University Status Update: Consultant Visit

On Nov. 25, a team of consultants, approved by the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, will visit Stockton’s main campus to establish whether the college meets the criteria for changing its official designation and name to Stockton University.

The consultants include Dr. Nancy Kleniewski, president of SUNY Oneonta, and Dr. Francisco Javier Cevallos, president of Framingham State University. Dr. Kleniewski served as chair of the visiting team during Stockton’s last Middle States Accreditation. Eric Taylor, Esq., director of the Office of Licensure, NJ Higher Education Department, will also accompany the consultants. During the Nov. 25 visit, the consultants will meet with various constituencies on campus.

This is only one of the steps the college will need to take in order to be fully approved for a change in university status. A special web page has been designed to keep faculty, staff and the community up-to-date on the latest information regarding Stockton’s transition from a college to a university.

Click here to learn more.

SRI&ETTC Announces Milestones in 2013-2014 Annual Report

The Southern Regional Institute and Educational Technology Training Center (SRI&ETTC) recently announced in its 2013-2014 annual report that its consortium now includes 89 organizations and represents 94,000 preK-12 students and more than 24,000 professional educators.

The consortium members include organizations and affiliates such as public school districts, non-public schools, charter schools, colleges and not-for-profit organizations in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Ocean and Sussex counties.

Under the direction of Patricia Weeks and housed in the School of Education, the SRI&ETTC has become an organization which is responsive to the needs of individual school districts as well as the needs and demands of the changing landscape of preK-12 education.

Each year, nearly 10,000 classroom teachers, technology coordinators, support staff members and school administrators participate in programming provided by the SRI&ETTC on subjects including the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content

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Coach Val Julien’s Ospreys Receive All-Academic Team Honor

Head Softball Coach Val Julien’s Ospreys were again honored by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) as one of the top academic teams in Division III and named a 2013-2014 NFCA All-Academic Team.

Stockton ranked 14th in the nation with a cumulative grade point average of 3.49. The Ospreys were the highest ranked New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) team, with Ramapo, Kean, Rowan and William Paterson also on the list of 90 NCAA Division III teams acknowledged by the NFCA for their academic performance.

Coach Julien’s Ospreys improved their ranking for the third consecutive time, moving from tied for 79th in 2010-2011, 51st in 2011-2012, to 18th last year.

The Stockton softball team has a history of academic success that includes a pair of Capital One Academic All-Americans and nine College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District selections.

“It’s such an incredible honor to be recognized on the national level,” Coach Julien said. “The team shows success both on and off the field and that takes tremendous effort. This is an awesome honor for the players and for the program.”

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Standards, the new Common Core State Standards, instructional practices, computer technologies, ESL strategies, special education, classroom management, school leadership and governance, intervention and referral services as well as a variety of other topics requested by school personnel in districts around the state.

During the 2013-2014 school year, a total of 12,664 individuals attended 660 SRI&ETTC workshops. More than three-quarters of the programming (87 percent) provided by the SRI&ETTC in 2013-2014 was for custom requests from school districts in New Jersey.

“The success of the SRI&ETTC can be attributed to several factors but most importantly, the SRI&ETTC has repeatedly demonstrated its ability to deliver programming to meet the needs of individual districts as well as the targeted goals of special projects through our diverse programming,” Weeks said.

To read the SRI&ETTC 2013-2014 annual report, click here.

Tyners Ranked ‘Coolest Black Family in America’ in Ebony

Nicole Milan-Tyner, assistant director of Workforce Development and Special Programs, and her family were recently ranked “Coolest Black Family in America” in Ebony Magazine earlier this year. Milan-Tyner and her husband, Damon Tyner, along with their three children, Chelsea, Chloe and Nicholas, ages 16, 14 and 10 respectively, were honored by the magazine for their dedication to service, social responsibility, and the community.

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As a family, the Tyners look for opportunities to give back to the community. “We are always doing something, whether it’s coordinating a family hat, scarf and mitten drive with donations going to the Women’s Center of Atlantic County, or a book drive with donations going to a local community center,” Milan-Tyner said.

The Tyners give back through their sorority and fraternity organizations, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Both organizations are community-service oriented. They have been supporters of The Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City, as well as Jewish Family Services of Atlantic County and The Atlantic City Rescue Mission. Milan-Tyner is also a charter member of the Women’s Leadership Initiative, which is part of the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

Milan-Tyner credited her parents for being her role models. “They went above and beyond, and frankly, it was what was expected in my family,” she said. “They gave back in ways we can’t even comprehend. Now, we want our children to understand we are too blessed not to give back.”

The Tyner children are currently participating in multiple service activities through their schools and their church.

“We were excited to share our story as well as humbled to be included among so many families working to improve their respective communities,” Milan-Tyner said. “It’s been very exciting to share this recognition with our parents and with so many people in the community who have contributed to our upbringing.”

Milan-Tyner is also currently working on her doctorate in Educational Leadership at Rowan University.

Read the article in Ebony.

Alisa Hogan Inducted into Alma Mater’s Radio Hall of Fame

Alisa Hogan, associate director of Admissions Marketing and Communications, was inducted into the Rowan Radio WGLS-FM Hall of Fame at the station’s 50th anniversary celebration held on Oct. 25.

Hogan first joined the station as a student in 1976, and held various positions with WGLS over 30 years. Hogan, a 1980 and 2000 Rowan alumna, is a former WGLS-FM news director and was the station’s first-ever underwriting director.

While working as an assistant admissions director for Rowan, Hogan produced a three-part anti-smoking documentary, “Filtering Out the Truth,” which won a cluster of honors including a First Place National Headliner Award in 2005.
School of Health Sciences Welcomes Sharon Fornuto

Sharon Fornuto has joined the School of Health Sciences as a clerk typist.

Fornuto has more than 35 years of experience working in the medical field at various practices in New Jersey. She started as a medical assistant and laboratory technician and worked her way up to several prominent local medical specialty practices as office manager and billing manager. Fornuto specialized in organizing distressed practices, resolving issues that impacted physician reimbursement, and counseling patients to understand and optimize their insurance coverage. She also served as a HIPAA privacy officer and conducted employee HIPAA training. Most recently, she worked as an interviewer for the Stockton Polling Institute.

She completed the Medical Office Assistant training at Roberts Walsh Business College in Union, N.J.

Stockton’s Computer Services Welcomes Michael Pestritto

Michael Pestritto has joined Computer Services as a professional services specialist. Pestritto brings more than six years of experience in information technology to the college.

He previously served as a district PC specialist for the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District where he was responsible for hardware and software maintenance of laptops, desktops, and tablets, creating and installing images, and troubleshooting network infrastructure-related issues.

He completed the Network Administration career training program with Atlantic Cape Community College’s continuing education program, and holds Network Administration Certificates in Cisco, Microsoft, and Network+.

Special Spotlight: Stockton Faculty, Staff With Competitive Edge

Editor’s Note: This new section will highlight faculty and staff’s competitive hobbies. Did you recently run in a marathon, compete in a dance competition or race to the finish in a swim meet? We want to hear from you! Email StocktonTimes@stockton.edu

- **Suzé DiPietro**, manager of the Performing Arts Center, competed in the Head of the Schuykill Regatta on Oct. 25. This was the second year that DiPietro competed in the race. A number of DiPietro’s teammates are parents of Stockton students. DiPietro discovered her passion for crew seven years ago after watching her son, Colin Stewart compete.

- **Dr. Kristen Hallock-Waters**, assistant professor of Chemistry, participated in the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon on Oct. 5 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., as a Medtronic Global Hero.

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