Stockton in Kiplinger’s Top 100 Best Values

Stockton was recently named to *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*’s list of 100 best values in public colleges for 2015. The ranking cites four-year schools that combine outstanding academics with affordable cost.

*Kiplinger’s* collected data from a total of 1,200 schools, provided by Peterson’s Undergraduate Database. Stockton was also named to the Top 300 best values among private liberal arts colleges, private universities and public colleges, the first time the college has been recognized by *Kiplinger’s*.

*Kiplinger’s* assesses quality according to measurable standards, including the admission rate, the percentage of students who return for sophomore year, the student-faculty ratio and the four-year graduation rate. Cost criteria include sticker prices, financial aid and average debt at graduation.

“We salute this year’s top schools,” says Janet Bodnar, editor of *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* magazine. “Balancing top-quality education with affordable cost is a challenge for families in today’s economy, which is why *Kiplinger’s* rankings are such a valuable resource. The schools on the 2015 list offer students the best of both worlds.”

The complete *Kiplinger’s rankings* are available online. The rankings will also appear in the February 2015 issue of *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*, on newsstands Jan. 6, 2015.

Stockton, ACCC Offer Dual Degree in Biomedical Science

A new dual degree program between Stockton and Atlantic Cape Community College provides a seamless transition for students interested in preparing for careers in medicine, dentistry, and veterinary, while reducing the cost of their educations.

Qualified students will earn an associate degree in Biomedical Science at Atlantic Cape and transfer to Stockton to earn a B.A. or B.S. in Biology with a concentration in Health Professions or Pre-Physical Therapy. Students can take advantage of the program’s “reverse transfer” provisions, which enable them to apply approved credits earned at Stockton to complete their Atlantic Cape degree requirements.

Stockton’s Office of Academic Advising and the Health Professions advisor will provide guidance to Atlantic Cape Biomedical Science majors to help them transition to Stockton.
Stockton, Rowan’s Osteopathic Medicine to Offer Dual Degree

Stockton and Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine have announced a dual degree program that will provide students with the opportunity to earn a bachelor’s degree from Stockton and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from RowanSOM at an accelerated pace.

The program consists of at least 96 semester credit hours (approximately three years) of undergraduate study at Stockton and four years of study of osteopathic medicine at RowanSOM, enabling students to graduate with two degrees in seven years, rather than eight. The first students will be admitted to the program in Fall 2015.

Eight Faculty-Led Projects Approved for 2020 Funding

The following projects have been approved for 2020 funding in the Fall 2014 cycle:

**Dr. Daniel Moscovici**, assistant professor of Environmental Science and Geology, will lead the Dominica Field Study project to travel to Dominica with the intent to establish the required contacts and contracts necessary to develop a field study course (a short-term course that combines study abroad and field research).

**Dr. Mary Padden**, assistant professor of Nursing; **Dean Robert Gregg** of General Studies; **Stacy Cassel**, assistant professor of Communication Disorders; **Dr. Megan Foti**, assistant professor of Occupational Therapy; **Dr. Sarah Maynard**, assistant professor of Social Work; and **Dr. Thomas Nolan**, associate professor of Physical Therapy, will lead the Engaging Stockton Through Collaboration project. The two-year pilot project aims to create, market, and maintain a faculty, student and alumni acting troupe available for hire for standardized patient simulation teaching/learning exercises for the college and the community.

**India Karavackas**, director of the Office of Global Engagement, will lead the GeoDome Sharing: Enhancing Community Engagement project, which will repair and upgrade Stockton’s GeoDome immersive visual environment system in order to promote global perspectives and understanding to local schools and communities.

**Dr. Victoria Schindler**, associate professor of Occupational Therapy; **Dr. Mary Lou Galantino**, professor of Physical Therapy; and **Ann Walker**, assistant professor of Nursing, will lead the International Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Education Collaboration between Stockton and Colombia, South America. The project funds faculty travel expenses for a March 2016 trip to Colombia to establish relationships with Health Science programs at Universidad del Rosario and Escuela Colombiana de Rehabilitacion, as well as FANA, an orphanage in Colombia. This project is also receiving funding support from the School of Health Sciences and from students who will attend the trip.

**Dr. Lisa Honaker**, dean, School of Arts and Humanities; **Dean Gregg**; **Dr. David Roessel**, professor of Greek Language and Literature; Eddie Horan, graduate student, will lead the Lines Between: Culture and Empire in Eastern Mediterranean project to help Stockton co-sponsor an international conference in Nicosia, Cyprus in June 2015. The conference will involve several academic fields including literary, historical, musical, theatrical, legal and sociological studies. The project is receiving additional support from the Office of the Provost and the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies.

**Dr. Carra Hood**, interim assistant provost for Programs and Planning, will lead the Symposium on Precepting Innovation project. The two-year pilot project aims to host a symposium which will showcase effective precepting, spread successful precepting strategies across the campus, communicate Stockton’s precepting vision to new faculty, professional staff and adjuncts, and provide opportunities for faculty and professional staff development at Stockton.

**Dr. Adalaine Holton**, associate professor of Literature, will lead the “Why the Humanities Matter” Summer Teacher Institute. The two-year pilot project aims to support a Summer Teacher Institute designed to solidify Stockton’s reputation in prioritizing the place of the liberal arts within the professions. The project builds upon Dr. Honaker’s initiative of the same name and will extend the work outward to the K-12 community.

**Dr. Sara Martino**, associate professor of Psychology, will lead the Women in Academia Conference project. The initiative will support a January 2015 conference designed to provide the campus community an opportunity to learn about stereotypes and inequity. The conference is borne out of Stockton’s Women in Academia Teaching Circle.
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**Stephanie Clineman Named to Garden State Film Festival Board**

Stephanie Clineman, theater manager at Dante Hall, was recently elected as a board member for the Garden State Film Festival (GSFF).

Clineman saw the relocation of GSFF to Atlantic City as an amazing opportunity two years ago when she was approached about Dante Hall Theater being a possible venue.

“There was such a buzz of excitement and anticipation about GSFF’s first year here in Atlantic City. Associating ourselves with their organization meshed perfectly with the direction and identity we were trying to build for the theater — a home for the arts here in Atlantic City,” she said.

GSFF returns to Atlantic City for its 13th annual event, March 19-22, 2015.

“This year, I have an added sense of investment after being asked to join their Board of Directors. Representing Stockton in this strong group of individuals is an honor, and I’m excited to help support all of our efforts to make this event a huge success in its new home,” Clineman said. “In this exhilarating time of redefining Atlantic City, having groups like the Garden State Film Festival creating roots here, as well as Stockton’s increased educational and artistic presence continually growing, this city has a fighting chance.”

Events will take place in Dante Hall, The Noyes Arts Garage, Resorts, and The Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City. For more information on the 2015 Garden State Film Festival, [click here](#).

**Haines Retires as Men’s Soccer Coach, Starts as Assistant AD**

Stockton’s Head Men’s Soccer Coach Jeff Haines retired from coaching at the conclusion of the 2014 season after 17 years at the helm of the Osprey program. Haines transitions into an administrative role as an assistant athletic director at Stockton. He is one of the most successful Division III coaches in the sport, entering the 2014 season ranked 26th among active coaches and 35th all-time in winning percentage (.710) as well as 37th among active coaches in wins (257).

“I can’t reiterate enough how difficult of a decision this was for me. It took me awhile to figure out if this was something that I wanted to do. I knew I wasn’t going to be able to coach for 25 or 30 years because I put too much heart and emotion and passion into it, and to sustain that for 25-30 years is hard,” Haines said. “The other thing is that it will give me a chance to see my girls play soccer.”

Haines steered the Stockton program to the 2001 NCAA championship, which is the college’s only team national title in any sport, two years after taking the Ospreys to their first NCAA Final Four in his second season of 1999. Stockton’s four NJAC crowns (‘99, ‘01, ‘02, ‘04) during Haines’ tenure equal Montclair State for the most during that time span. He has led the Ospreys to seven NCAA Tournament berths (‘98, ‘99, ‘01, ‘02, ‘04, ‘08, ‘10) plus three ECAC championships as well (‘00, ‘05, ‘13).

“Losing a coach of Jeff Haines’ caliber would be a blow to any program, but I think this move will benefit Stockton Athletics in the long run and I’m confident that we will find the right coach to inherit a program with a rich tradition,” said Stockton Athletic Director Lonnie Folks of Haines’ move into administration.
Faculty Members From Various Schools Receive Promotions

School of Arts & Humanities

Christine Farina has been promoted from associate to full professor of Communication Studies.
Dr. Deborah Gussman has been promoted from associate to full professor of American Literature.
Dr. William Lubenow has been promoted from professor to Distinguished Professor of History.

School of Business

Dr. Michael Scales has been promoted from associate to full professor of Business Studies.
Dr. Aakash Taneja has been promoted from associate to full professor of Computer Science & Information Systems.
Dr. Shaoping Zhao has been promoted from associate to full professor of Business Studies.

School of Health Sciences

Dr. Mary Lou Galantino has been promoted from professor to Distinguished Professor of Physical Therapy.
Dr. Mary Kientz has been promoted from assistant to associate professor of Occupational Therapy.
Dr. M. Alysia Mastrangelo has been promoted from associate to full professor of Physical Therapy.

School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Dr. Kristen Hallock-Waters has been promoted from assistant to associate professor of Chemistry.
Dr. Chia-Lin Wu has been promoted from associate to full professor of Mathematics.

School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Marissa Levy has been promoted from associate to full professor of Criminal Justice.
Linda J. Wharton has been promoted from associate to full professor of Political Science.
Dr. John White Jr. has been promoted from associate to full professor of Psychology.

School of Education

Dr. Deborah Figart has been promoted from full professor to Distinguished Professor of Economics & Education.

All promotions are effective Sept. 1, 2015.

College Welcomes Link as Social Work Accreditation Specialist

Michele Link joins Stockton as a social work accreditation specialist. Link graduated from Stockton with a B.A. in Psychology in 2011 and a Master of Social Work degree in 2013. Prior to her employment at Stockton, Link worked as a direct care worker for Family Service Association’s adult partial care program, termed First Day. In her free time, Link enjoys spending time with her fiancé, family, friends and her dog Tootsie.

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