Welcome to *Headway* and the first issue of our Graduate Studies Newsletter at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Through issues of *Headway*, we hope to keep you updated with information regarding our graduate programs, including student, faculty, and alumni news; special events; deadlines; and trends in graduate and higher education.

This is an exciting fall for Graduate Studies at Stockton. We have **two new programs**, and are working on more. We have a **newly redesigned web site** to help you navigate as a prospective student or current student. And we have a new staff person in our office to assist with work flow, Kate Morrell, our web designer, newsletter editor, and multipurpose associate. She joins Michele Hewitt, a secretary and assistant to the Dean.

**Good news!** Enrollment is up. The number of graduate students “on campus” this fall is 464, an all-time record. This represents an increase of about 10% over fall 2004, in part because of a **new graduate program: the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice (MACJ)**. The MACJ program is our eighth graduate degree program, joining programs in education, business administration, Holocaust and genocide studies, instructional technology, and three health sciences (physical therapy, occupational therapy, and nursing). Students in education, business, and criminal justice are taking advantage of some courses offered at our Carnegie Library Center building in Atlantic City.

This fall, Stockton also welcomed 44 new faculty members to campus. It is the largest expansion in the number of new faculty since the College’s early days in the 1970s. As a result, we have more coverage in existing classes, new elective offerings, and a commitment to achieve smaller class sizes.

Deborah M. Figart, Ph.D.
Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of Economics
We are beginning to fill our first class or cohort for a new post-baccalaureate certificate program in paralegal studies. This accelerated part-time program is open to college graduates of any major who may be interested in pursuing a career in the legal profession. The demand for trained paralegals in the public and private sector, in both large and small workplaces, is outpacing supply. Stockton is trying to respond to community needs in this area.

In order to keep you informed and to sustain publication of Headway, we need to hear from you! Each issue will feature news from our programs, our faculty, and our students. We also have an “Alumni Corner.” Please contact us with news about your education, job/career, new address, interesting travels, etc. We especially would like to hear from alumni who have been affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Gulf Coast. Our wishes for as speedy recovery as possible.

In this issue, you can check out the blogs of two physical therapy students who traveled to Australia, read a Los Angeles Times article profiling the research of Associate Professor Alysia Mastrangelo, get clued into student and alumni events for Stockton’s homecoming weekend, October 7 – 9, 2005, and other newsworthy items.

Physical Therapy Students visit Australia

Elaine L. Bukowski, Professor of Physical Therapy, has nominated several of our PT students to an international medical program for the past few years. This year, two of our PT students (Class of 2007) were able to go on the trip. They have set up a blog site to share their experiences with us. If all goes as planned, these two will be making a presentation to the PT Club sometime this fall. To view their blog, click here.
Master of Arts in Instructional Technology Showcase Students’ Training

The Final Project Showcase of the Master of Arts in Instructional Technology (MAIT) program, took place recently at Stockton’s Southern Regional Institute/Educational Technology Training Center facility in Mays Landing.

The name of the event was appropriate as students showcased innovative uses of the latest advances in technology for teaching and learning. Presented annually since the first MAIT student earned her advanced degree in 1999, this year’s event gave the students an opportunity to share their work, and display their talents with faculty, fellow students and the local community. The Showcase also provides successful models for current MAIT students who are thinking about their own possible projects.

Attended by approximately 100 people, the Showcase featured individual students giving brief presentations/demonstrations of their work to the whole group. The presentations were followed by concurrent poster sessions, where attendees who wanted further information could speak with each presenter in more depth. Attendees also gathered for informal discussions during the reception.

This semester’s showcase featured the following 14 presentations:

- Joseph Casella - Teaching Parents to Teach Children Reading
- Sheila Williamson – Entrepreneurship Web Quest
- Jené Sokol - Home Program for Pre-K Readiness
- JoAnne Colacurcio - Computer Literacy for Administrators
- John Davis - Hybrid Approach to Pre-Calculus Course
- Catherine Simone - The Money Story
- Annice Rainone - Teaching Academic Ethics with Technology
- Steve Evert - Marine and Environmental Resources Project
- Joseph Filinuk - CBT for K-12 Faculty and Staff
- Donald Matousch - The Furniture Designer’s Challenge
- Fatjona Lubonja - Scanner-Kurzweil Tutorial
- Shawn Kenny - Electronic Textbook Supplement
- Lynne Kesselman - Skills for Success: A Technology Course for At-Risk Students
- Kevin LaMonaca - Customer Service Training for TSA

The MAIT Founders’ Award is bestowed upon the graduating student whose project best
exemplifies the theories, principles, and technical skills learned in the program. This year’s award was presented to Jené Sokol.

Featured Faculty

Alysia Mastrangelo, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy and lead author of the strength training and yoga studies was featured in an article by Jeannine Stein of the Los Angeles Times, on Monday, August 29, 2005. The article addresses the effects of exercise on menopausal women. To read the article in its entirety, click here.

Stockton Joins Council of Graduate Schools

In the spring of 2005, Stockton became a member of the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). CGS is an organization of institutions of higher education engaged in graduate education, research scholarship, and the preparation of candidates for advanced degrees. For over four decades, CGS has been the only national association dedicated solely to representing the interests of graduate education, with a mission to improve and advance graduate education. Stockton will benefit from CGS professional meetings, discussions of state-of-the-art curricula and policy, and access to information about resources for students.

Stay tuned to this newsletter for the latest information from CGS regarding trends in graduate enrollment and other hot topics.

MBA Program to Seek Accreditation from AACSB International

The faculty in business and the College administration will move forward to seek accreditation for the undergraduate business degrees and for the Master of Business Administration. This was the resounding motion at a successful retreat of the business faculty with President Herman J. Saatkamp, Provost David L. Carr, Dean of Professional Studies Marc Lowenstein, and Dean of Graduate Studies Deborah M. Figart on September 16, 2005. This follows a year of strategic planning by faculty members in business, including two visits by an external consultant.

AACSB is the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, founded in 1916. Accreditation is a process of voluntary, non-governmental review of educational
institutions and their programs. AACSB accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide. AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in management education. The multi-year process will begin when The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey formally submits an Eligibility Application with the AACSB. We look forward to working with faculty, students, and the business community to achieve this goal and will keep you informed as the process moves forward.

Why Choose Paralegal Studies?

*According to data from the U.S. Department of Labor, paralegal occupations held 200,000 jobs in 2002 and are projected to grow by 28.7% by 2012. This rise is nearly double the expected increase in all jobs nationwide.*

Responding to the demand for cost-effective legal services, lawyers are hiring and delegating more tasks to paralegals. In general, paralegals assist attorneys with contracts, agreements and other documents, and in dealing with clients. Paralegals (or legal assistants) are found in all types of organizations, but most are employed by law firms, corporate legal departments, and government offices.

The current education requirement is an associate’s degree, but this is changing. Employers are increasingly preferring and the American Bar Association is recommending a 4-year, baccalaureate degree plus a post-baccalaureate certificate program to gain a license. The highest-paying positions have these requirements, and graduates can earn entry-level salaries of $40,000-to-$60,000, depending on geographic location and other factors. To reap the benefits of this vocation, one needs guidance from the very professionals they are seeking to become. Here are some questions to ask when considering a school or program:

- Does the program have an associate who has been a paralegal for at least 10 years and has advanced to manage paralegals in a firm/corporation?
- Is it a post-baccalaureate program? Most major law firms/legal departments (roughly 85%) now require a bachelor’s degree.
- Is the faculty comprised of attorneys as well as paralegals in every practice area?
- How will the program help with career placement and advancement?
Enrollment Update

Breakdown of Fall 2005 Enrollment
Headcount by Program

- MACJ        16
- MAED*     125
- MAHG       27
- MAIT          78
- MBA           81
- MSN          40
- MSOT        55
- MPT            42

*includes students in Special Education Certification program

Stockton is beginning a new post-baccalaureate certificate program in paralegal studies. To learn more about the program, call us, 609-652-4298, or check out our Web site.

Homecoming Weekend

Looking for a chance to catch up with old classmates and faculty...

Join your colleagues for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and great company. The faculty/alumni mixer will take place in the Upper N-Wing Lounge on Saturday, October 8, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

RSVP to Annette Thorpe at (609) 652-4469 or annette.thorpe@stockton.edu by Friday, September 30, 2005

Are you a MAIT Graduate? Aren’t you missing the good old days in Stockton’s MAIT program . . . working with classmates on course projects, preparing for your final project presentation? Well you are in luck...

MAIT Graduates will be holding their first MAIT alumni mixer, on Saturday, October 8, 2005, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, at the Inglenook Room in the N-wing Cafeteria.

Catch up with faculty and fellow alumni over refreshments. Learn about the progress of our programs.
Are you ready to Graduate?

Questions about Graduation and Hooding……

Did you know that all applications for commencement must be completed via Student Services?
If you intend to graduate in the fall 2005 term, applications for graduate are due October 1, 2005. You may apply electronically at the Office of Student Records Web site. The fee to apply is $90 if you apply on time. After October 1, the fee increases to $150. So apply now!

If you are eligible to graduate, click here for additional information.

Graduate Assistantship Applications Due October 31

Graduate Assistantship Applications are available from the Office of Graduate Studies, from your graduate program Director, or from our Web site. Graduate assistantships are an important form of financial support for degree-seeking graduate students. Assistantships are granted in the form of tuition waiver. For assistantships in the spring of 2006, applications and a letter of interest are due to your program Director by October 31, 2005.

Career Services

Did you know that Stockton’s Office of Career Service, located in J-204, can be a terrific resource for graduate students with a variety of career and employment needs? The counselors in the Career Office will be happy to guide students in the construction of resumes and cover letters, the techniques of interviewing, and the latest strategies in job searching. They also sponsor events and workshops, such as career fairs, business etiquette dinners, professional dress fashion shows, and programs to enhance networking techniques, all designed to give Stockton students “the edge” over the competition. The Career Services Office has convenient hours too! It is open 8:30am to 5:00pm daily, with evening hours on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights until 7pm. The Career Library in J-204a is a dedicated campus computer lab as well.

Why not call extension 4650 or stop in J-204 to make an appointment today?
Alumni Corner

Jennifer (Severs) Durburow, MPT, Class of 2000.

The southern district New Jersey American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) announced that the national APTA has established a new award to recognize emerging leaders. A person will be named from each component of the APTA. The APTA-New Jersey is nominating one candidate, Stockton graduate Jennifer Durburow. Congratulations to Jennifer!

Carol Fredericks, MBS, Class of 2000.

Carol works for the Atlantic City Board of Education as the Assistant Business Administrator. She works alongside Lisa Mooney, the Atlantic City Board of Education Business Administrator, who is also a Stockton graduate (MBS, Class of 2001). Two years ago, the district suffered a huge deficit. Using a variety of strategies, Lisa and Carol helped turn the deficit into a surplus in just one year. Part of their corrective action plan was to develop a training program for the business department. Dr. Lew Leitner, Professor of Management at Stockton, is guiding the department with the training. They will be starting with a systems approach, and their first course will be “Total Quality in Education Business Practices.”

Tim Ilsley, MBS, Class of 1999.

In 2004, Tim was appointed Vice President/Director of Internal Audit for Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. in Biloxi, Mississippi. He was formerly the Director of Internal Audit for Bally Properties in Atlantic City. Tim, we hope that you are OK following Hurricane Katrina. Please contact us.

Sean McQueeney, MPT, Class of 2004.

Based upon his unique educational, including clinical, experiences, Sean was able to “create” a job as a Minor League Rehab Coordinator with the Seattle Mariners training team in Arizona.

Ron Stablini, MBS, Class of 1999.

Ron is currently the Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of AC Linen and serves on the Board of Trustees for Shore Memorial Hospital.

If you would like to be featured in our Alumni corner or know someone who you think should be, please email us.