft through a new entity, Murphy Writing of Stockton College.

Murphy Writing, founded by Stockton adjunct instructor and alumni Peter Murphy in 1994, has partnered with Stockton on more than 10 programs since 2012, and now will be housed under the School of General Studies (GENS).

"Murphy Writing fits with the Stockton ethos," said Dean Robert Gregg of GENS. "Peter Murphy has created an organization that welcomes everyone into the world of poetry and prose writing, and he opens opportunities to them to reach a level of excellence that they could not have imagined themselves reaching. Indeed, Murphy Writing is as distinctive as Stockton, and together we will be able to expand our reach to writers and teachers all across the state and the country."

The Winter Poetry & Prose Getaway, held at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club every January, is the flagship program, attracting more than 200 poets and writers from across the country each year. This year's event will be held from Jan. 16-19, 2015.

The partnership has also included international writing retreats in Scotland and in Wales and the popular Shore Thing Writing Getaways in Atlantic City. Seven to 10 poetry and writing programs are offered each year, taught by Peter Murphy and as many as 30 other published writers.

"Stockton is the greatest supporter of the arts in South Jersey," said Murphy, who also taught writing at Atlantic City High School for 29 years. "We are honored that our creative writing programs are now part of this vibrant, growing community."

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Amanda Murphy, daughter of the founder, was named director of Murphy Writing of Stockton at a Dec. 3 meeting of the Board of Trustees. The operation's offices are located at Stockton's Carnegie Center in Atlantic City, but 2015 classes will be held in various locations in New Jersey, New Hampshire and Spain.

All courses are taught in person only, not online, Amanda Murphy said.

"Often the element of leaving your home and distractions to study as part of an encouraging community provides inspiration and a bit of magic that wouldn't otherwise happen," she said. "That's why we call them writing getaways."

To learn more and sign up for programs, visit: murphywriting.com

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