‘You Make The Difference’ Campaign Raises $25.36 Million

“You Make the Difference - The Campaign for Stockton College” generated donations and gifts of $25,363,687 - far exceeding the original goal of $20 million set by President Herman Saatkamp in 2011.

Students, faculty, staff and New Jersey’s citizenry as a whole will benefit from the $25.36 million raised by Stockton in its first comprehensive fundraising campaign, which concluded on June 30.

The campaign, which began with a silent phase in 2007 and publicly kicked off in 2011, helped transform Stockton’s main campus.

Gifts and donations led to the additions of The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, The Lloyd D. Levenson Institute for Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism (LIGHT), the renaming of The Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, The Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage and the Anne Azeez Hall and Kramer Hall instructional sites.

Scholarships also increased exponentially during the campaign, with 53 new endowed scholarships and 42 new annual scholarships.

Trustee Dr. James Yoh committed $500,000 in 2010 to establish the Yoh Scholarship Fund, while in 2011, an anonymous donor gave the college a $1 million endowment to be used for the direct support of students with exceptional financial hardships.

The College Foundation’s annual scholarships awards, funded from the Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala and other sources, grew more than fivefold: from $142,213 awarded in 2007, to over $600,000 expected to be awarded in Fiscal Year 2015.

At the campaign celebration held at Stockton Seaview, 20 students slowly turned over cards spelling out “You Make the Difference,” and ultimately revealed the 25 million-dollar figure.

Curtis Bashaw, chair of the Board of Trustees, credited President Saatkamp with initiating plans for a comprehensive campaign in 2003, during his first year at Stockton. He also applauded the fact that over 500 members of the college’s faculty and staff donated more than
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$700,000 to support students, faculty and programs during the campaign.

Richard Walker, chairman of the Foundation, noted that its assets grew from $6.9 million in 2007 to $27.2 million in 2014. “It was the forward thinking from the president that led us into the first comprehensive campaign and with the adoption and implementation of the Foundation’s Strategic Plan during the past two years, his vision will continue,” Walker said.

Dr. Philip Ellmore, chief development officer and executive director of the College Foundation, told the gathering that the two essential ingredients to a successful campaign are: “vision and leadership,” as embodied by President Saatkamp.

“Make no mistake about it, this is his campaign, built on his vision. He helped us believe what at first only he could see,” said Dr. Ellmore.

President Saatkamp thanked the donors, the trustees, the Foundation board and Development staff for their incredible efforts in making the campaign a success.

To view the “You Make The Difference” Closing Campaign video produced by Stockton Production Services, click here.

Lieut. Cynthia Parker Receives Officer of the Year Award

Lieut. Cynthia Parker was named Officer of the Year at the Board of Trustees meeting held on Wednesday, July 9.

“Lieut. Parker stepped up to fill the role as Interim Chief of Police this past year and did so with the utmost professionalism,” said Charles Ingram, vice president for Administration and Finance. “With positive energy and creativity, she was able to keep the department unified and morale strong through situations that at times required a great deal of compassion and strength.”

He noted that among the many challenges was the unusually high amount of snowfall that required many early morning phone calls to discuss the safety of the campus community and their commute.

“She succeeded in her leadership role with steadfast determination while also keeping her sense of humor,” Ingram said.

He introduced Police Chief Greg Coffin, who presented Lieut. Parker with the award.

Lieut. Parker also successfully completed the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police “Command Leadership” Academy this year. The course is a rigorous 14-week course developed through the United States Military Academy at West Point.

“Although I am very honored to receive the award, I truly believe the members of our Police Department and the college should be recognized for the extraordinary efforts they put forth to keep the positive reputation and professional attitudes that our department has been known for,” Lieut. Parker said. “I am truly impressed by the teamwork and professionalism exhibited by the members of Stockton.”

Tuition, Fees to Increase 2 Percent, Summer Rates to Stay Same

Tuition and fees will increase 2 percent in the 2014-15 school year, a modest increase the Board of Trustees said is necessary to maintain facilities and support academic excellence.

Under the resolution passed at the July 9 board meeting, tuition for full-time undergraduates who live in New Jersey will increase the flat rate per semester by $79.48, or 2 percent, to $4,053.57.

Educational, facilities and general fees are being kept to a 2 percent increase. Master’s and doctoral students will also see 2 percent increases per credit hour. Tuition and fees for the Summer 2015 semester will not increase, however.

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Last year was the only time in Stockton's history when the board was able to vote for no increases in tuition and fees. Charles Ingram, vice president of Administration and Finance, said at the time that was unlikely to be repeated due to mandated costs such as salary increases negotiated by the state.

For more detailed information on the increase in tuition and fees, click here.

Andrea Mychaels Teaches Dance Workshop at Dante Hall Theater

The Stockton Dance Program recently sponsored a three-day dance workshop at Dante Hall in Atlantic City. Andrea Mychaels, adjunct instructor and director of the Andrea Mychaels Dance Project, taught the workshop with assistance from area dance professionals.

The workshop was designed to foster creativity in children who may not have previously been exposed to the arts.

“We had 31 students attend the workshop and 17 of them were able to perform with the professional company on the third night,” said Mychaels.

The workshops are used as a creative outlet for students to express their emotions in a safe and nurturing environment, she explained.

"I am so honored to have taught Stockton's dance workshop this summer," Mychaels said. "I would like to thank Dr. Lisa Honaker (dean of ARHU), Stephanie Clineman (manager of Dante Hall), Joe Sramaty (student), Dante Hall Theater, Service-Learning and the faculty and staff of the School of Arts and Humanities for their unwavering support of this project. Without these people, the workshop would not have happened."

Brian Lyons, senior clerk typist in the School of Arts and Humanities, helped to organize the event.

Stockton Continues Math and Science Partnership Grant

Stockton has received continued funding for its multi-year grant from the New Jersey Department of Education to provide professional development and graduate coursework to teachers of mathematics in Cape May and Cumberland Counties.

The Mathematics and Science Partnership Grant will provide $356,867 to the college in Year Two to support successful implementation of the new Common Core State Standards in Mathematics.

Faculty from Stockton’s School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (NAMS) and its School of Education, as well as staff from the Southern Regional Institute and Educational Technology Training Center (SRI&ETTC) will work with 60 teachers from 11 school districts to support successful implementation of the new Common Core State Standards in Mathematics. The new standards have been adopted by 46 states, including New Jersey. The standards were developed in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, and experts, to provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare the nation’s children for college and the workforce.

The project titled the Stockton Coastal Collaborative is expected to receive nearly $1 million in funding over the three years of the Math-Science Partnership.

The project directors for this initiative are Dr. Chia-Lin Wu, associate professor of Mathematics, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Patricia Weeks, director of the SRI&ETTC in the college’s School of Education. Dr. Kimberly Lebak, director of Stockton’s Master’s Program in Education, has been instrumental in the development of the project and has organized the delivery of graduate coursework for participating K-12 teachers.

Participating school districts include Wildwood Public Schools, Woodbine School District, Middle Township School District, Commercial Township School District, Millville Public Schools, Cumberland Regional High School and each of its K-8 sending districts including Hopewell Crest, Stow Creek, Greenwich, Deerfield, and Fairfield Township. The programming for this project occurs at the college’s newest instructional site – the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage and Anne Azeez Hall.
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