E-Learning Offers Support, New Resources in Expanded Office

The E-Learning Office, located in K-206, now has more space and new resources to help faculty and teaching staff design instruction and integrate technology into their courses.

The office was recently extended into K-202d, which can serve as a private setting with two workstations available or as a group meeting space with a conference table and a large LCD screen for presentations.

New resources include a video camera, microphone and green screen backdrop for the production of instructional videos.

Dr. Susan Davenport, vice provost for E-Learning, said that the E-Learning team can provide support to anyone who wants to use the new video equipment.

The E-Learning Office’s goal is to enable a rich learning environment that will afford students the intellectual tools and content mastery they need in order to advance their professional growth. The team works with faculty to develop technology-enhanced instruction, and the effects benefit students.

The team offers self-paced online instruction for convenience and accessibility, face-to-face boot camp sessions in a classroom setting and individualized training at the office’s faculty workstations, which are equipped with the latest software, Adobe Creative Suite and Camtasia Studio.

“We provide every level of support—from someone who is brand new [to technology] to those who are advanced and have questions to get to the next step,” Dr. Davenport said.

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The E-Learning team strives to provide training “in a way that is comfortable to [all abilities],” she added, so that faculty and staff can use their new skills to improve student learning.

To learn more, visit the E-Learning website and read the E-Luminate newsletter.

Paul Lyons Memorial Lecture Features Lonnie G. Bunch, III

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture, set to open next year on the Mall in Washington D.C., will be about “how a community shapes a country, and the country benefits,” said founding director Lonnie G. Bunch III, at Stockton last week.

“I want this museum to be about national identity,” said Bunch at the fifth annual Paul Lyons Memorial Lecture on March 26. Each year, the memorial lecture series features a leading scholar in American studies, an area in which Professor Lyons focused much of his work.

Bunch was introduced by Dr. Michelle McDonald, associate professor of Historical Studies, who said Bunch was her professor when she was studying for her Master’s. Dean Robert Gregg of General Studies welcomed the audience and cited the ongoing legacy of Professor Lyons. The program was sponsored by the Master’s in American Studies program, the School of Arts and Humanities and the Africana Studies program.

Bunch said the museum “must not be a museum by black people and for black people,” but one that “speaks in truth and candor, but also reconciliation.”

Bunch spoke about the challenges of building the museum, which occupies the last available space on the National Mall, near the Washington Monument.

He said about $420 million of the $500 million needed for the project has been raised so far, and credited his board, which includes Oprah Winfrey, Colin Powell and Laura Bush, with helping see the museum through. Each has given 10 years to the project so far, he said.

“That tells you how powerful this idea is,” he said.

He answered questions from the audience, including from Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt, Distinguished Professor of Social Work and Africana Studies. She asked about previous initiatives to establish a similar museum. Bunch said he reaches out to other institutions, but not all want federal help. He has made it a point to share donations with local museums throughout the country, he said.

Retail, Hospitality & Tourism Talent Network Sponsors Industry Events

The Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Talent Networks (RHTTN) North and South recently sponsored the inaugural Industry Week Event from March 17-21 to exhibit resources for job-seekers searching for careers and to showcase the available vacancies. Events took place in the central, southern and northern areas of the state.

The leadership of the RHTTN is shared between Stockton in South Jersey and Fairleigh Dickinson University in North Jersey, because of the extensive programs each institution offers students in hospitality and tourism management.

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One of the key Industry Week events in South Jersey was the Talent Networks’ sponsoring of the New Jersey Travel Industry Association conference during which the benefits of working with the RHTTN at Stockton were highlighted.

"The Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Talent Network is working relentlessly to uncover the career pathways in our industries," said Caitlyn E. Bradley Weiss, director of RHTTN at Stockton. “We encourage our partners including job seekers, educational institutions and government to explore the opportunity and value in these career pathways and to seek the resources available through Labor and Workforce Development to help strengthen their labor force."

Dean Lewis Leitner of Graduate and Continuing Studies said he is proud to have such a high energy team in Weiss and Robert McNeill, director of Continuing Studies. “The two work together to create a strong foothold in Southern New Jersey for the Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Talent Network South. The NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development has set many new standards for the state’s Talent Networks based on Caitlyn’s accomplishments. We anticipate many more successful events provided to the state from our RHT Talent Network,” Dean Leitner said.

The NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development created Talent Networks to focus on the specific needs of key industries in the state in order to achieve the common goal of helping current job-seekers develop relevant skills that lead to job opportunities. They also are designed to help employers find qualified employees and ensure that New Jerseyans have access to training and educational opportunities that lead to the jobs of the future. The other six Talent Networks are: Technology and Entrepreneurship; Health Care; Transportation, Logistics, and Distribution; Life Sciences; Advanced Manufacturing; and Financial Services.

Scholarship Benefit Gala Set for April 26 at Stockton Seaview

The 34th Annual Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala on April 26 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club, honor President and Mrs. Saatkamp for their lifelong commitment to education, and celebrate the Saatkamps’ 50th wedding anniversary.

The Stockton Chamber Players will perform early in the evening, while the dance band, Don’t Call Me Francis, will provide entertainment after dinner.

The Gala benefits student scholarships and has raised over $5 million in the past 10 years. The event includes a reception, a charity auction, dinner and dancing.

Discounted tickets for this year’s Gala are available to faculty and staff for $200 per person. Contact Janice Weisgerber in the Development office (K-213a) for more information on tickets.

Residential Life, Counseling Services Initiate Awareness Project

Residential Life and Counseling Services have initiated a Social Norms Campaign across campus regarding alcohol consumption and Stockton students.

Laurie Dutton, associate director of Counseling Services, Dr. Jonathan Johnson, associate director of Residence Education, and Dr. Lugenia Ford-Small, assistant director of Counseling Services are spearheading the joint project, which began in January.

Incorporating the ideas of the committee, Gary Schenck, professional services specialist in Graphics, designed six different posters which have been placed throughout the college and on residential housing floors. The posters include alcohol statistics adapted from the Alcohol-Wise survey given out by the Office of Residential Life in early fall to incoming students.

Posters have been hung on a rotating basis, with an additional two posters being released later this month.

Laurie Griscom, director of Events Services, has graciously allowed for the placement of posters in otherwise restricted areas, Dutton said.
Stockton Sites ‘Light It Up Blue’ for World Autism Awareness Day

Several Stockton facilities participated in Autism Speaks’ fifth annual “Light It Up Blue Campaign” on April 2 as part of World Autism Awareness Day.

On this day, landmarks, schools, homes, businesses, colleges and universities around the world turn their lights blue to help shine a light on autism.

On Stockton’s main campus, the Grand Hall column lights in the Campus Center were set to blue and a TV, LED and portal slide ran the campaign logo for the duration of the day.

Hammonton’s Kramer Hall used blue rope lights and lanterns and painted its windows blue.

The Manahawkin instructional site was lit with blue rope lights in the windows and blue balloons around the site.

The Carnegie Center in Atlantic City also participated, utilizing blue flood lights.

The International Space Station, South Pole, Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Empire State Building also participated in the campaign.

Graduate Enrollment’s Jessica Grullón, Family Welcome Baby Girl

Jessica Grullón, Graduate Enrollment Services specialist in the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies, daddy Chris, and grandmom Yubi Pena, secretarial assistant at Kramer Hall, welcomed Mila Lê Nguyen two weeks early on March 28 at 8:54 a.m.

Mila weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Congratulations to mom, dad, and grandma!

Development’s Jessica Kowal and Family Welcome Baby Girl

Jessica Kowal, executive assistant and principal gift coordinator in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, husband Danny and big sister Sophia, welcomed Arianna Danielle Kowal on March 28 at 12:58 p.m.

Arianna weighed in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Congratulations to mom, dad and big sister!

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We want to know about things going on in the Stockton community. Do you have an unusual hobby? Did one of your co-workers win an award or perform outstanding public service? Births, weddings, graduations and the like are all good things to submit to the Stockton Times. Contact the editor at (609) 652-4593 or e-mail Stockton-Times@stockton.edu

News about distinguished students can now be found at Distinctive Stockton Students. To contribute a news item for the blog, please contact the editor at distinctive@stockton.edu