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Stockton's new natural-gas-powered truck for trash collection is helping the college save money while reducing carbon emissions.

“A Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) is the cleanest-burning fossil fuel today,” said Joe Naumchik, acting director of Plant Management and Housing Maintenance. “NGVs produce the fewest emissions of all vehicle fuel types and the emissions contain significantly fewer pollutants than gasoline or diesel.”

The vehicle has a larger capacity than the 2002 truck it replaced, which cuts down on the number of trips to the Atlantic County Utilities Authority’s facility to unload. The ACUA has installed a natural gas filling station on its site in Egg Harbor Township, so refilling the tank doesn’t require any out-of-the-way trips.

Natural gas is about one-third cheaper than diesel per gallon, Naumchik added, and the NGV reduces the college’s diesel fuel use.

The project received $58,000 in 2020 funding to augment departmental budgeting - the difference between buying a diesel truck for $168,000 and the NGV’s $226,000 cost, Naumchik explained.

In addition to Naumchik, Don Woolslayer, former director of Plant Management and Housing Maintenance, and Dave Roesch, supervisor of Landscape Maintenance, were closely involved in the project. Heidi Hartley, a program assistant in Graphics, designed the wrap that highlights the truck’s “Cleaner, Cheaper, Better” aspects.

The addition of the new trash truck is just part of the college’s efforts to improve its waste management and increase recycling, Naumchik said.

The college is now utilizing single-stream recycling, which means all paper, cardboard, cans, plastic, glass and other recyclables can go in one container, making it easier to recycle.

“This is more a cultural change to have our people truly separate their trash from recycling. As the recycling increases we would then use the new larger-capacity truck for recycling and our smaller truck for trash,” Naumchik said.

“Reducing the trash and increasing recycling is better for the environment.”
LPGA Classic Volunteers Raise Funds for Charity at Tournament

About 80 volunteers from Stockton helped make the 2014 ShopRite LPGA Classic held at Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club last week a successful sporting and charity event. Stockton volunteers devoted a total of 1,537 hours to the event, which ran from May 26-June 1 this year.

Sara Faurot, director of Alumni Relations, explained: “Stockton is responsible for marshalling the fourth hole and for concessions on the first, fourth and 17th holes.”

Faurot and Val Julien, coach of the Ospreys women’s softball team, co-chair the effort and Tom Grites, assistant provost-Academic Support Services, is the hole captain of the marshals on the fourth hole.

This year, the softball team members and other volunteers again donated their tips from the concession stands to charity.

“The three concession areas that the team and other Stockton volunteers worked all seven days donated an amazing $580 in tips to the Tara Jean Barker ’06 DPT ’08 Memorial Scholarship fund,” Julien said.

Tara Jean Barker received the college’s first-ever Doctorate in Physical Therapy in 2008 and was a softball player and student worker on the athletic training staff. She died after a lengthy battle with cancer in 2013. The memorial scholarship in her name is available to qualified graduate students within the Doctoral Physical Therapy Program.

Stacy Lewis won the ShopRite LPGA Classic on June 1 with a 67 that took her to 12 under par for the tournament. Lewis regained the world No. 1 ranking in her second win at Stockton Seaview.

The best women golfers in the world competed for their share of a $1.5 million purse in the 54-hole, LPGA-sanctioned event, which will continue to be held at Stockton Seaview through at least 2016.

Stockton Production Services Wins Silver, Bronze Telly Awards

Stockton Production Services (SPS) recently received two Telly awards for two separate works produced by Stockton staff members in 2013. SPS won a Silver Telly for “Hannah Price: City of Brotherly Love,” by Video Producer Kent Green, and a Bronze Telly for the marketing piece, “Ask Stockton,” by Video Producer Edward Cornell.

Green’s piece featured Hannah Price, a photographer whose work was exhibited at the Stockton Art Gallery. “Denise McGarvey, the super-awesome director of the Stockton Art Gallery, and I have been trying our best to document the wonderful artists that pass through our halls here at the college,” Green said. After the gallery’s ‘artist talk,’ Green sat down with Price to film a more personal one-on-one interview, which served as the foundation for the entire production.

Green’s “City of Brotherly Love” was featured on NPR and went on to win the Silver Telly Award, the highest honor the Tellys bestow.

Cornell’s piece, “Ask Stockton,” was a promotional video made for the Stockton Student Senate. Cornell worked closely with the group on the concept and artistic direction for the video. “I love bringing my creative vision to Stockton video productions,” he said.

Greg Collins, professional services specialist and “Stockton’s resident musical genius,” composed the original score for the “Ask Stockton” video, said Cornell.

“Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank Mark Jackson, Shannon Aungst, and the entire Stockton Productions team,” Green said. “I am constantly in awe of their talent, hard work, and dedication. They push me to do my best work and are always willing to give it their all to help Stockton rise to any occasion.”

Stockton Production Services now has a total of three Telly Awards. The program also received a Bronze Telly for its 2010 Scholarship Gala video, “Sharing The Magic,” which featured student, magician, and scholarship recipient Chad Juros sharing his inspiring story about his childhood struggle with cancer.
Dr. Jennifer Barr Receives Award for Community Engagement

Dr. Jennifer Barr, professor of Business Studies and faculty fellow for the Stockton Center for Community Engagement (SCCE), was honored by the Southern Shore Chapter of the American Red Cross at the organization’s Breakfast of Champions event in Atlantic City. The organization presented Dr. Barr with the Education Champion Award for her “commitment to students, their involvement in community services and service learning, and [her] own community engagement.”

The Southern Shore Chapter celebrated Dr. Barr for her efforts to engage students in service-learning work through her marketing classes for the past two decades. Over the years, Dr. Barr’s classes have partnered with about 35 community organizations including United Way, Main Street Atlantic City, Main Street Hammonton and the Ocean City Tourism Commission. Tasks have included creating traditional and video brochures, event planning, marketing research studies, branding/image/logo development, social media programs, advertising plans, newsletters and website design.

“The service-learning process is mutually beneficial,” said Dr. Barr. “Student teams apply their marketing knowledge in a professional setting, conduct important work for a non-profit, and build their portfolio in the process. The non-profit organizations are able to reap the benefits of much-needed resources in the areas of human talent and time, yielding important finished work that may otherwise not have come to fruition.”

In the 2014 Spring semester, as part of a SCCE initiative, Dr. Barr’s Strategic Marketing class assisted Tuckerton and Little Egg Harbor with the post-Sandy recovery effort. A team of students worked with both towns as well as FEMA and NJ Futures to develop a plan that included marketing challenges, retail mix strategies and branding ideas. The work will be continued next year.

“Community engagement and volunteerism are aligned with my value system and at the heart of my work,” Dr. Barr said. “I have witnessed firsthand how the service-learning experience transforms students. It heightens their awareness about the resource challenges faced by non-profits, enables them to apply their marketing and technology skills in a professional environment, and assists them in securing full-time positions. I’m fortunate to work in a profession and at a college that supports the civic engagement work done by faculty, staff and students every day.”
Frances Bottone Retires from Stockton Wellness Center

Frances Bottone is retiring from her position as Director of Counseling and Health Services after 16 years of service at the college.

Bottone started her employment at Stockton in 1998 as a disability service provider when the Learning Access Program (LAP), Stockton's Students with Disabilities program, was in its infancy.

Bottone remembers when the number of students in the program was fewer than 30, and letters of accommodation and requests for note takers were typed by the staff and hand-delivered to professors.

During her tenure, the program grew to its present number of students - which has remained fairly constant in the mid 400s, according to Bottone. “The program continuously works to assure that Stockton is a welcoming, inclusive campus where students with disabilities can thrive. LAP has been helped in this task by the many inventive and cooperative faculty and staff who always come up with solutions to thorny problems,” she said.

Bottone’s term of employment at Stockton has been a time of learning and growth. She is gratified to know that her staff and the Center’s work has had a positive influence on so many students.

“I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many people who have enriched my life in so many ways. When I try to explain to individuals outside of the college how wonderful my colleagues at Stockton are and how much they care about students, I find the words I say fail at conveying the depth of my meaning. I leave the college with absolute assurance that the students are in good hands and the work will go on,” she said.

Bottone leaves Stockton with a saying she has found useful in many situations: “Whenever you add a new horse to the herd, the dynamic changes.” She reminds her friends and colleagues to “Keep Smiling!”

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