Largest-Ever Day of Service Marks MLK Day at Stockton

Agreeing with Stockton President Herman Saatkamp's request to make the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday “a day on, not a day off,” the College community and surrounding area responded like never before to the 8th Annual Day of Service.

“The event has grown steadily each year and this time we took it to a whole new place,” said Brian Jackson, a co-chair of the planning committee for the event (along with Daniel Fidalgo Tome and Carla Dow).

More than 500 people took part in the event which began with a breakfast program at the Sports Center and included a welcome by Provost and Executive Vice President Harvey Kesselman and a keynote speech by Ms. Terry Dougherty, a Stockton alum (class of 2000) who is a third grade teacher at Roland Rogers Elementary School in Galloway.

Dr. Saatkamp, who originated the Day of Service in 2004, was pleased with the record turnout of volunteers and agencies helped by them.

“As more people come out, we have the ability to help more people and agencies,” he said. “It is gratifying to see how the Day of Service has become a Stockton tradition.”

A highlight of the program was the presentation of the 2012 Stockton Community...
Engagement Awards. Lauren Skolsky was the student recipient, Dr. Clifford Whithem was the faculty awardee, and Coach Val Julien, Head Softball Coach, was the staff honoree.

The Galloway Township Public Schools partnered with Stockton for the event, and accounted for numerous volunteer students and teachers. The Galloway schools presented awards to students in the district from kindergarten through high school.

There was also live entertainment including a performance by the Kinetic Poetic Dance Troupe, directed by Lisa Zeuner-Ibarra, an instructor in the School of Arts and Humanities, and by the Stockton Stockapella singing group, under the direction of Dr. Neil Aaronson and accompanied by Dr. Beverly Vaughn.
Sharon Schulman Honored by Girl Scouts for Leadership

Sharon Schulman, special assistant to the president for external affairs, is one of five 2012 Women of Distinction chosen by the Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ Inc. The Women of Distinction Awards honor and celebrate outstanding local women, linking leaders of today with the future women leaders being developed through Girl Scouting.

Honorees are women whose professional accomplishments make them positive role models who inspire girls to achieve their own goals and dreams, and they come from a variety of professional backgrounds, including education, finance, communications, nonprofit management, law, and philanthropy. Schulman, a former Brownie and Girl Scout, has had a long career in politics and government, public relations and public utilities. As an award winner, she’ll be matched with a young woman to mentor.

“What I remember was the good times and camaraderie. The badges made us focused and goal-oriented,” Schulman said. “And I remember selling cookies.”

March 2012 is the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA. Girl Scouts’ centennial marks girl learning and service that spans ten decades, seven major wars, the civil rights movement and women’s rights from the vote to equal pay. Two-thirds of our nation’s most accomplished women in public service, business, science, education and community leadership were Girl Scouts. Alumnae include Sandra Day O’Connor, the first female to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States; Eileen Collins, the first woman space shuttle commander; Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust, the first female president of Harvard University; and Jeanne Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. For a list of prominent Girl Scout alumnae, click here.

Schulman will attend the Girl Scout Leadership Summit, where high school girls meet award winners, on March 17 at Stockton. For information, call 800-582-7692 ext. 161.

Women’s Basketball Coach Fussner Earns His 300th Win

Women’s Basketball Head Coach Joe Fussner earned his 300th career win in 20 seasons at Stockton. The Ospreys prevailed Monday for an 89-85 victory over Hunter College.

Fussner has led the Ospreys to two NJAC championships (2000, 05) and 13 postseason appearances, including the program’s only five NCAA Tournament berths (1984, 2000, 05, 06, 11) plus one ECAC title (2001).

Fussner initially became the Stockton head coach in 1982 and went 55-22 over a three-year span that included one NCAA Tournament bid, two ECAC playoff berths and a school-record 20 wins in 1983-84. After a two-year hiatus, Fussner returned to the Stockton bench in 1987 and won NJAC Coach of the Year after the Ospreys went 14-12 and earned an ECAC tournament bid. His current stint as head coach began in 1997-98 when he inherited a 4-19 team that he improved to 14-10 in just two years.

From 1974 to 1981, Fussner led the Atlantic City High School girls basketball team to two Group IV state championships, four South Jersey titles, and seven Cape Atlantic League crowns. Between 1988 and 1995, Fussner coached the Atlantic City boys basketball team to a 144-24 mark and six Cape Atlantic League titles.

Fussner was recently named Cape-Atlantic League Sportsperson of the Year for his decades of success and dedication to area sports, inside and outside the Cape-Atlantic League. Away from basketball, Fussner has also been a longtime high school baseball and basketball umpire and has been involved in Little League Baseball for decades, currently serving as District 16 administrator.

Congratulations to Coach Fussner and to the entire Osprey Women’s Basketball Team!
Red Cross Blood Drive Coming to Stockton

There is always a need for blood and currently only 3 out of every 100 people in America donate blood. Help make a difference!

January 26 & 27
9am—3pm
Sports Center

For questions or help making an appointment, please contact Pamela Kosick, at ext. 4912 or pamela.kosick@stockton.edu.

Middle States Reaccreditation — Week 14

If you’ve been reading these past twelve issues, you’re ready to begin Chapter Six of our Self Study this week. Those new to this process who would like to refresh your memory about Middle States reaccreditation may wish to view this brief video tutorial.

Each week from now until the Team visits March 25-28, 2012, we invite the Stockton community to read several pages from the report, and we invite readers to review the draft report in its entirety: log into the portal on the Home tab.

This week’s installment spotlights Chapter Six, Standard 14: Student Learning Outcomes. Enjoy!

Send Us Your News!

We want to know about things going on in the Stockton community. If your fellow employees should hear about it, we want to know about it to help spread the word.

Do you have an unusual hobby? Did one of your co-workers win an award or perform outstanding public service? Births, weddings, graduations and the like are all good things to submit to the Stockton Times.

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