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## 2020 Initiatives: Lili Mendoza to be International Writer-in-Residence

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**Lili Mendoza of Panama will be Stockton's first international writer-in-residence beginning in Fall 2013. The residency is a 2020 Initiative.**

Panama's Lili Mendoza, who writes fiction, poetry, and acts as a literary translator, will be the first writer to come to Stockton through a new International Writer-in-Residence Program, according to Judy Copeland, associate professor of Writing in the School of General Studies.

Mendoza is the author of the 2009 short story collec-

tion, *Corazón de Charol A-go-gó* (The Patent Leather Heart A-go-go). Her stories and poems have been published and anthologized in Panama, Costa Rica, Spain, Peru, and the United States, as well as featured in exhibits in Poland and Italy, according to the International Writing Program of the University of Iowa, which is partnering with Stockton on the program here.

Mendoza will arrive at Stockton in mid-November after spending two and a half months at Iowa's IWP. Mendoza's visit to the United States is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, the IWP said.

As a promoter of Panamanian arts, Mendoza organizes readings and creative writing workshops in public and private schools, is an active member of the [Theater Guild of Ancon](#), and has incorporated her works into musical and dance performances, the IWP said. Mendoza also created and produces *La Hoja*, a radio program to promote Panamanian literature through recitals and interviews with local writers and artists.

Stockton will host an international writer for three weeks, from mid-November through the first week of December, for three successive years, according to Copeland's summary of the \$17,505 program.

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## International Writer-in-Residency continued

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“This partnership will be an important first step toward building a track record that will qualify Stockton for external funding to bring international writers here for longer residency periods (a semester or a full year) and on a more continuous basis,” Copeland said.

The Iowa program brings approximately 30 prominent writers from around the globe to Iowa for two-and-a-half months of every year, and writers are often willing to extend their stays in the U.S. by interacting with literary communities in other regions, she explained. Iowa’s program began in 1967 and has hosted 1400 writers from more than 140 countries, according to its Web site.

Hosting the writer’s residency would help “to further internationalize the writing curriculum and to strengthen ties among literary groups and events that currently exist separately at Stockton and in the community,” said Copeland. She said students would benefit in learning the craft of writing, and by gaining more global awareness from the international writer’s perspective.

Copeland, who teaches creative nonfiction and whose own work has won numerous awards and appears in the Best American Travel Writing 2013, proposed the international writer program. It is one of several [2020 Initiatives](#) approved for the coming year, along with an activist-in-residence program, funding for the South Jersey History and Culture Center and a dance company residency.

“My special thanks to the 2020 Global Initiatives Committee, and to Professors Nathan Long, Emari DiGiorgio, Cindy King, and Peter Murphy, of Murphy Writing Seminars, for making this happen,” Copeland said.

## Denise Gallaro Retiring From Institutional Research



**Denise Gallaro**

Denise Gallaro, a research associate in the Office of Institutional Research, is retiring after nine years at the college. Gallaro was previously the associate director of Institutional Research at Kean University for 18 years.

Gallaro said her plans for the summer after retiring are to “sleep past 5:30, tend my garden, sell some antiques and visit my siblings who live in Texas, California and Washington state.”

Starting in the fall, Gallaro will be an adjunct teacher of Psychology for Kean at Ocean, a partnership between Kean and Ocean County College at either its Manahawkin or Toms River campus.

“It has been a sincere pleasure working here at Stockton College,” Gallaro said. “I will always cherish the time I have spent on this beautiful campus. I know Stockton is poised for great things and I wish all much success for the future.”

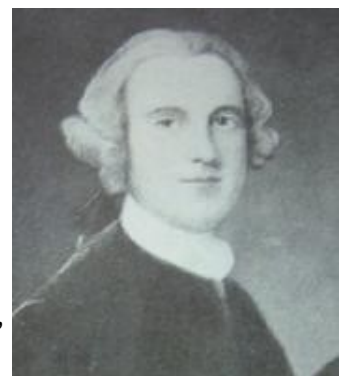
## Richard Stockton Heir Spotted on Campus

Employees in the Campus Center bookstore were wondering why the customer was buying two of so many items until they saw the name on his credit card – Richard Stockton.

Stockton said he was visiting from Hawaii and wanted to see the college named after his great-great-great-grandfather. He picked up \$400 in merchandise, including t-shirts, pennants, calendars, journals – and two duffel bags he said he’d need to get the stuff home.

“He was really, really nice,” said Romy Cronin, customer service associate in the store. Stockton and his female companion said they were visiting the East Coast and wanted to have a look around the campus. Even though they held up the bookstore line with so many purchases, a new student waiting behind Stockton was impressed at their chance meeting, Cronin said.

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, originally Richard Stockton State College, was named in honor of Richard Stockton, a lawyer, member of the Second Continental Congress, and New Jersey’s signer of the Declaration of Independence.



**The original Richard Stockton  
(1730-1781)**

## Alexander Marino Recognized for Community Service

Alexander Marino, director of the Carnegie Library Center and assistant to the Provost, was recognized for his community service by 101 Women Plus on April 27. Marino was recognized for his overall service to the citizens of Atlantic City, he said.

"I do serve on a few boards that directly impact folks living in Atlantic City, including the United Way of Atlantic County, the Metropolitan Business and Citizens Association, and Atlantic City Historical Museum," Marino said.

Marino also said the award is in recognition of the college's integration within Atlantic City since the opening of the [Carnegie Center](#) in 2004. Marino is responsible for ensuring that Stockton students and faculty can be linked up with various organizations within Atlantic City, including the Boys and Girls Club, Covenant House, and Police Athletic League, among others.

Marino has been with Stockton for 18 years. Marino started in January 1996 as the assistant to the Director of Teacher Education, later moving into the role of assistant to the Vice President for the Southern Regional Institute. In 2004, he took over the leadership of the Carnegie Center, and in 2011 he took over the leadership of the [Dante Hall Theater](#).

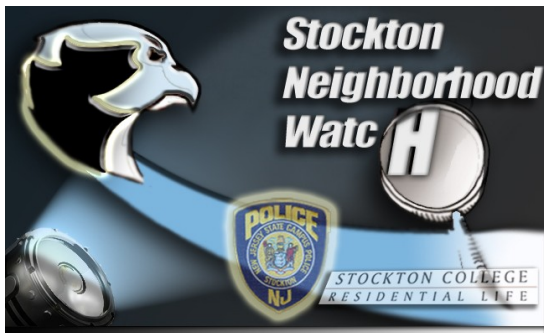
"To be recognized by such a grassroots, community-based organization like 101 Women Plus is a true honor," Marino said. "I am fortunate to have a position, one which I truly love, and am able to, day-in-and-day out, have a positive impact on a community in need."

101 Women Plus is a community organization that began in 1982 during the campaign of James L. Usry. Dorothy Dorington called a meeting in support of Usry, who later went on to become Atlantic City's first African-American mayor. 101 Women Plus focuses on promoting the spiritual, moral, economic and educational welfare of the black community. The organization also gives out two scholarships annually to high school students who exhibit concern for and provide beneficial contributions to the community.



Alexander Marino

## Stockton Neighborhood Watch Receives State Award



Stockton Neighborhood Watch ([SNW](#)) received formal recognition from the New Jersey College & University Campus Public Safety Association ([NJUCPSA](#)) on June 5, 2013. The NJUCPSA presented Nichelle Bennett, complex director of Housing II, K9 Officer Tracy Stuart and Lillian Hussong, president of SNW, with a Command Citation. Command Citations are awarded to public safety organizations with actions that go above and beyond ordinary or routine duties.

This marked the first time SNW received recognition outside of Stockton College. According to Hussong, 60 members of SNW performed 1466.5 hours of community service between 2012 and 2013. These community service acts included Superstorm Sandy cleanup, the annual Safe Spring Break Campaign, hosting three educational field trips, hosting the School Violence Active Shooter Education Program and performing routine safety walks at night, Hussong said.

Stockton Neighborhood Watch was founded in 2005 as a joint effort between the college's Police Department and the Office of Residential Life. One residential life employee and one officer serve as advisers to the organization, with Bennett and Officer Stuart being the current advisers.

Officer Stuart has been with SNW since its founding, and has the lead role in developing and implementing the training each new member receives, Hussong said. Officer Stuart received Outstanding Adviser of the Year in 2012. Her enthusiasm and passion for public safety is one of the reasons SNW has grown from eight to more than 60 members over the years, Hussong said.

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## Neighborhood Watch Receives State Award continued



**Stockton Neighborhood Watch adviser Nichelle Bennett, complex director; Lillian Hussong, president; and adviser and K9 Officer Tracy Stuart accept their Command Citation award from the New Jersey College & University Public Safety Association.**

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“Additionally, she brings her expertise to the table when we plan educational events about law enforcement related topics,” said Hussong.

Bennett joined SNW in 2011 and has helped bring SNW’s mission to residential housing. Bennett facilitates floor meetings. Floor meetings allow SNW to talk to all freshmen living on campus about important topics in public safety, including the Good Samaritan law, identity theft and domestic violence.

“Bennett and K9 Officer Stuart have been absolutely vital to the success of our organization,” said Hussong, who joined the organization in 2009. “I can say wholeheartedly that without their presence, SNW would not be where it is today, and the college recognizes that.”

“Together, both advisers have worked diligently to oversee the logistics of the club,” Hussong said. “Both advisers attend weekly SNW executive meetings and work to create programs and manage.”

Hussong sat on the first executive board in the club's history as vice president for two years. She served as president for 2012-2013, and will go on to be the public relations officer for 2013-2014. She is currently a Master’s candidate in the Holocaust & Genocide Studies program here.

## Campus Reaches Peak Solar Energy Production

On Thursday, May 30, Alice Glitchell, energy and sustainability project manager in Facilities Planning and Construction, reported that the solar output on campus peaked at noon at almost 1800 KW.

Glitchell said that even better numbers should be seen in a few weeks as we approach the summer solstice.

To view real-time solar output numbers on campus, please click [here](#). This Fat Spaniel page also shows output data on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis.

[This site](#) shows solar output rates down to the minute, and includes a running tally of how much energy the college has generated using solar energy to date. As of today, June 6, 2013, our use of solar energy has saved more than 75,000 gallons of gas.



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