Hammonton, Manahawkin Sites Mark Achievements in 1st Year

In its first semester, Spring 2013, Kramer Hall offered 11 courses that yielded over 100 student enrollments, according to Dr. Eileen Conran-Folks, Manager of Instructional Sites. The Summer 2013 sessions brought another success, yielding 113 students enrolled in six different courses. By Fall 2013, with the addition of several graduate and hybrid courses, enrollment more than doubled to 265 students, Dr. Conran-Folks said.

In addition to academics, Kramer Hall hosted over 200 programs and events that spanned educational, cultural, community and professional development seminars.

Dr. Conran-Folks looks forward to continued opportunities for growth in Hammonton.

A formal partnership with Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) is scheduled to commence in Fall 2014, allowing ACCC students to take academic courses at Kramer Hall.

Four ACCC undergraduate courses are planned for the Fall and, based on the success of the program; the number of course offerings may increase. This will allow the opportunity for students to make a seamless transition from ACCC to Stockton should they choose to enroll in upper-level courses.

“This innovative educational partnership developed at our Hammonton Instructional Site provides both Stockton and Atlantic Cape Community College students a convenient location to take courses, and will allow both institutions to ‘meet their students where they live,’” Dr. Conran-Folks said.

Kramer Hall also plans to expand its “Miniversity” program, a non-credit life skills session designed for local high school students. Workshop topics will be shaped from focus groups currently scheduled with students from Hammonton High School.

“The diversely talented staff, interns and faculty who work at Kramer Hall have allowed us to provide excellent one-on-one support to the students enrolled at our off-campus site,” Dr. Conran-Folks said.

Michael Cagno, executive director of the Noyes Museum of Art, and Denise McGarvey,
professional services specialist with the School of Arts and Humanities, oversee the installation of art exhibits at Kramer Hall’s Art Gallery.

“The exhibits are a true magnet, routinely drawing in local Hammontonians, emerging artists from Philadelphia and Delaware, as well as local high school and college students interested in the art,” Dr. Conran-Folks said.

The Manahawkin Instructional Site also enjoyed excellence in enrollment in the 2012-2013 school year.

Under the direction of Michele Collins-Davies, operations manager, the site offered seven courses with 130 students enrolled. Following Superstorm Sandy, the Spring 2013 semester still managed to enroll 121 students in 10 different courses. By Fall of 2013, Manahawkin enrollment nearly doubled, with 230 students registered in 13 courses.

In addition to academic offerings, the site hosted over 100 programs and events that spanned co-curricular, continuing education, professional seminars and community-based events.

The Manahawkin Instructional Site partners with nearly a dozen external organizations, including the Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce, Meridian Health and Ocean County College.

Collins-Davies is proud that the site collaborates with both academic and community-based organizations.

“We accomplish this collaboration through educational programs offered on site, as well as service learning, volunteer efforts and guest speakers throughout the year,” said Collins-Davies. “With the commitment of our dedicated faculty, staff and students, we are able to bring Stockton’s talents into our surrounding community.”

To view the 2012-2013 Annual Report for the Kramer Hall and Manahawkin Instructional Sites, click here.

Dante Hall Theater Increasing Audience, Adding Events

Stockton’s Dante Hall Theater increased its audience by over 38 percent in its second full year of operation, and major new events planned for 2014 promise to continue that trend.

“With Miss America coming back and the Arts Garage opening, we’re really starting to see the Arts District take shape,” said Stephanie Clineman, Dante Hall Theater’s artistic programming and theater manager since 2011. “There is a resurgence of pride in Atlantic City, and we’re happy to be right in the middle of it all.

“It’s just wonderful to have Stockton be here, because it’s everything we visualized for the theater,” said Clineman, whose family is from Ducktown and who was baptized at St. Michael’s Church next door. “We can actually see it coming to fruition because we’ve got the resources and we’ve got the support.”

In 2013, 5,268 people attended events at Dante Hall Theater, up from 3,796 in 2012. Stockton began operations there in September 2011, with 1,052 patrons attending events during that quarter.

This year, “we have a lot of exciting stuff happening,” Clineman said.

The Garden State Film festival is moving to a new home this April, leaving Asbury Park for several venues in Atlantic City, including Dante Hall. The Downbeach Film Festival will continue at Dante in October, for the third year.

The hall will host seven full-staged theatrical productions this year, Clineman said, including three by the School of Arts and Humanities. Dante Hall will also host “The World Above,” monthly open-mic poetry readings organized by the South Jersey Poets Collective, and several productions by an independent theater group, Peter Murphy writing seminars and a production of the opera ‘Aida’ by the Amici Opera Company of Philadelphia.

ARHU’s first offering will be “Growing up in the ‘Other’ Atlantic City,” a play based on a book by Turiya Raheem, which was adapted and is being directed by Pamela Hendrick, professor of Theatre. The show will appear at the Performing Arts Center from Feb. 12-16 and at Dante Hall on the evening of Feb. 21. Atlantic City high school and middle school students also will be treated to a free performance at Dante Hall during the day on Feb. 21.

The Bay-Atlantic Symphony, Stockton’s orchestra-in-residence, will perform in April and Neil Simon’s “The Sunshine Boys” will run for six nights over two weekends in May.

Dean Rob Gregg of General Studies and his brother, Al, have two productions in the works. “A Midsummer Night’s Scream”
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is set to retake the stage in August, while their modern take on Shakespeare’s “Much Ado About Nothing” will appear in November.

“Ahab,” a musical by Stockton’s Bud Noble, an adjunct instructor in the Performing Arts, chronicles the life of Melville’s captain up until he meets Moby Dick. The show is set for September.

Holiday program plans are also in the works, Clineman said.

Campus Police Ask Community to Report Suspicious Activity

With the unfortunate increase in school violence across the nation, Interim Police Chief Cynthia Parker is asking everyone in the Stockton community to report any suspicious activity or concerning behavior to the college Police Department.

Parker said there are several ways to provide valuable and investigative information to the police: Call 609-652-4390 to report suspicious activity, 9-1-1 for emergency notifications, or submit information to the RSC Crime Tip Line, which can be located by typing “crime tip line” on the Search bar of the college home page, http://www.stockton.edu.

“Please do not rely on others to report this information to the police,” Parker said. “Every report gathered assists in developing a solid investigation with factual information provided through multiple reports of an incident.

“We ask that faculty and staff who receive a report of suspicious activity or concerning behavior, immediately report this information to the Richard Stockton College Police Department,” Parker continued.

“Along with the initial report, some valuable information that can assist the police would be a description of the suspect, last known location, direction of travel, clothing description, identifiers, any information such as name, age, residence of the suspect, and other witnesses.”

Parker said if that level of detailed information is not available, “please do not let this deter you from calling. Any information you can provide is valuable and provides us with a starting point to investigate. The safety of our campus relies on your support and information.”

For incidents not related directly to campus, Parker noted that one can call 9-1-1 or the local municipality in the affected area to report suspicious activity or concerning behavior.

She pointed out that the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) is committed to engaging the citizenry of New Jersey as part of the state’s Homeland Security and counter-terrorism efforts. Accordingly, OHSP has developed a public awareness campaign called, “If You See Something, Say Something,” to encourage New Jersey residents and visitors to report suspicious activity to trained personnel.

Building on that campaign, a mobile application has been developed titled, SAFE-NJ. The SAFE-NJ App enables residents of New Jersey and surrounding states to immediately report suspicious activity from a smartphone or mobile device, which is sent directly to Counter Terrorism Watch personnel who are on duty 24 hours a day.

The SAFE-NJ App is free and is available on iTunes and Google Play.

The SAFE-NJ App enables citizens and visitors to:

- Automatically dial the 1-866-4-SAFE-NJ terrorism tip line;
- Enter details about an incident; who, what, when, where, and why;
- Capture a photo from the App or use one that already exists on the device;
- Automatically find and use the device’s location or enter an address;
- Report detailed subject and vehicle descriptions;
- Include contact information or remain anonymous if preferred.

Go to iTunes or Google Play and search for “SAFE-NJ,” a free App. Parker reminded the community that the SAFE-NJ App is live and any report submitted will be treated as such.

“Please help us keep our communities safe from violence. ‘If You See Something, Say Something,’” she said.
HR’s Tom Morgenweck and Wife Alison Welcome Baby Boy

Tom Morgenweck, senior clerk typist, Human Resources, and his wife Alison, welcomed a baby boy on Jan. 18 at 1:27 a.m. Jack Jonathan Morgenweck weighed in at 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 21 inches. Mom, dad and baby are doing well and Marley, age 2, is enjoying her new role as a “big sister.”

Noyes Museum Earns Grant for Children’s Mosaic Mural Project

The Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton College has been awarded a $15,000 grant by the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey in support of its “MosAiC Peace Project.” The project will bring together southern New Jersey artists and children from the Boys and Girls Club, Covenant House and schools in Atlantic City, to create a series of large-scale mosaic murals centered on the theme of bringing peace to the city.

The murals will be installed at The Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton College, located at 2200 Fairmount Ave., in the heart of the new Atlantic City Arts District.

In a series of workshops scheduled to take place between February and June this year, children will have significant input into the design of their murals, and will work together in small groups with the artist and other volunteers to create them, according to Noyes Executive Director Michael Cagno.

The Noyes plans to have completed murals installed and on-view for the public in June.

Dr. Ellmore Appointed to Boys and Girls Club Board of Trustees

Dr. Phillip T. Ellmore, chief development officer, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City.

The Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City provides resources for the development of young people, from all backgrounds, to realize their full potential as responsible, caring adults. The club recognizes and responds to the collective and individual needs of young people, utilizing nationally recognized educational and recreational programs. Club members learn to make appropriate and satisfying choices in their physical, educational, personal and social lives.

The Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City is located on N. Pennsylvania Avenue.

Stockton Times Survey Will Be Requesting Your Feedback

The Stockton Times is your publication. We want to make sure it’s meeting your needs and helping you stay in touch with the achievements and milestones of your fellow faculty and staff.

So starting next week, a random sample of readers will receive an online survey designed to get your feedback and help us improve. We will be doing this periodically from now on, using a randomized list to avoid asking the same people the same questions repeatedly.

The results will be anonymous, so feel free to say what’s on your mind. We will really appreciate hearing what you have to say.

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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

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