A Visit from New Jersey Teacher of the Year Lauren Marrocco

Several dozen of our pre-service teachers, graduate students, faculty and a few alumni enjoyed the chance to meet New Jersey’s 2012-13 Teacher of the Year, Lauren Marrocco. Lauren visited Stockton at 4:30 on March 26, precepting day.

A 4th grade teacher at Edward Patten Elementary School in Perth Amboy, Lauren shared some of her inspirational tips on becoming an effective teacher. She incorporated the latest cognitive learning research that she has been trained to use by Quantum Corp.

If you’d like to decode HOT & FAST messages to the amygdala, view the slides and ask colleagues who attended.

Achievements and Accolades

Congratulations go out to all School of Education faculty members who have earned successful Research & Professional Development Awards for the first round of FY14 funds:

Dr. Norma Boakes: Enhancing Mathematics Instruction through the Art of Origami with Primary School Teachers and Leaders of Lesotho, Africa

Dr. Susan Cydis: Fostering Technology Literacy in Future Teachers

Dr. Pitri Haria: Family Storybook Reading Initiative to Promote Literacy amongst Head Start Parents

Dr. Deb Figart, Director of the Stockton Center for Economic and Financial Literacy (SCEFL) will be hosting an Informed Investing session on Wednesday, April 17 at 4:30pm in the Campus Center Board Room. All are invited.

The New Jersey Office of Recruitment and Prepar-ation recently approved changes to two Stockton programs that will streamline both pre- and post-licensure programs:

The Special Education Endor-sement Program will be available in a 21-credit, expedited format that combines accelerated terms and hybrid formats

Initial certification is now available in tandem with many traditional liberal arts first degree programs, making possible a four-year path to Teacher Education.

Congratulations to MAED Director Dr. Kim Lebak and Special Education Coordinator Dr. Shelly Meyers on the endorsement approval and to TEDU Coordinator Dr. Norma Boakes on the expedited degree with certification approvals.

Well done!

Congratulations to the SRI & ETTC Director Patty Weeks and Assoc. Director Faisal Youhari for a successful “From My Classroom to Yours” conference earlier this month. Well-attended and engaging, “Life in the Cloud” included many faculty, staff, alumni and students from the School of Education. Kudos also to the SRI & ETTC staff whose efforts shone through!

Reminder: please join us to honor Dr. Joseph Marchetti, one of Phi Delta Kappa’s two Outstanding Leaders of the Year.

Professor Marchetti shares this honor with Dr. Scott McCartney, Superintendent of Schools for Egg Harbor Township.

Join both at the PDK Scholarship Fundraiser, Mon 4/8 from 6-8pm at Stockton Seaview Resort.
New Jersey Department of Education: AchieveNJ and PARCC News

Based on the timeline in the TEACHNJ law, AchieveNJ is being implemented statewide in the 2013–14 school year. Visit the web site to view informational materials on the new performance review system, including the weights of each component.

New Jersey DOE officials are presenting regional information sessions throughout the state this spring. Contact NJDOE from the AchieveNJ web site for additional information.

The Department also continues to publish a monthly newsletter with updates about rapidly changing policies and regulations. Read the March issue of The Bridge to keep pace. Subscription information appears on the last page of each issue.

Announcing its newly-granted non-profit status in March, PARCC has published prototype items and tasks on its national web site. The prototypes include ELA and Math items from grades 3 through high school. PARCC has also made available on its web site a planning tool and related guidance for school building and district leaders.

Mark Your Calendars

4/3 Preceptorial Advising—No Classes
Faculty Deadline to Log In to goPortal for IDEA preferences
4/19 9:30am-1:30pm Campus Center Teacher Career Fair
4/22 IDEA student ratings open (close on 5/6)
5/6 Spring Classes end
5/7 ELL Training Sessions
5/8 Graduating student grades due to Registrar
5/10 Masters and Doctoral Degree Commencement
5/11 Baccalaureate Degree Commencement
5/13 Summer AB&G Begin
5/14 All grades due
5/18 Summer F Term Begins
6/15 Legacy Bike Ride
6/17 Summer C&D Begin
6/21-7/2 Freshman Orientation
7/1 Summer H Term Begins
7/8-12 Transfer Orientation
7/17 Summer E Term Begins
7/24 NJEA TechCon
8/22 TeachMeetNJ

IDEA Administration for Spring 2013

Way to go, School of Education faculty! Prior to the April 3rd deadline, we have had 100% participation in the IDEA preference log in and set up. Well done.

In these last few days before the deadline, IDEA faculty liaison Russ Manson recommends that faculty with smaller classes double-check enrollment, in case class sizes change your IDEA preference (small class form, for example).

For those of you who chose any of the online administration options, please consider offering the class a token incentive when response rates reach 80% to encourage returns.

The School of Education office staff is also looking forward to providing you with any in-class assistance you need, from scheduling your class into a lab for the IDEA period to sending reminder emails to visiting your room with a wheeled cart of laptops or iPads. Synchronous online administration improves response rate and provides you with easily readable open response comments in your summary report.

Contact Karin.Kallert@stockton.edu or phone the office x4688 to make arrangements.

"It haunts me, the passage of time. I think time is a merciless thing. I think life is a process of burning oneself out and time is the fire that burns you. But I think the spirit of man is a good adversary.”
-Tennessee Williams
**SRI & ETTC: My Classroom to Yours**

Stockton’s Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center held the Annual “From My Classroom to Yours” Conference on March 13, 2013. Over 300 teachers participated in the event where they were able to attend workshop sessions in nearly 50 different topics throughout the day. The SRI&ETTC will be hosting the 3rd Annual New Jersey Anti-Bullying Conference 2013 on Stockton’s campus on May 29-30, 2013. The event is being presented by The Ceceilyn Miller Institute for Leadership and Diversity in America. This year’s theme is: How to Create Safe, Positive School Climate and Culture. To learn more, visit the conference website. To register using ETTC Hours go to [http://www.ettc.net/calendar/](http://www.ettc.net/calendar/) and find the link for the conference under “Featured Programs.”

New Summer Workshop just added to SRI&ETTC Calendar—All Things Google on July 22, 2013.
Go to [http://www.ettc.net/calendar/](http://www.ettc.net/calendar/) for more information.

**Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni**

**Job Seekers: April 19, 9am**
Join the Stockton Career Center and schools looking to hire at our Education Career Fair in the Campus Center Event Room. Dress for success, bring copies of your resume, and join us!

**Vineland Public Charter School** is hiring experienced NJ Specialized 6th grade teachers for Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, and/or Social Studies. Email ypcharterschool@verizon.net or fax 856-691-1005.

The **New Jersey Student Education Association** has low-cost memberships available to students that include admission to the annual NJEA conference and other special events. Visit the website to learn more about the benefits of NJSEA membership.

Join the new **Education Student Organization**. Visit the Facebook page and/or contact staff advisor Kyle Calderwood. New Officers include Liz Tomeski, President; Danielle Cairns, VP; Kaitlyn Hanschuch, Secretary; Stephanie Willems, Treasurer.

Congratulate the officers in person at the 4/23 meeting, 5pm, Room J228.

**Resources & Opportunities for Teachers, Supervisors and Faculty**

**Job Seekers: Camden City Public Schools** are seeking RAC Turnaround Principals for 2013-14.

Want to “unwrap” the Common Core Standards “really fast”? Literally translated, “wiki” means fast. Join wikiteacher to explore and add your own lessons.

The online community edWeb.net continues to offer a range of free professional development, including webinars and professional learning communities.

The **Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination Grants Program** supports the enhancement, expansion, documentation, evaluation, and dissemination of innovative, cohesive models that integrate the arts into the core elementary and middle school curricula: apply by 4/22.

Fans of NPR’s “Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me!” might enjoy hearing ED Secretary Arne Duncan playing “Not my job.”

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

Visit the SRI & ETTC at 10 Jimmie Leeds Road (near GS Parkway) for more information about workshops, visit the web: [www.ettc.net](http://www.ettc.net)

Sandy (MAIT alumna) Nancy Fiedler (Staff) and Louis (ITLA student) at “From My Classroom to Yours” Conference

Dr. Amy Ackerman (MAIT faculty) and Kate (MAIT student) at “From My Classroom to Yours” Conference
Our School of Education prepares new K-12 teachers for TEAC-accredited initial certification. We emphasize more and better field experiences than most other preservice 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 or Woodbine, as well as anywhere within your school district. Special group and on-site tuition pricing plans are available as well.

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.

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**From the Dean's Desk**

Dear Friends of our School,

So much is changing in our education profession that it often seems overwhelming: transition to Common Core Curriculum Standards, including the new PARCC assessments; the TeachNJ law and all of the new performance review systems; and right along with all of that change, a new accreditation agency that combines NCATE and TEAC into CAEP to set standards for educator preparation programs. Additional changes on the higher education landscape include new Doe waivers for the “12-hour rule” that will allow some colleges to experiment with competency-based, rather than “seat time” measures of compliance. Watch this newsletter for more updates.

Our TEAC national accreditation review team was on campus March 5-7. To a person, the team members were impressed with the high quality, professionalism and preparedness of our students, our faculty, our alumni, our cooperating teachers, our supervisors and our staff. Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback in the open comment forum. We await our preliminary report in April and a panel in August.

As the spring term draws to a close, we are already preparing for a busy summer, when the School will be offering numerous courses on campus, online and in hybrid format. As always our SRI & ETTC will be bustling with activities and custom workshops.

**Join us whenever you can.**

If you are interested in a topic for a course or workshop that you don’t already see in our listings, please send me email at keenanc@stockton.edu to let me know your interest.

Sincerely,

Dr. “ClauDean” Keenan