New Year, New Job? Teachers Wanted: Near and Far

Although the State of NJ annual budget address focused mainly on hurricane relief, education professionals had good reason to be cautiously optimistic during what may be another tough budget year. The message from Governor Christie mentioned his ongoing commitment to continue supporting public education, a hopeful sign that more teaching jobs will continue to become available. Recently, we've heard from Hammonton, Vineland and Paterson about hiring needs.

Teaching Ambassador Fellowships are also open for 2013-14 (spend a paid year in D.C.) and if you're thinking Virginia, why not check out the Teacher Fair in Shenandoah?

What's New? Celebrate 2013 with the School of Education

To all of our friends and colleagues, the School of Education wishes you a very Happy New Year, hoping that 2013 brings all of us even more of the success, growth and development than we found in 2012.

January brings the higher education field into our “spring” term, so this issue will include all the information you need to begin the new term with us.

If you're planning to use copyrighted materials in your classroom, be sure to visit the Stockton General Counsel resource page and scroll down for a list of useful links, forms and advice to educators.

Faculty members in the School have already set up their summer course offerings, so be sure to check out the class schedule (pull down to Summer 2013) for your choices. Contact our Assistant Dean, our Program Directors and Coordinators if you'd like to teach for us in the future.

Congratulations go out to our newly-elected faculty Directors and newly-appointed Fellows: Dr. Deb Figart will continue to direct the Stockton Center for Economic and Financial Literacy (SCEFL) and will serve another year as Institute for Faculty Development Fellow in Research Quality/Impact. Dr. Doug Harvey will take on the Directorship of the MAIT program and will serve an inaugural year as an Institute for Faculty Development Fellow in Instructional Technology. Both faculty members will begin their new terms for all four offices in Fall 2013.

Additional kudos to Dr. Figart for a forthcoming publication, and to Dr. Susan Cydis for her new publication as well.
Common Core and PARCC Updates

Must Read: Close Reading
This report focuses on anchor standards 1 and 10 in Implementing the Common Core State Standards: A Primer on "Close Reading of Text." The authors are featured in the Alliance For Excellent Education’s 12/19 webinar on close reading.

Speaking of Common Core
The integration of complex thinking and communication skills with mathematics offers Middle school math and science teacher Marsha Ratzel opportunities to practice teaching her students to talk about math. Read her Ed-Week article for ideas about helping students develop their number sense.

What do you think? PARCC Seeks Input: Draft Policy on Accommodations
Between now and Feb 4, PARCC seeks public comments to its draft policy providing for read aloud and calculator accommodations. The policy draft, white papers and the input survey are both available online within one click of the draft policy page. Future draft policy accommodations will address English learners.

Your Feedback Helps: PARCC Model Frameworks
The model frameworks from last summer are undergoing constant revision and enhancement. In addition to the PDF documents, PARCC now has a searchable, cross-indexed tool for browsing the ELA and Math Frameworks by grade level, key concepts and your own choice of keyword. Visit the Framework Browser and keep your eye on the PARCC web site for updates.

Mark Your Calendars

“A story conducted by the time of a clock and calendars alone would be a story not of human beings but of mechanical toys.”

- Mary Lascelless

New Jersey Department of Education Updates

The School of Education welcomed receiving NJDOE’s inaugural issue of The Bridge Newsletter and we recommend that our friends read it too. Among the calls to action in the newsletter is one from Stockton alumna and last year’s Teacher of the Year, Jeanne DelColle, inviting all teachers to participate in advisory groups. DelColle joins her 2013 counterpart, Teacher of the Year Lauren Marrocco, on a Teacher Preparation Program Working Group that also includes Deans and Directors throughout the state to examine our licensure, program approval and use of data to inform teacher preparation decisions in our state. Watch future issues of this newsletter for updates from that Working Group. The topics being considered are in the Chief State Schools Officers’ 2012 Responsibility report.
SRI & ETTC: Ring in 2013 with Workshops and a Conference

Stockton’s Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center invites you to pre-register for the Annual “From My Classroom to Yours” Conference on March 13, 2013. This teacher-to-teacher conference offers teachers, technology coordinators, and educational administrators the opportunity to share “best practices” for teaching and learning. This year’s theme is Life in the Cloud! Go to www.ettc.net/conference to register.

Digital Learning Day (February 6) is a national celebration of teachers, shining a spotlight on successful instructional practice and effective use of technology in classrooms. Sponsored by the Alliance for Excellent Education, the day provides an opportunity for teachers to add their voice and expertise to a conversation with tens of thousands of other educators - representing nearly 2 million students - through ongoing activities, idea sharing, and collaboration. Teachers can also win money for their schools and equipment for their students.

Visit the SRI & ETTC at 10 Jimmie Leeds Road (near GS Parkway)

For more information about workshops, visit the web: www.ettc.net

A Look Ahead: The National Center for Educational Statistics

How many PK-12 students will be enrolled in classrooms over the next decade? How many college students will enroll in baccalaureate programs and beyond? Using census and other data, the NCES Projections of Education Statistics to 2021 projects key education statistics including enrollment, graduates, teachers, and expenditures in elementary and secondary schools, and enrollment and earned degrees confered expenditures of degree-granting institutions. Though any study is limited by the availability of data (private schools and homeschool populations do not contribute to the data that inform this report, for example) and unexpected shifts such as migration patterns, this report contains a wealth of data for a look ahead.

Resources & Opportunities for Teachers, Supervisors and Faculty


NEH Free Summer Program Still Open: from one-to-five weeks. View the programs and apply by March 4.

Delta Kappa Gamma NJ Scholarship: Apply for this $1000 award to eligible female students pursuing initial certification by February 15.

Pay As You Earn As many as 1.6 million Direct Loan borrowers could reduce their monthly payments under the new plan.

Distinguished Fellowship applications for $1000 Trustee grants are due March 4.

Technology for Currently Enrolled Students: For access to the latest technology on your own time, visit the School of Education H101 demonstration lab. Your Stockton ID will permit you to enter and use the Smart-Board and workstations.
Our School of Education prepares new K-12 teachers for TEAC-accredited initial certification. We emphasize more and better field experiences than most other pre-service programs in New Jersey.

We also offer three graduate programs: for master teachers, for instructional technologists and for aspiring educational leaders. Many of our courses lead to additional state certifications and endorsements, and all can be customized to meet your needs, both at our Stockton locations in Galloway, Atlantic City, Hammonton, Manahawkin as well as anywhere within your school district.

Our Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center (SRI & ETTC) offers professional development aimed at increasing student achievement. Our Centers for Community Schools and Financial Literacy fulfill our commitment to excellence in student and community engagement.

Opening soon: Woodbine Education Center

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends of our School,

Welcome to the spring 2013 term. As we look forward to the exciting events ahead of us, we thank all of our students, faculty, alumni, staff and school partners for all that you've done to position us for such a bright future together.

Our TEAC national accreditation review team will be on campus March 5-7; please be sure to let us know if you'd like to meet with them, and please accept our thanks in advance if you receive (and respond to!) their survey of our program partners and completers.

The School will soon be announcing several new degree program options for both graduate and undergraduate students. Education professionals seeking non-credit professional development will also see some new options announced by the next issue of this newsletter, so please do keep reading, and send us any suggestions you have for ways that we can continue to meet your education needs: email me directly keenanc@stockton.edu or the School more generally at SOE@stockton.edu anytime.

In addition to the courses we’ve offered at Stockton’s Carnegie Library Center in Atlantic City, we’re pleased to be among the many academic programs now offering courses at our locations in Manahawkin to our north and Hammonton to our west. Later this spring we’ll offer our first professional development options at the Azeez Center in Woodbine to our south and west. Our goal as a School of Education has always been to offer educators whatever you need to succeed, and we’re delighted to be part of Stockton’s vision for growth so that you won’t have to travel far to enjoy a Stockton experience near you.

We’ll also be announcing more hybrid and online delivery options for several of our programs, so please keep our website bookmarked and stay tuned for future issues of this newsletter for the latest from our School of Education.

Sincerely,

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