**SCOSA, College Foundation Receive Council’s Endowment Fund**

The Southern New Jersey Council on Issues of Aging (SNJCIA) signed a gift agreement during a luncheon on Wednesday, July 2 to transfer its assets of approximately $18,000 to the Stockton College Foundation with the establishment of the Southern New Jersey Council on Issues of Aging Endowment Fund.

“This endowment will assist the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) in fulfilling our mission to nurture body, mind, and spirit of New Jersey’s older adult community through research, education and service,” said SCOSA Director Dr. David Burdick, who noted that his work with and admiration for the council goes back nearly 30 years.

Dr. Burdick, along with Stockton President Herman Saatkamp, Dr. Philip Ellmore, chief development officer, Peg Fiore, director of Gift Fund Stewardship, Dr. Lisa Cox, SCOSA research chair and associate professor of Social Work, Dr. Christine Gayda-Chelder, SCOSA service chair and assistant professor of Psychology, Dr. Christine Ferri, SCOSA education chair and associate professor of Psychology and Gina Maguire, SCOSA assistant and Gerontology adjunct instructor, attended the endowment signing event.

Representing the council were board members John Rogge and J. David McCann.

The luncheon also honored two recent generous donors to SCOSA: Dr. Jo Frances Stow, retired professor of Health Sciences and Emerita Foundation board member, and Richard Gastowich.

Dr. Ellmore noted that this gift signing is the first of the new fiscal year, and the first since the closing of Stockton’s “You Make The Difference” campaign.

Founded in the late-1980s by John L. McDonnell, an executive with Atlantic Electric Company, and other forward-looking and civically minded business leaders from the eight southern counties, the SNJCIA sought to provide information of importance to senior citizens; to advocate initiatives promoting the health and well-being of its senior citizen stakeholders;...
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and to promote volunteer and intergenerational activities.

"It was only years later that our national professional organizations in aging embraced the business community," said Gerontology Coordinator Christine Ferri. "We really hope to encourage a professor in the School of Business to teach a course on aging and business one day soon."

The SNJGIA effectively carried out its mission for two decades through annual conferences, a newsletter and other important advocacy efforts.

To view more photos from the luncheon, click here.

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**Stockton Partners to Offer Physician Assistant Master’s Program**

Stockton is partnering with Philadelphia University and Reliance Medical Group to offer an Atlantic City-based Physician Assistant Studies Master’s Program. The program will allow graduates to receive their bachelor’s degrees from Stockton’s School of Health Sciences and their master’s in Physician Assistant Studies from Philadelphia University.

Reliance, which has 30 practices in Atlantic, Cape May, Camden, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties, will take the medical and clinical lead in this groundbreaking program.

All courses in the five-year program will be provided at facilities in Atlantic City, although the site has not yet been determined.

Students will spend the first three years taking Stockton courses and then matriculate to Philadelphia University for the final two years. Qualified students will receive their bachelor’s degree from Stockton at the end of year four. Students will not have to apply for separate graduate school admission, and will be on a faster track to complete their advanced degrees. Similar programs often take six years to complete.

Stockton plans to admit up to 12 high school graduates as freshmen in the program beginning in the Fall 2015 semester and to eventually expand to 20 students.

Physician Assistant students enrolled in the satellite program in Atlantic City will have full access to Stockton’s facilities – including the library, computer labs, and fitness center.

In addition, Philadelphia University will establish labs on Stockton’s campus for select courses, including a cadaver anatomy lab and a simulation lab.

Reliance will provide a medical director for the program and help place students in clinical rotations with doctors and hospitals.

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**Construction Begins in K-Wing, Parking Lots, Across Campus**

Construction began June 27 in lower K-Wing in the School of Arts and Humanities and Performing Arts Center areas. Until further notice, this area will be closed. Occupants have been temporarily relocated to the left side of K-Wing.

The 4,500-square-foot renovation will include nine new offices, a dean’s suite, the PAC director’s office, a workroom, conference room and file room, said Glenn Brown, associate director of Facilities and Planning. Work is expected to be completed on or about the third week of August.

"K-Wing will have the same look and style as the G-Wing renovation which was completed in Summer 2011," Brown said.

Construction will commence July 7 for the Parking Lot Improvements Project. The dirt parking lot in front of the Arts & Science Building will be closed and will reopen in August. In addition, Parking Lot #7 will also be under construction but will remain open.

Other projects underway this summer include improvements to doors in the main campus building and Housing 3 roof and mechanical replacements.

All construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of August.
Dr. Sara Martino Named First Critical Thinking Coaching Fellow

Dr. Sara Martino, associate professor of Psychology, has been named Stockton’s first Critical Thinking Coaching Fellow, a one-year appointment effective Sept. 1.

In her role as Critical Thinking Coaching Fellow, Dr. Martino will provide instructional coaching related to critical-thinking pedagogy for faculty who participated in the Stockton Critical Thinking Institute (SCTI) during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 academic years.

Her responsibilities will include meeting with faculty to discuss their professional goals with respect to teaching critical thinking; observing multiple classes for each participating faculty member and conducting follow-up coaching sessions; and attending the Instructional Coaching Institute in Lawrence, KS to be trained in the theory and methods of instructional coaching.

Dr. Martino participated in SCTI in 2012 and helped facilitate the program in summer 2013. She also attended the International Conference on Critical Thinking in 2013.

“I have always been passionate about my teaching and that is part of the reason why I came to Stockton,” Dr. Martino said. “I am excited about the prospect of helping others in their teaching while also improving my own.”

Mark Berg, associate professor of Psychology, Michael Frank, professor of Psychology, Jed Morfit, associate professor of Art, and Bill Reynolds, associate professor of Social work, served on the selection committee for the Coaching Fellow.
Stockton Participates in Statewide Celebration for NJ’s 350th

Stockton rang in New Jersey’s 350th anniversary, striking Stockton Seaview’s historic red fire bell in Independence Plaza at noon on June 24 to commemorate the occasion.

Stockton’s event was one of many that occurred throughout the state.

Citizens and organizations were invited to mark the occasion by ringing bells, blowing horns, or joining in the communal celebration. Many religious, civic, and educational organizations participated in the public project.

Bells also rang on the Isle of Jersey at the equivalent time.

Circa 1922, the Stockton Seaview fire bell was mounted on the roof of the Boiler Building. The boiler engineer would use it to alert the property fire department in the event of an emergency.

For additional information on the Garden State’s 350th anniversary, click here.

Dr. Mary Padden and Cynthia Miller Receive Seven Seals Award

Dr. Mary Padden, assistant professor of Nursing, and Cynthia Miller, adjunct instructor in the Nursing Program, received the Seven Seals Award at the Theta Sigma local chapter’s 2nd Annual Dinner on June 11.

Dr. Padden and Miller are officers in the Theta Sigma local chapter of Theta Sigma Tau, the National Nursing Honor Society.

Col. Alan Smith of the National Guard and Reserves presented the award to Dr. Padden and Miller in recognition of chapter support to the men and women who serve in the National Guard.

Members of the Theta Sigma chapter have supported military members by offering continuing education programs on campus and to reserve units.

As its name suggests, the Seven Seals Award bears the seals of the seven components of the National Guard and Reserve. The award is in recognition of significant individual or organizational achievement, initiative, or support to include the efforts of more than 4,700 volunteers for the Employers Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Cynthia Miller, adjunct instructor in the Nursing Program, and Dr. Mary Padden, assistant professor of Nursing, received the Seven Seal Award from Col. Alan Smith (right) at the Theta Sigma local chapter’s 2nd Annual Dinner on June 11.

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