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Dr. Theresa Bartolotta was named as the new dean of the School of Health Sciences, Dr. Lisa Honaker was confirmed as dean of the School of Arts and Humanities (ARHU) and Gregory J. Coffin was appointed as the new police chief of the Campus Police by the Stockton Board of Trustees at their May 7 meeting.

All three appointments came after extensive searches to fill the positions.

“Stockton is extremely pleased and excited about the hiring of these three consummate professionals,” said President Herman Saatkamp. “Their credentials and achievements are exemplary and they will provide first-rate leadership into the future.”

Dr. Bartolotta, who will begin her work at Stockton in July, recently has served Seton Hall University in the Office of the Provost as Director of Assessment for Academic Affairs. In that role, she co-founded the University Assessment Center and worked with academic and co-curricular units across campus to advance assessment efforts at the university. She also has extensive experience in accreditation.

Prior to her service in the Office of the Provost, she served as associate dean for Health Sciences in the School of Health and Medical Sciences at Seton Hall. In that role, she oversaw six graduate departments, including Athletic Training, Health Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology.

“Dr. Kathrins, who served as an exceptional interim dean of the School of Health Sciences, will be returning as director of the Physical Therapy program, her longtime passion,” Dr. Kesselman said.

Dean Honaker, who has served as interim dean of ARHU this year, has undertaken a variety of college-wide service and leadership opportunities since arriving at Stockton in 1995.

She served on the research and professional development, library, and faculty review committees as well as a number of projects and initiatives involving community and civic engagement.

As coordinator of the Visiting Writer Series from 2004-2007, Dr. Honaker brought a variety of local and nationally known writers to read their work for the greater Stockton community. During that same time period, she directed the Odyssey Project, a collaborative initiative meant to address issues of “senior slump” and college preparedness, involving

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Stockton faculty, three area high schools, and The New York Times.

From 2007 to the present, she has led the Political Engagement Project (PEP), which brings together faculty from various disciplines as well as administrators and staff from across the college, all interested in fostering a greater interest in civic and political engagement at Stockton and the communities it serves.

Gregory J. Coffin, who retired from the New Jersey State Police after 25 years of service, was appointed as the college’s new chief of police. Coffin served as a uniformed trooper and detective and worked his way up to the rank of lieutenant before being assigned as an assistant bureau chief.

He will lead the Campus Police Department, a full-service law enforcement agency that has received national recognition from the Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies and state accreditation from the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Commission. The department works in conjunction with local, county, state, and federal agencies.

Charles Ingram, vice president for Administration and Finance, said, “I’d like to publicly recognize and thank Lieut. Cynthia Parker—she’s done a phenomenal job as interim chief.”

Lieut. Gov. Guadagno Visits Stockton to Discuss Job Development

Lieut. Gov. Kim Guadagno visited Stockton on May 5 to speak with Secretary of Higher Education Rochelle Hendricks, Commissioner Harold Wirths of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, President Peter Mora of Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC), and a roundtable of business, education and government leaders from southern New Jersey, led by President Herman Saatkamp. The group came together to work on closing “the disconnect” between the 200,000 available jobs in New Jersey and the state’s 7.2 percent unemployment rate.

Stockton’s Talent Network for Retail, Hospitality and Tourism is one of New Jersey’s seven Talent Networks, which train workers for jobs that industry leaders want to fill.

Lori S. Herndon, a Stockton alumna who is president and chief executive officer of the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, and executive vice president of AtlantiCare, said partnerships with Stockton and ACCC have been instrumental in providing trained nurses, nurse-practitioners and other health sciences staff.

Commissioner Wirths said his department is spending training money only on “real-time jobs.”

“We’re going to employers, asking what’s needed and training for those jobs,” he said.

Alex Marino, assistant to the provost and freeholder, added that county officials want to make sure there is a real return on investment when government funding is spent on training.

The lieutenant governor also toured the college’s Independence Plaza and met with members of the community at a reception in the Campus Center’s Grand Hall.

Stockton Honors More Than 100 on Employee Recognition Day

Stockton celebrated its annual Employee Recognition Day on May 5 by hosting a Breakfast and Employee Awards Ceremony, which honored 143 employees from six divisions for their five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service. The observance is designed to honor Stockton employees for their dedication to the college and the state of New Jersey.

Twenty-six faculty and staff members were honored for their retirement from Stockton.

A moment of silence was held in memory of the seven faculty and staff members who have passed away over the last year.
Stockton Hosts Second Annual Graduate Research Symposium

The Second Annual Graduate Research Symposium, hosted by the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies, showcased research by master’s degree candidates in the Campus Center Event Room on April 30. The Symposium included over 40 presenters who explained their research projects.

“The graduate students’ projects signify their commitments to practitioner-based research, academic excellence, and are comprised in oral and poster presentations,” said Dr. Lewis Leitner, dean of the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies.

Graduate students from the American Studies, Criminal Justice, Education, Educational Leadership, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Occupational Therapy and Social Work programs presented.

Students Present Faculty Members of the Year with Awards

The Office of Student Development and the Student Senate recently hosted their annual Student Involvement Awards Ceremony. At the event, student votes were tallied, and the honors for Faculty Members of the Year were announced. A faculty member from each academic school was selected. The honorees are:

Dr. Rodger Jackson, associate professor of Philosophy, School of Arts and Humanities; Scott Huston, associate director of Computer Operations & IT Support Services, School of Business; Dr. Shelley Meyers, associate professor of Education, School of Education; Pamela Cross, coordinator of Skills Center Writing Lab, School of General Studies; Dr. Mary Lou Galantino, professor of Physical Therapy, School of Health Sciences; Dr. Yitzhak Sharon, professor of Physics, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; William Daly, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences; and Dean Robert Gregg, professor of History in the American Studies Program, School of Graduate and Continuing Studies.

Student senators presented each award winner with a plaque which stated, “For your commitment to excellence. Presented by Student Senate. 2013-2014.”

Wendel White Appointed to MLK Jr. Commemorative Commission

Wendel White, Distinguished Professor of Art, has been appointed to the New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission by Gov. Chris Christie.

“We want to welcome you to this wonderful group of dedicated citizens whose mission is to raise public awareness of Dr. King’s ideals and philosophy,” said Rowena Madden, executive director, and Tom Jones, commission chair, in a letter to White. The Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission is part of the NJ Department of State.

“The mission is quite simply to promote the ideals and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King in our state,” said White, whose work, “Small Towns, Black Lives,” includes photographs, text, and a multimedia presentation.

“I am looking forward to making whatever contributions I can to the initiatives of the commission,” said White.

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Danielle Concordia, who earned her Master’s in Education this spring, explains her project to Dr. Shelly Meyers, associate professor of Education, at the Grad Symposium held April 30. Concordia’s research at the Samuel Mickle Elementary School in E. Greenwich, Gloucester County, found that sixth-grade readers of varying proficiency levels all improved by collaborating in Literature Circles.
Stockton Community Helps Dr. Mutari Raise $1,000 in AIDS Walk

Dr. Ellen Mutari, professor of Economics, participated in the New Jersey AIDS Walk at the Atlantic City location on May 4. Friends and colleagues from Stockton sponsored her in the walk to benefit the South Jersey AIDS Alliance, which provides programs across South Jersey including testing for HIV and other diseases, support services and prevention programs.

Through sponsorships, Dr. Mutari raised more than $1,000 from Stockton supporters.

“I greatly appreciate your generosity as individuals and as members of the Stockton community,” she said.

Dr. Mutari’s father was infected with HIV by way of a blood transfusion in the early 1980s before the blood supply was tested for the virus. The virus then passed on to Dr. Mutari’s mother, who died in 1991.

“While we have come very far from the horrible early days of fighting this disease, there is still much to be done in the way of prevention and treatment,” Dr. Mutari said.

Supporting Dr. Mutari was her spouse, Dr. Deborah Figart, professor of Education and Economics, who walked with her at the event.

Stacy Cassel Performs in ‘Signing and Singing’ ASL Concert

Stacy Cassel, assistant professor of Speech Pathology/Audiology and American Sign Language (ASL) Club advisor, participated in the “Signing and Singing” sign language concert on April 14 in the Campus Center Theater.

Cassel signed the song, "Life is What You Make It to Be," from the musical “Tweet,” which was sung by her daughter Emerson, age 9.

Members from the ASL Club interpreted songs and signed them for their performance. The concert also featured two of Stockton's a capella groups: The Stocktones and Stockapella, as well as ASL students from Ocean City High School.

Cassel's association with the Deaf community began early on in her career.

In 1992, she received her Master's degree from Gallaudet University, the only existing liberal arts college for the Deaf, meaning ASL is the primary language.

“It was a tremendous honor since, at the time, only 5 percent of the students accepted at the university were hearing, all on the graduate level,” she said. “As a mother, a professor, and an individual, one of the joys of my life is experiencing the beauty of different cultures and sharing what I've learned with my children and students. Hopefully, it will inspire them to do the same.”

Dr. Philip T. Ellmore and Wife Trudy Welcome First Grandchild

Dr. Philip T. Ellmore, chief development officer, and his wife Trudy, welcomed their first grandchild on May 3. Charlotte Mae Hulshizer was born at 6:14 a.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces. She measured 20.5 inches long. Charlotte and her parents, Brianna Ellmore Hulshizer and Mike Hulshizer, are doing well. Congratulations to all!

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