If you haven’t stopped by the newly renovated Upper J Wing to see our School of Education, you are in for a treat! State-of-the-art classrooms with Epson Brightlink, Dell laptops, integrated PRS (clickers) and flexible furniture in J202; that same furniture, a SmartBoard with PRS (clickers) and iPads in J228.

Between the classrooms are Nancy Fiedler’s office of Admissions and Advising, a smart conference room with LCD panel display, and a suite of administrative offices, including your mailboxes, Xerox and supplies to round out the wing.

Computer Services will be offering professional development on the tools themselves, and Dr. Doug Harvey of our own MAIT faculty will be offering more professional development based on pedagogical use of the tools. Contact HarveyD@stockton.edu

A few items to note:

See the related articles on page 2 of this issue to learn more about all of the hardware, software and opportunities that these rooms offer to our students and faculty.

Teacher Education Accreditation Council: TEAC Re-accreditation 2012

Both our TEDU (undergraduate) and our MAED (graduate) teacher education programs are due for TEAC review to reaffirm accreditation. Required under NJ state code, professional accreditation ensures that our programs follow a set of quality principles, and each periodic review affords faculty, staff and students a chance to document our quality processes and aim for continuous improvement.

Are you interested in participating in TEAC this fall? Contact our TEDU Coordinator: Norma.Boakes@stockton.edu Or our MAED Director: Kim.Lebak@stockton.edu

Learn more at TEAC.org
The School of Education will be administering ALL of its Fall 2012 IDEA Student Ratings of Instruction collections ONLINE.

Using our rolling laptop and iPad carts, any faculty member on the Pomona campus may administer the IDEA in class, using portable devices.

If you are teaching a course at another location, please contact the Dean (626-3593) to discuss online plans.

When the fall IDEA email message comes out from the Institute for Faculty Development, please select the ONLINE option and key your objectives there.

School staff will send you an email to schedule a cart for your class on the date and time you will administer the IDEA. If you have made other arrangements with the Dean, you will receive an email to confirm those as well.

To access the laptops, iPads, Smart software, use the Teachscape Video Reflect system, schedule a training session, or request apps for the iPads, visit the web:

www.tinyurl.com/JClassrooms

and click on J Classroom Technology Tip Sheets.

Thanks to Dr. Boakes!

Mark Your Calendars

10/30 Preceptorial Day: No classes held all day
11/7 Preceptorial Day: Classes begin after 3:35
11/21 Classes end 3:25 for Thanksgiving Holiday
12/11 Classes end
12/16 Commencement
3/5 – 3/7 TEAC Auditors’ Visit

IDEA Online!

Freshmen Pilot: Teacher Ed

Prompted by TEDU program meeting conversations about declining post-baccalaureate enrollments, Coordinator Boakes has been working with Program Coordinators and Deans in other Schools to pilot degree programs that accept TEDU credits as both, Cognates and At-Some-Distance. Collaborating with Admissions, we invited some 50 well-qualified freshmen (entering with Praxis-exempt SAT scores) to pilot these curricular paths.

Please give your support to this pilot program by talking with your colleagues in other Schools about the benefits to teacher candidates who can complete their degrees in 128 (rather than 160) credits.

EE4NJ Timeline: http://www.nj.gov/education/EE4NJ/

All non-pilot New Jersey districts must meet the following milestones in the 2012-13 school year:
1. Form a District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC) to ensure stakeholder engagement by October 31, 2012.
2. Adopt educator evaluation rubrics that include state-approved teacher and principal practice evaluation instruments by December 31, 2012.
4. Form a School Improvement Panel to oversee evaluation activities by February 1, 2013.
5. Thoroughly train teachers by July 1, 2013.

In addition, districts must report on progress to the Department in February and August of 2013.

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

-Gandhi

EE4NJ Educators For New Jersey
SRI & ETTC

Stockton’s Southern Regional Institute and Educational Technology Training Center has settled into its new home in the Parkway Building with plenty of parking and easy access from major roadways.

Upcoming workshops and conferences that may be of particular interest include the following:

Wed 10/10 9am-3pm  
Preparing for the New Literacies in the Common Core

Tue 10/16 9am-3pm  
Storytelling for the 21st Century to Engage Students and Meet the Common Core

Thu 10/18 9am-3pm  
Designing Cross-Curriculum Lessons for iPads

Thu 10/25 9am-3pm  
Designing Lessons for iPads in the Language Arts Class

Thu 11/1 9am-3pm  
Designing Lessons for iPads in the Math Class

Mon 11/12 9am-12pm  
Smart Response Assessment Strategies (Notebook software, response clickers and Teacher Tools)

Thu 11/15 8:45-11:45am  
SMARTboard and SMART Notebook 11 Basics

Mon 11/26 9am-12pm  
Google Earth and Maps

Thu 11/29 9am-3pm  
Designing Lessons for iPads in the Science Class

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

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


As noted in the previous story regarding EE4NJ, districts throughout the state will be deciding among the several approved models for teacher evaluation, or proposing one of their own.

Based on the adoptions in many of our partner and neighboring school districts, the School of Education has adopted the Danielson Framework for our pre-service TEDU program. Program Coordinator Dr. Norma Boakes, Assistant Dean Dr. Pam Vaughan, and MAED Director Dr. Kim Lebak have been presenting professional development workshops on this framework throughout the spring and summer. In addition, the SRI & ETTC has several additional classes planned, and as always, remains available for custom training and consultations to our consortium members, partner and neighbor schools as we make the transition.

View the observation rubric:  http://tinyurl.com/tdcu-supervisors


Grants and Opportunities

“More funding is available to faculty than ever before,” according to Provost Kesselman, whose Fall Faculty Conference address included a report on a more than 30% increase in the amount of internal funding available to faculty members.

The Grants Office has been sending email messages with updated information on new deadlines, selection review timeframes and additional funding opportunities.

Visit www.stockton.edu/grantsoffice to access all of the Grants Office information, including a complete matrix of funds.

Nationally, our membership to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) includes access to an excellent collection of resources, including more grant opportunities, webinars and action alerts. Visit aacte.org to access the site.
Our School of Education prepares new K-12 teachers for TEAC-accredited initial certification. We emphasize more and better field experiences than any other program 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, Hamilton, Manahawkin as well as anywhere within your school district.

Our Southern Regional Institute and 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.

From the Dean’s Desk

Dear Faculty, Staff and Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of Academic Year 2012-13. As you read through its contents, please consider contributing a news article or posing a question that is of general interest to us all. As the state, federal and international educational landscape continues to change all around us, our human connections to each other are what continue to keep us abreast of those changes, and prepared to face them, together.

We invite you to connect with the School of Education on any level: visit our facilities, attend or offer a workshop through our SRI & ETTC, present a guest lecture to our students, collaborate with our faculty or graduate students on their research projects, and of course, mentor or supervise our student teachers.

Our students appreciate all that you do to keep the School on a path towards continuous improvement. On this, our re-accreditation review year with TEAC (see p. 1) we invite your participation and feedback on ways that we can improve what we do. During our self-study, we are particularly interested in your participation.

Please send your feedback, suggestions or questions to me:

Claudine.Keenan@stockton.edu

In addition, if you have any questions or suggestions for the School in general, please always feel welcome to send them my way.

Please accept my very best wishes to you for a successful start to your fall semester!