Stockton University Receives $742,000 Additional Funding in Final State Budget

Stockton will receive about $742,000 more in state aid in 2015-16 than anticipated. Gov. Chris Christie signed the final state budget on June 26, which restored about $2.5 million to Stockton and five other state colleges and universities.

Stockton was originally slated to receive a $2.2 million reduction in state aid, but received the largest dollar amount of restored aid, $742,000.

Acting President Harvey Kesselman said in an e-mail to faculty and staff that although the University still needs to reduce expenses, the restoration lessens the impact.

He acknowledged the support of several Legislative leaders, including Sen. Jim Whelan, Sen. Chris Connors, Senate President Steve Sweeney, members of the Assembly and Gov. Christie.

First Year of Stockton Center for Community Engagement’s Homework Completion Program a Success

The Stockton Center for Community Engagement (SCCE) recently finished its inaugural year of the Homework Completion Program at Stanley S. Holmes Village.

Last fall, SCCE partnered with the Atlantic City Police Department and the Atlantic City Housing Authority to provide tutoring to children at Stanley S. Holmes Village.

Dr. Merydawilda Colón, executive director of the Stockton Center for Community Engagement, said the first academic year of the program was a success.

“I am very grateful for the support of Ronnie Carlini, the Office of Service-Learning, and Activist-in-Residence Rona Whitehead, for facilitating the process for Stockton students to assist in the Homework Completion Program,” said Dr. Colón, adding that Presidential Initiatives Funds made it possible to purchase a minivan to transport Stockton students to the program.

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Dr. Colón also recognized support of SCCE Student Fellows Paul Campos and Lidia Martinez, and Askhia Khawaja. Student Stephanie Medvetz analyzed data for the program.

Throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, 69 children participated in the Homework Completion Program. Many of the same children participated in both the fall and spring semester. About 140 Stockton students and 23 Atlantic City police officers served as tutors.

Dr. Colón said tutors often reported that students seemed more focused and engaged in completing their homework, in addition to having a better relationship with police officers.

“I am looking forward to the continuous success of the Homework Completion Program at Stanley S. Holmes Village, and possibly expanding to another location also in Atlantic City, Buzby Homes Village,” Dr. Colón said.

Susan Allen’s Photography Selected for Display in Presidential Wing

Susan Allen’s photography was selected and hung for display last week in the President’s Office hallway, located in Upper K-Wing. Denise McGarvey, Stockton’s exhibition coordinator, contacted Allen to display her images.

Allen has worked in the Office of External Affairs in News and Media Relations since 2009 doing photography, writing and social media, and is currently a professional services specialist.

“Allan’s passion for wildlife photography began at Stockton University on an autumn evening in October 2010. She was searching for fall foliage to capture landscape images when she heard a bird crying from a treetop directly above. When she looked up through her lens, she saw a hawk with a largemouth bass caught from Lake Fred, later identified as a juvenile osprey by Dr. Jack Connor, retired professor of Writing, and John Rokita, principal lab technician. Since then, she has traveled to numerous wildlife refuges and volunteered during amphibian migrations, horseshoe crab tagging events and oyster reef restorations.

Behind each image is a long, snowy hike, hours of swatting greenheads, crawling through the dirt to get eye-level with a subject, driving on dark, rainy nights to vernal pools or long waits to capture just the right moment, which Allen details on her photography blog.

She created a blog, Instagram account and trail guide known as the Stockton Biodiversity Project, which was supported with 2020 funding. The field guide, available online here, is a one-hour walking tour around Lake Fred.

“I want to thank Denise McGarvey for the opportunity to share my work with the Stockton community, and Dr. Jack Connor, John Rokita, Dr. Rudy Arndt [professor emeritus], Steve Evert [manager of Stockton’s field station in Port Republic and assistant director of academic labs] and Dr. Jamie Cromartie [associate professor of Entomology] for inspiring me to learn more about the biodiversity of Stockton’s natural world,” Allen said.
Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt Visits Whitney Plantation in Louisiana

Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt, Distinguished Professor of Social Work and Africana Studies, recently returned from a nine-day study tour of the Whitney Plantation and other historic plantation sites in Louisiana.

“When I first read about the opening of the Whitney Plantation in the New York Times, I knew I had to be part of the initiative,” she said. “Never before had there been a museum devoted solely to telling the story about American slavery and the impact it has had on both Black and White Americans.”

Dr. Reid-Merritt was invited for an extended stay at the plantation by Director of Research Ibrahima Seck as part of a larger initiative to engage the nation’s scholars in the project.

The museum’s benefactor, John Cummings, who describes himself as “a rich white boy,” spent more than $8 million of his own money to purchase and restore the property, which was first opened to the public in December 2014.

“The study tour has been educational, inspirational and overwhelmingly emotional,” Dr. Reid-Merritt said. “And the experience of walking through the memorial garden and viewing the names and quotes from more than 100,000 Africans who had been enslaved in the region felt sacred.”

Christina Cavaliere Receives 2015 Article of Excellence Award

Christina Cavaliere, faculty member in the Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies and Sustainability programs, was recently presented with the 2015 Charles R. Goeldner Article of Excellence Award from the Travel and Tourism Research Association (TTRA). The award is given annually by the TTRA in recognition of the best paper published in the Journal of Travel Research during the previous year.

Cavaliere and co-authors James Hisham of the University of Otago in New Zealand, and Scott Cohen of Surrey University in the United Kingdom, were selected by the association to be the recipients of the award for their paper, “Climate Change, Discretionary Air Travel and the ‘Flyers’ Dilemma,” published in the Journal of Travel Research in 2014.

The selection of the best paper is made by a committee of editorial board members and is based on the primary selection criterion of the paper’s perceived impact on future tourism theory and management practice.

Cavaliere participated in the TTRA conference in Portland, Ore. in June 2015. She has also been invited to present this work as part of the Stockton Business Research Seminar series in Fall 2015. Cavaliere will present on the flyers’ dilemma as related to the tension that now exists between the personal benefits of tourism and climate concerns associated with high levels of personal aeromobility. The presentation intends to serve the University by sharing insights on the paper theme as it relates to the 2020 Strategic Plan of Sustainability and Global Perspectives, Cavaliere explained.

“On behalf of myself, James Higham and Scott Cohen, we are incredibly grateful to be recognized with the Charles R. Goeldner Award. We are very appreciative of the tremendous opportunity to publish our research in the Journal of Travel Research and to receive the annual award,” Cavaliere said.
Patricia Donahue, Walter Tarver Present at EACE Conference

Patricia Donahue, coordinator of Career Center Special Programs and Initiatives, and Walter Tarver, director of the Career Center and president-elect of EACE, presented at the annual conference of the Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers (EACE) in Pittsburgh in June.

Donahue co-presented a session titled, “Using your Career Ambassador Team to Power Up Your Outreach” with Stockton student Kirsten Bollinger. Bollinger is one of four career ambassadors who provide outreach, social media marketing and assistance with office events and projects.

“Our presentation was about using student teams to market your office, and having Kirsten co-present was the perfect ‘show, don’t tell’ way to do that,” Donahue said.

Tarver presented a session titled, “Changing the Game: What You Should Know about Engaging Student-Athletes in the Career Development Process.”

“This year’s conference was especially meaningful for us because we brought a student who wants to pursue a career in our field. I believe she is the first undergraduate student to attend our conference, and she did a great job presenting and networking with other attendees,” Tarver said.

Elaine Ingulli Retires After 29 Years of Service at Stockton

Elaine Ingulli, professor of Business Law, is retiring after 29 years of service at Stockton University. Ingulli started working at Stockton as an assistant professor of Business Law in 1986. Over the years, she served as an associate, tenured and full professor.

In retirement, Ingulli plans to “go to art school,” taking courses at Fleisher Art Memorial in Philadelphia, and to continue her long-time involvement at The Clay Studio in Philadelphia. She also plans to volunteer for the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign.

Ingulli intends to organize retired faculty and professional staff to support the work of the Stockton Federation of Teachers by lobbying legislature and engaging in other political action.

“I hope to continue to revise a co-authored textbook that I have worked on for many years, *Law and Ethics in the Business Environment*, now in its eighth edition, and to travel whenever I can,” Ingulli said. “I have loved my career at Stockton - the community that is Stockton, my colleagues, and working with my students. I expect to find new ways to remain connected for the rest of life.”

Office of External Affairs Creates User-Friendly Link for Request Form

The Office of External Affairs now has a user friendly link for its request form: stockton.edu/earequest

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