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Achievements and Accolades

As we officially welcome autumn to south Jersey, it’s time once again to celebrate our alumni, students, faculty and staff members.

Congratulations go out to our new K-12 administrators who’ve earned Stockton leadership degrees (MAEL): Darlyne deHann, Math Supervisor in Little Silver Boro district; David Ragazzi, Assistant Principal at Galloway Twp Middle School; Kristen Toscano Schaffer, Math Supervisor at Atlantic County Vocational High School; John Longinetti, Assistant Principal at Cape May County Technical High School; Ronald Schmid, Science Supervisor at Absegami High School; and to Sherri Miller, Principal at Downe Twp Elementary School.

Congratulations to alumna Lynne Kesselman (MAIT) on earning the Stockton Professional Achievement Award for 2014-15. Lynne is also a USDE America Star of Teaching award-winner and one of Adobe’s top 1% Education Exchange members worldwide. Lynne has been a Computer Technology Educator at Egg Harbor Township High School since 2001.

Alumna Rachel Ludwig (TEDU) became a Language Arts/Special Education teacher at Somers Point this fall, enrolling simultaneously in our MAED program.

More congratulations to our newly-titled Dr. JY Zhou, Internationalization Specialist at Stockton, who defended her dissertation after a surprise baby shower to welcome her second child.

Stockton’s SRI&ETTC also welcomes new Associate Director James Giaquinto.

Dr. Amy Ackerman was invited to lead a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) workshop in Philadelphia for the International Public Management Association for Human Resources.

Dr. Susan Cydis has been awarded a Provost Opportunity Fund grant to present a session on Essential Learning Outcomes at Indiana University’s conference.

Dr. Deb Figart continues to offer insight into the economic impact of casino closings in Atlantic City, with recent interviews to Le Monde and Al Jazeera.

Planning to visit High Tech Hall at the NJEA Convention?

Be sure to catch workshops with your favorite Stockton faculty and staff 11/6-7: Google Forms with Michelle Wendt Thursday 1 & 2pm; Take Ten from PARCC Place with Dr. Amy Ackerman and Karen Simmons Thursday 1 & 2pm; and App-onomy with Dr. Doug Harvey Friday 1 & 2pm.

Pictured with her Finch robots, 2014-15 Stockton Professional Achievement Award recipient Lynne Kesselman will also be featured at the NJEA High Tech Hall Convention Friday 11/7 @11 & 12.
PARCC Updates: Field Test, Online Professional Learning and More

Based on results from the student surveys during the spring 2014 field test, PARCC is reporting generally positive experiences with test directions and ease of use, setting next steps for improvement on updating read-aloud scripts and simplifying tools like the Equation Editor. View the summary survey results here.

PARCC is developing a series of online professional learning modules to help teachers, counselors, school leaders, and school and district testing coordinators understand the new PARCC Assessment System and put the new high quality assessments to work for them and their students. The first two modules focus on an Overview and Accessibility.

To assist schools and districts in planning 2015 test schedules, PARCC has published some guidelines for unit testing times that account for adjustments made based on the 2014 field tests. View the schedules to make your plans.

Would you like your students to preview the PARCC technology navigation and tools in advance of the spring tests? Visit the Tutorial tab on the Practice Test site to share those tutorials with your students.

While you’re on the Practice Test site, why not spend time with some of the Sample Items as a way to prepare your students for the PARCC materials, navigation and online tools? Students may try Grades 3-11 Performance Based Assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) or the Grades 3-8, Algebra I & II and Geometry End-of-Year tests for Mathematics.

Mark Your Calendars

“Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking successive autumns.”

-George Eliot

10/1 Student Deadline to file for Fall Graduation
10/13 Columbus Day: Classes in session, offices open
10/19 Stockton Open House
10/21 Sub-term A ends
10/22 Sub-term B begins
10/28 Precepting: No Classes
11/4 Election Day: Classes in session, campus offices open
11/5 Precepting: No Classes
11/9 Stockton Open House
11/11 Veteran’s Day: Classes in session, offices open
11/12 Deadline to Withdraw
11/12-12/24 IDEA Window (Online closes 12/2)
12/7 Stockton Open House
12/8 Graduate Showcase
12/10 Classes End
12/12 Graduating Senior grades due by 8am
12/14 Commencement
12/24 All Grades due
12/25-1/1 Holiday break

Spotlight on University Status

Since the late 1990s, Stockton has been offering masters degree programs, and by 2006, had added its first professional doctorate in Physical Therapy.

In New Jersey, transitioning from using the name College to using the name University requires that the institution qualify for university status for at least the past five years. Having met this criterion, Stockton College faculty, staff and students spent the past two years researching the feasibility of seeking a change in status.

On September 17, the Stockton Board of Trustees voted to petition the New Jersey Department of Higher Education for a change to University status. The process involves an external consulting site visit and an approximate year-long process of review that is already underway.

Visit the Stockton College web page for an FAQ, the Resolution and more detailed information about this transition.
SRI & ETTC UPDATE

Join us for Lib 2.0 2014: A Media Specialist’s symposium at Stockton on October 20. Plan to spend the full day from 8am-4pm, including breakfast, lunch, many unique workshops and well-known keynote speaker Deborah B. Ford, Director of Library Outreach, Jr. Library Guild. Just 7 ETTC hours or $178 to register.

Interested in the Phonics First™ program from the Reading & Language Arts Centers? Pre-register for 10/27-28 and 11/19-20 at the SRI&ETTC web site.

Google Educator Certification Boot Camp with Rich Kiker Back by popular demand on 12/5 and 12/12 at the SRI&ETTC.

The SRI&ETTC has public workshops to meet all of your professional development needs, including dyslexia, Common Core, iPads and more. Visit the SRI&ETTC calendar to register yourself and/or a team of colleagues. For custom workshops, contact the SRI&ETTC at 609-626-3850.

Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni

Distinguished Student Fellowships apply for up to $1,000 to support your undergraduate project. Applications due 10/20.

Distinguished Research Fellowships also open for graduate students. Applications due 10/31.

Fall into FREE: Spark interest in some seasonal-related activities from the U.S. Forest Service, NASA, NOAA, and more.

Have you registered for your free CareerConnect account? Upload your resume, search for jobs and attend career fairs.

Delta Kappa Gamma Xi Chapter book awards are available to all women studying education in New Jersey. Apply today.

College students have choices for health coverage during open enrollment, which starts on 11/15. Learn more.

Resources & Opportunities for Teachers and Principals

Lines on the Pines offers (free!) Sunday 10/12 kids’ workshops at Stockton’s Hammonton Instructional site. Tell your students!

A new Teacher Workshop at the Noyes Museum in Oceanville: Portraits in the Classroom 11/5 for 3 SRI&ETTC hours or $55 class and materials fee

$10,000 Grants: from the Character Lab, sponsoring a contest asking teachers to send great ideas for cultivating character strengths in the classroom. Seven teachers who send the best ideas will win.

$35,000 Prize: Can you build a better school report card by 10/17? Go for it.

Students win a trip to NYC for uploading their hero video, from Discovery Education and the National Military Family Association.

Delta Kappa Gamma Xi Chapter Teachers Helping Teachers Classroom Grants are now available. Apply today.
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 a TEAC-accredited graduate program for master teachers and a program for instructional technologists. 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.

From the Dean’s Desk

Dear Friends of our School,

Welcome back to another exciting academic year. The School of Education is proud to welcome a brand new incoming class of both undergraduate and graduate students, seeking initial certification or masters level endorsements, certifications and degrees.

The SRI&ETTC has a full line-up of professional development that includes everything from online workshops to full-day conferences, with a wide variety of custom in-service opportunities available at your building or at any of ours. If you haven’t been to a course or workshop in a while, please consider checking out our newly-designed web site for all the latest information about what’s new at Stockton.

Our School is very excited to be part of the energy around a petition to seek University status from the state of New Jersey, and has been a founding partner in the work to develop an interdisciplinary EdD program in Organizational Leadership. Watch this newsletter for updates about the progress of both initiatives throughout the fall semester.

Best wishes go out to all of our partner districts, buildings and agencies as your own fall term settles into the comfortable routines of a new school year.

Have you won an award in education? A grant or prize? Gotten a promotion or an entirely new job? Drop us a line and let us share your good news with our faculty, alumni, staff, current students and friends.

As always, please email keenanc@stockton.edu with your feedback.

Best wishes,
Dr. “ClauDean” Keenan

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