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Summer Achievements and Accolades

As summer draws to a close, we focus here on School faculty achievements and new jobs for alumni. A special insert in this issue reflects on our summer partnership programs and events. Congratulations to all!

New EdD Program congratulations to both Dr. Joe Marchetti and Dr. George Sharp (LEAD) on the launch of our new Doctorate in Organizational Leadership; applications open now for spring classes.

Publications are out in peer reviewed journals for Dr. Susan Cydis (TEDU) on ELOs and for Dr. Norma Boakes (TEDU) on symmetry in Origami.

Professional Conferences this summer included Dr. Shelly Meyers (MAED) and Dr. Priti Haria (TEDU) presenting separate papers at the Biennial Conference of the International Association of Special Education in Wroclaw, Poland, and Dr. Amy Ackerman (MAIT) who presented at ISTE in Philadelphia, and Dr. John Quinn (MAED) who was selected to participate in the grades 7-8 Mathematics Performance Level Setting Meeting in Denver, CO.

External Grants: Congratulations again to Patty Weeks (SRI) on Year 3 of the Math-Science Partnership (MSP) for $364,998. Patty also secured $200,000/year for the next three years, with Dr. Kim Lebak (MAED) and Dr. Norma Boakes in Building Teacher Leadership Capacity from the NJDOE.

Internal Grants have been awarded to Dr. Amy Ackerman (MAIT) from Stockton 2020 to establish global coding partnerships between Stockton and the University of Johannesburg; Dr. Norma Boakes received two Research & Professional Development (R&PD) Grants to offer origami workshops in Maseratu, Africa and to senior citizens in New Jersey. Dr. Susan Cydis received R&PD for integrating Essential Learning Outcomes. Dr. Meg White (TEDU) also received a student travel award for her upcoming conference presentation with Brittany Hennessy (TEDU ’16).

New Jobs for MAEL alumni Sherri Miller (’14) as the Superintendent of Schools in the Downe Township School District, and for Christine Ruth (’12) as Assistant Principal at Galloway Township Middle School; and for TEDU alumni Michelle Leavenworth (’11) for 2nd grade in Winslow Township (see Spotlight for more), Kaylee Dellinger (’15) in Social Studies at Mainland High School, Chrissy Easton (’15) as a long term substitute in the Hess School, Mays Landing, Katelyn McGee (’15) for 6th grade in Upper Deerfield Schools, Lyne McNasby (’15) for Special Education/Math at Atlantic County Institute of Technology, Danielle Nugent (’15) for 5th grade at McKeown School, Paige Phillips (’15) for Spanish in Galloway Township Schools, Werner Raff (’14) in middle school science at CW Lewis, Nino Scotto diCarlo (’14) at Pinelands High School, Clancy Vena (’14) Shamong Schools, Billy Walsh (’15) for 5th grade Sabater Elementary, and Kaitlyn Odgers (’14) will be teaching 5th grade (see Spotlight for more). Congratulations to all!

EdD in Organizational Leadership (LEAD) program courses will be offered at the historic Stockton Seaview Resort in January, 2016.
Summer Programs: Galloway Township Partnerships

How did 25 teachers, 300 K-8 students, 9 Stockton fieldwork students and 3 Stockton faculty members spend their summer vacations? Piloting a Professional Development School model based on a Lesson Studio approach at Reeds Road School in Galloway Township! Every Monday-Thursday morning in July, Galloway students attended classes in language arts and math with their teachers, with Stockton fieldwork students and with faculty members. After the students boarded their buses for home, Curriculum Supervisor Michael Hinman directed the reflective practice aspects of the project each afternoon, where the Galloway teachers, Stockton students, and faculty members all engaged in collaborative professional development activities together, as depicted above.

They Are Heroes, Too! Military Child Tutoring

Stockton TEDU students Darren Babnew, Jennifer Waldman, and Samantha Elwell (at left) and Marybeth Sawyer (at right) all volunteered this summer for Terry Dougherty’s (MAED) program “They are Heroes, Too,” free tutoring for the children of active duty and reserve military service people, hosted by the Service-learning office at Stockton.

Future Educators Association Conference

Dr. Meg White (TEDU) and Dr. Lois Spitzer (MAED) teamed up with Larry Fieber of the New Jersey Center for Future Educators to bring a Future Educators Association conference to Stockton on June 2. The conference drew scores of future teachers, still attending high schools throughout the state, to discuss their interest in the teaching profession and meet with members of the Stockton School of Education faculty and staff.

Sessions included topics such as Teaching in an era of PARCC testing, teaching outside textbooks, Art and Math of Origami, ESL/BE in Today’s Classrooms, Teaching Today’s Millennials, Making a Difference for Students with Disabilities, Visual Literacy, Flipping the Classroom, and Brain-based Learning Theories.

At left, Jeanne DelColle and Dr. Norma Boakes lead sessions for Future Educators.
Summer Conferences: From My Classroom to Yours

Just as Stockton’s summer term got underway, the Annual From My Classroom to Yours conference convened on campus May 20, bringing together educators from across the southern New Jersey region to exchange cutting edge ideas, best practices, and the latest suite of learning tools available. Educators from Hamilton Township, Linwood, Northfield, Millville, Runnemede, Shamong, and Toms River joined faculty and staff from Stockton to offer sessions on Apps, Google Classroom, Chromebooks, Web-quests, YouTube, blogging, iMovie, PARCC, Cyberbullying, Social Media, and more. Vendors from Troxell, EverFi, and a special session from Daryl Ensminger of NJEA, rounded out an engaging day of hands-on practice, idea exchanges and networking.

It’s not too early to mark your calendars for next year’s conference. FMCTY will return to the Spring Break time frame, now that PARCC schedules have been streamlined: March 16, 2016 at Stockton. Bookmark the web site at www.ettc.net.

TESOL Academy and NJEA Techstock Events

Dr. Lois Spitzer (MAED) teamed up with Srisucha McCabe of the TESOL International Association to host an invitational ESL Academy for a group of Pakistani teachers who visited the US June 19-20.

Dr. Spitzer joined the teachers for the part of their visit that took place on campus at Stockton, pictured below.

Stockton MAIT faculty Dr. Doug Harvey and Dr. Amy Ackerman welcomed the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) to campus on July 15 for a day of peace, love and technology, better known as Techstock 2015. Participants enjoyed sessions on SmartBoard, Google Apps, Edmodo, Glogster, QR Codes, Twitter, iPads, Finch robots, Google docs and forms, and more.

TeachMeet ‘15

Meredith Martin offers her session on “MakerEd” in Room F-111 on Stockton’s main campus during the third annual TeachMeet unconference.

Conference organizers Kyle (MAIT ‘12) and Liz (MAIT ‘16) Calderwood collaborated with School of Education Counselor and Student Services Specialist Kate Juliani to offer a full day of free professional development to area educators interested in the latest web 2.0 technologies.

TeachMeet 2015 archives are available online at www.teachmeetnj.com
After failed attempts at negotiated rulemaking, the US Department of Education issued draft regulations for teacher preparation programs, drawing more than 4,500 public comments. Both legislative chambers are currently drafting bills and policy riders that would stop the enforcement of these regulations. If you haven’t already contacted our legislators, please take a moment to ask Rep. Lobiondo to support sec. 310 of S.559, and ask Sen. Booker and Sen. Menendez to support sec. 313 of H.R.970. Both sections block the use of federal funds that would mandate student testing in the currently untested grades and subjects for the sole purpose of rating teacher preparation programs. The New Jersey Department of Education has proposed 175 more hours to the full semester of student teaching. This proposal would cost each candidate approximately $3,000 more in fees, lost wages, and transportation, potentially delaying graduation. It also burdens schools with twice the student teachers. Send your comments to NJDOE.

Used and NJDOE Updates

Mark Your Calendars

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”

~ John Steinbeck

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Spotlight on Alumni Achievements

For Michelle Leavenworth (TEDU ‘11) finishing her Teacher Education program on crutches was a daily struggle. She’s overcome that with life-changing spinal surgery, is now running for fun, engaged to be married and preparing to teach in Winslow Township. Congratulations on these triumphs, Michelle!

Bill Perkins (MAIT ‘14) has added adjunct teaching at Atlantic Cape Community College to his repertoire of award-winning activities. Kaitlyn Odgers (TEDU ‘15) earned one of the top 15 spots at the New Jersey Distinguished Student Teachers Awards Ceremony last May. Congratulations Kait!

Ultimately, colleges of education should be reviewed the same way we propose evaluating teachers - based primarily on student learning [tests]. -Chiefs for Change
SRI & ETTC Update

Kick off your school year with a John Sowash Boot Camp: Google Apps for Google Network Administrators, September 23-24, 14 ETTC hours or $350, includes meals both days.

Are you mentoring a new teacher this year? Register for a half-day workshop designed to update mentors to the new NJDOE Mentoring regulations. September 16, 9am-12pm, 4 ETTC hours or $106; pre-registration is required. New to your district’s Teacher Evaluation Model this year? Sign up for a Novice Session on Danielson or Marzano, September 24 or 25, 7 ETTC hours or $178; pre-registration is required.

Register now for the All Things Apple K-12 Conference for sessions on everything from Apple Pro Apps to iPads to Yosemite, October 6, 7 ETTC hours or $178, includes lunch.

The free Sheltered Instruction Institute begins October 7 for K-12 teachers of English Language Learners. Register for all six dates today - seats are limited!

Registration fills up fast for Lib2.0, a Media Specialist's Symposium, October 19, 7 ETTC hours or $178, includes lunch.

Watch for additional programs to be offered throughout the summer at www.ettc.net.

Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni

NCTM offers a variety of pre-service and future math teacher awards due November 6, and collaborative research grants and scholarships of up to $3,000 to pre-service K-8 and high school teachers, due May 6, 2016.

AAUW Career Development Grant invites women who earned a bachelor's before 2011 to apply for graduate scholarships, due December 15, 2015.

LEAP Academy, Camden is seeking to fill 12 positions ranging in areas from grades K-12. Apply online.

Appel Farm is hiring arts interns for 2015-16.

Atlantic County schools are still looking to fill about twenty positions at Absecon, Atlantic City, Atlantic County Special Services, Egg Harbor Township, Galloway, Greater Egg, International Charter, Mainland, Margate, Northfield, Pleasantville, Ventnor and Weymouth. Bookmark this site today!

Resources & Opportunities for Teachers and Principals

Project Learning Tree invites applications for community partnership-based service-learning environmental project grants, due September 30, 2015.

The National YoungArts Foundation invites applications from talented high school students for master classes and scholarships, due October 16.

NCTM offers a variety of in-service training and classroom grants ranging from $2,000 to $24,000 to teachers P-5, 6-8, and high school, due November 6 and May 6, 2016.

NSTA invites applications to its 2015-16 awards program with free webinars October 14 and 21; applications due November 30.
Our School of Education prepares new K-12 teachers for CAEP-TEAC-accredited initial certification and endorsements. We emphasize more and better field experiences than most other pre-service programs in New Jersey.

We also offer a CAEP-TEAC-accredited graduate program for master teachers, supervisors, reading specialists, principals and a program for instructional technologists. Many 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, and 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 enhance our commitment to excellence in community engagement.

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From the Dean’s Desk

Dear Friends of our School,

Welcome to these precious last few days of summer in beautiful south Jersey. This issue celebrates so many accomplishments that our faculty, students, staff, alumni and partners have achieved, between day trips to the shore or lakeside getaways to the highlands.

As always, we thank our partners for making so many of these achievements possible, whether you brought a conference to our campus, or invited our faculty and students to your district. We extend an open invitation to all of our partners to consider joining us in these or similar type endeavors in the year that lies ahead of us. We have many exciting programs already planned, and we are always looking for more.

As this issue notes, we are tracking proposed regulations at both levels, the state of New Jersey and the US Department of Education. Both proposals impose increasingly resource-intensive requirements on teacher preparation, including an additional unfunded 175 hours in student teaching and the use of standardized test scores for teachers in all grades and subjects, solely for the purposes of measuring their preparation programs. Thank you for staying in touch with us on both items as they unfold.

And of course, if you have news to share, a story that may interest our students, alumni, faculty, P-12 partner school professionals, and friends, take this opportunity to share it with us.

For example, have you won an award in education? A grant or prize? Gotten a promotion or new job? Have you been tracking a current issue in our field that you’d like to share with our readers? If so, please drop us a line and let us share your good news: please email keenanc@stockton.edu with your feedback.

Best wishes,

Dr. “ClauDean” Keenan

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