Stockton, Gloucester County College Offer Dual Degree Program

Stockton and Gloucester County College have entered into an agreement for a new Dual Degree Program (DDP) that promises to benefit students by increasing degrees earned from both institutions, and reducing the cost of their education.

Students who complete their associate degrees at Gloucester County College (GCC) will be guaranteed admission to Stockton under the agreement.

Students who successfully complete the Dual Degree Program will earn two degrees, their associate from GCC and their bachelor's from Stockton. They will pay the lower GCC tuition rate for all or part of their lower division coursework and Stockton's tuition rate once they transition.

Stockton also has a Dual Degree agreement with Atlantic Cape Community College and a similar guaranteed admissions agreement with Burlington County College.

Stockton has a variety of other Dual Degree programs, including those with 13 area high schools, allowing students to take college courses while still in high school and transfer those credits to Stockton; also with Rutgers and NJIT in Engineering, and with the Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers in Pharmacy.

For more detailed information on the Dual Degree Program, click here.

CBFS Donates $9,894 to College Foundation

Officers of the Council of Black Faculty and Staff presented President Herman Saatkamp with a check for $9,894 in front of the Board of Trustees and an audience of faculty and staff at the February Board meeting.

The money, which the Council raised at its November awards dinner and dance at Stockton Seaview, was donated to the Stockton College Foundation and will be awarded in the form of scholarships to deserving students.

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Stockton students. “The council has been working to help minority students for more than three decades,” said Council President Dr. Donnetrice Allison, associate professor of Communication Studies and Africana Studies.

The Council raises funds and recognizes distinctive individuals each year at its annual dinner and dance. This year’s dinner will be held Nov. 6, 2014 at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club.

“It has been my honor to serve as president of the council this year and participate in this most worthy endeavor. And I am grateful to all of the past presidents and council members who have built up our contribution to the endowment to more than $160,000,” said Dr. Allison.

Dr. Deborah Figart and Dr. Ellen Mutari in ‘Love, Economics’ Blog

Known by friends and colleagues as simply, “Deb and Ellen,” Dr. Deborah Figart, professor of Education and Economics, and Dr. Ellen Mutari, professor of Economics, were included on a list of prominent economist couples in the blog post, “Love, Economics Style,” written by Katherine Moos, a Ph.D. student at the New School for Social Research.

“Who would expect that we would be included on a list with Milton and Rose Friedman, Paul Krugman, and Joan Robinson?” said Dr. Mutari. “We haven't won a Nobel Prize - but then Robinson didn't either.”

Dr. Figart and Dr. Mutari first met through a mutual friend when they were living in Washington, D.C. The couple’s domestic partnership was the first sanctioned by Ventnor in 2004. Three years later, they were “civil unionized” when that became an option. After 30 years together, in the wake of the United States Supreme Court decision in United States v. Windsor, which held that restricting “marriage” and “spouse” to apply only to heterosexual unions under the Defense of Marriage Act was unconstitutional, “Deb and Ellen” married in New York City’s Marriage Bureau in January.

The two were surprised to see their names on a list of famous economists.

“I just happened to click on the link to this ‘Loveeconomics‘ blog on the listserv of the International Association for Feminist Economics,” said Dr. Figart. “I started reading about the couples, and thought, ‘Yes, of course, the Friedmans.’ Then all of a sudden I saw my own name and almost fell off my chair.”

To view the “Love, Economics Style” blog post, click here.

MSN Grads, Faculty Can Now Apply to Chatham’s Doctoral Program

Graduates of Stockton’s Master of Science in Nursing Program with a clinical concentration in Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner may now apply to be accepted into the doctoral program at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, under an agreement signed this month.

The application deadline for the September 2014 cohort is April 15, said Dr. Edward Walton, graduate director for the MSN program, who spent the past 18 months exploring options for Stockton’s MSN students to pursue a doctorate level education.

“We are estimating 8-10 students in this first cohort, which will be a combination of May 2014 graduates, past Stockton MSN alumni, and current faculty members,” Dr. Walton said.

“The movement to change entry-level educational requirements for nurse practitioners to the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) level was endorsed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) almost 10 years ago,” Dr. Walton said. “I don't think it is unreasonable to assume this change will happen in the next 5-10 years, so the graduate nursing program at Stockton can now offer an opportunity for our students to complete their doctoral level education via our new partnership with Chatham University.”

Dr. Walton worked closely with Interim Dean Bess Kathrins of the School of Health Sciences and Assistant Provost Tom Grites, Academic Support Services, to help bring this agreement to fruition.
Dr. Tang, SOBL Announce New Minor in Childhood Studies

Dr. Connie Tang, associate professor of Psychology in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, recently held a well-attended kick-off event for the new Minor in Childhood Studies (CHST) in the Campus Center Event Room.

CHST involves the study of children and adolescents using a multidisciplinary approach, utilizing perspectives from the behavioral sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities.

The Childhood Studies Minor is open to students of all majors, and is intended to better prepare students for graduate level work and careers in social services, youth programming, education and public policy. Students will be required to complete 20 credit hours, covering three levels: a foundations course, three core courses and a capstone course.

The capstone course is designed to prepare students for life after Stockton, according to information distributed at the kick-off. Students will take either an internship course or a higher level course with a Service-Learning component, working with children and/or adolescents in the field.

The Atlantic City Day Nursery has agreed to be the first site for student internships in AY2014-2015 for the new minor.

Faculty and staff involved in addition to Dr. Tang include: Dr. Deeanna Button, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, Dr. Guia Calicdan-Apostle, assistant professor of Social Work, Dr. Reva Curry, director of the Stockton Center for Community Engagement (SCCE), Dr. Susan Cydis, assistant professor of Education-Literacy, Dr. Shawn Donaldson, associate professor of Sociology, Dr. Marcia Fiedler, assistant professor of Jewish Studies, Dr. Christine Gayda-Chelder, assistant professor of Psychology, Dr. Sonia Gonsalves, professor of Psychology and director of Academic Assessment, Dr. Amy Hadley, associate professor of Speech Pathology & Audiology, Tracey House, adjunct instructor of Education, Dr. Marion Hussong, professor of Literature and Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Dr. Janice Joseph, professor of Criminal Justice, Regina Kerley, adjunct instructor of Nursing, Dawn Konrady, director of the Child Welfare Education Institute, Dr. Gorica Majstorovic, associate professor of Spanish, Dr. Joseph Marchetti, professor of Education, Dr. Sara Martino, associate professor of Psychology, Dr. Jean Mercer, Professor Emerita of Psychology, Dr. Shelly Meyers, associate professor of Education, Dr. Linda Nelson, professor of Anthropology and Africana Studies, Dr. Mary Padden, assistant professor of Nursing, Gail Rosenthal, director of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, Dr. Joseph Rubenstein, professor of Anthropology and an SCCE faculty fellow, Dr. Rose Scaffidi, assistant professor of Nursing, Dr. Allison Sinanan, associate professor of Social Work, Dr. Margaret Slusser, associate professor of Health Science, Daniel Tomé, assistant director of Service-Learning, Dr. Judith Vogel, associate professor of Mathematics, and Dr. Keith Williams, associate professor of Psychology.

Additional information on the program and the field is available at the program’s webpage under the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SOBL).

ARHU, Political Engagement Project Sponsor Lecture on Satire

The School of Arts and Humanities (ARHU) and the Political Engagement Project sponsored the presentation “Colbert’s America: Satire and Democracy” last Thursday. The lecture was given by Dr. Sophia McClennen, professor of International Affairs and Comparative Literature and Director of the Center for Global Studies at Penn State University, who authored a book of the same title.

Interim Dean Lisa Honaker of ARHU, Linda J. Wharton, associate professor of Political Science, Dr. Kristin Jacobson, associate professor of Literature, Dr. Adam Miyashiro, assistant professor of Literature, and Theresa Marinelli, professional services specialist in the Office of the Provost, helped organize the event.

During the presentation, McClennen spoke about the power of political satire and the intersections between mainstream culture, politics and society.

“There are those who argue that satirists like Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart discourage political engagement because they present politics as a joke, but McClennen argues the reverse: that Colbert’s performance, in particular, is a form of political activism,” said Interim Dean Honaker. “‘The Colbert Report’ does not simply entertain its young audience but actually encourages them to think critically about and engage with social issues. Since we're interested in fostering such thought and action in students at Stockton, we thought McClennen would be an ideal speaker for the Political Engagement Project to sponsor.”
PT Faculty Present HIV Research at National APTA Conference

Physical Therapy Professors Dr. Mary Lou Galantino, Dr. Thomas Nolan, Dr. Patricia McGinnis, and Interim Dean Bess Kathrins recently presented collaborative research along with students at the National American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) meeting in Las Vegas. Dr. Galantino was the lead faculty on her team’s research, working in collaboration Dr. Dave Keitry from the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program at Rutgers University. The team explored physical therapy intervention techniques used in rehabilitation of individuals diagnosed with distal sensory peripheral neuropathy (DSPN) associated with HIV disease.

Dr. Galantino’s team examined physical therapy techniques which included acupuncture, electroacupuncture, stretching, joint mobilization, and soft tissue mobilization. The treatments were used in conjunction with one another and were shown to have a positive effect on HIV-associated DSPN symptoms. An HIV systematic review on screening tools for HIV-DSPN was published in the Rehabilitation Oncology Journal last summer and the second manuscript is under review. The research team also presented at the International HIV and Aging Conference in October 2013.

In addition, Dr. Galantino and Dr. Keitry received an Oncology Research Grant to perform a yoga intervention study for people living with HIV-DSPN which will begin in the spring and summer months. The Oncology Research Grant will determine the feasibility of using yoga to reduce painful symptoms and provide a yoga studio and instructor for participants with HIV neuropathy.

College Welcomes New Staff Member in Social Work Program

Hilda R. Rivera Rodriguez joins the Social Work Program as an assistant coordinator for the Undergraduate Social Work Education Program. Rivera Rodriguez earned her Master’s in Social Work at Rutgers University, where she specialized in Children and Families. She received her Bachelor of Science degree at Stockton and her Associate in Social Work at Atlantic Cape Community College. Rivera Rodriguez continues to work full-time at Cape Atlantic Integrated Network for Kids. In the past, she worked on a part-time basis with Families Matter, Community Networks, and ASAPP & Family Services, providing in-home and outpatient services, and at South Jersey Family Medical Center, doing outreach for migrant workers in five different counties, as well as case management with adults for four years. She has volunteered for the local and state Youth Partnerships since 2004. Rivera Rodriguez enjoys social events, retreats, spirituality and spending time with family.

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