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The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Atlantic County Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Theresa Dougherty

Each year, every school in New Jersey selects a Teacher of the Year. From among that group, every school district selects a Teacher of the Year. From among all of the districts, every county then selects a Teacher of the Year. This year, Stockton alumna Theresa (Terry) Dougherty was selected as the Roland Rogers Elemen-

tary School Teacher of the Year, the Galloway Township School District Teacher of the Year and the Atlantic County Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations to Terry Dougherty, a 2000 graduate of Stockton's Teacher Education Program and winner of a Teach-off grant to support her "Heroes" tutoring project, featured by [CBSlocal](#).



Mrs. Theresa Dougherty 2013-2014
Atlantic County Teacher of the Year

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Achievements and Accolades

Congratulations to all of our Education program completers this spring.

Our student teachers finished their assignments this month, and many are already interviewing for positions, starting with a Career Fair held at Stockton on April 19. Congratulations to **Craig Myrtetus, Ray Dolton, Dr. Pamela Vaughan** and **Dr. Jeri-Lynn Gatto** for preparing another successful group of highly qualified teacher candidates along with all of our **Cooperating Teachers** who have mentored these student teachers. Stockton will honor your work at our **Annual Appreciation Event on June 5th at 4pm in our Campus Center.**

Congratulations also to our Master of Arts in Education students who presented their Capstone Projects at a showcase this month, organized by **Dr. Kim Lebak** and **Dr. Shelly Meyers**. The posters captured a wide range

of topics that improve instruction across our region.

Additional congratulations go to **Dr. George Sharp** and **Dr. Joseph Marchetti** on preparing all four of their most recent Master of Arts in Educational Leadership program completers to pass with flying colors on the School Leaders Licensure Assessment exam (SLLA): **Renee Gensamer, Megan Jones, John Longinetti** and **David Ragazzi**.

More congratulations to our alumni who have secured permanent teaching positions, in particular to our 2011 Teacher Education graduate, **Dione Amman**, who has completed several long-term substitute assignments prior to having been selected for a permanent Middle School Science po-



sition at Richmond Avenue School in Atlantic City. Congratulations Dione!

Finally, congratulations to all of our faculty who are presenting scholarly work at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference this week: **Dr. Norma Boakes, Dr. Darrell Cleveland, Dr. Douglas Harvey, Dr. Kim Lebak, and Dr. Ron Tinsley**. Scholarly accolades also go to both **Dr. Lebak** and **Dr. Tinsley** on their recently published book chapter as well as kudos to **Dr. Deb Figart** for her article published in the *International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education*.



New Jersey Department of Education: AchieveNJ and School Reports

After proposing regulations to administer every aspect of the **AchieveNJ** framework, the NJDOE has engaged in a seven-week informational campaign with broadcast memos and open public forums. As these events draw to a close, the Department has launched a comprehensive **AchieveNJ** website that provides resources about the new evaluation system, including a comprehensive presentation; overviews for

teachers, principals, and FAQs. NJDOE staff are continuing to add new resources and invite your feedback: call Office of Evaluation 609-777-3788 or email educatorevaluation@doe.state.nj.us.

According to NJDOE, the new **School Performance Reports** build upon and replace the previous annual School Report Cards and provide schools and the public with information about school performance in the 2011-

2012 school year.

The new reports include additional data aimed at gauging college and career readiness, and a new methodology for comparing peer schools that replaces the previously census-based District Factor Group (DFG) peer groups. The new reports also use Student Growth Percentile data (SGP) about which the Department has created an [informational tutorial](#).

Mark Your Calendars

"If a man has a great deal to put in them, a day will have a hundred pockets."

-Friedrich Nietzsche



5/6 Spring Classes end

5/7 ELL Training Sessions

5/8 Graduating student grades due to Registrar

5/10 Masters and Doctoral Degree Commencement

5/11 Baccalaureate Degree Commencement

5/13 Summer AB&G Begin

5/14 All grades due

5/18 Summer F Term Begins

5/29 Anti-Bullying Conference

6/5 Teacher Recognition Event

6/15 Legacy Bike Ride

6/17 Summer C&D Begin

6/21-7/2 Freshman Orientation

7/1 Summer H Term Begins

7/8-12 Transfer Orientation

7/17 Summer E Term Begins

7/24 [NJEA TechCon](#)

8/22 [TeachMeetNJ](#) is an "unconference" for K-12 educators sharing technology in education. Not sure what an "unconference" might be? Listen to Kyle Calderwood's [TeacherCast](#) talk.

Spotlight on Technology: TechCon, Leadership Academy & Charters



ITLA Students at Day of Scholarship '13 and (below, left) with Dr. Boakes. (below, right) John Zeck, MAIT

Stockton is proud to host the **NJEA Annual TechCon**, a hands-on conference that unites best practices in integrating instructional technology with the latest cutting edge tools. Join us for **TechCon 2013** on Wednesday, July 24 at the Campus Center and in Smart Classrooms and Computer Labs located throughout the Stockton campus. Register online at the [NJEA web site](#).

Based on internally funded grant proposals, ITLA co-PIs **Dr. Norma Boakes** and **Dr. Doug Harvey** have designed an exceptional hands-on experience for prospective teachers who complete fieldwork with "tech-savvy" teachers linked to a 3-credit Advanced Instructional Technology course, also taught by **Dr. Jung Lee** and **Dr. Amy Ackerman**.

The Stockton School of Education was proud to serve as the Technology Sponsor of the Annual Charter Schools Conference in Atlantic City. MAIT Director **Dr. Amy Ackerman** attended the conference, greeting her current graduate student, **John Zeck**, a Teaching Coach from Hope Community Charter School.



SRI & ETC

Stockton's Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center will be offering many exciting workshop opportunities this summer and the calendar is updated frequently so be sure to visit <http://www.etc.net/calendar/> regularly. Workshops will be available in Galloway, Manahawkin, Woodbine, and Hammonton.

There are still seats available for **All Things Google**,

on July 22, 2013. This full day of hands-on sessions will guide participants through an exploration of the innovative ways that Google Tools and Apps are used in education. <http://www.etc.net/allgoogle/> for more information.

Don't forget the 3rd Annual New Jersey Anti-Bullying Conference 2013 on Stockton's campus on May 29-30, 2013. This year's theme is: **How to Create Safe, Positive School Climate and**

Culture. To learn more, visit the conference [website](#).

To register using ETC Hours go to <http://www.etc.net/calendar/> and find the link for the conference under "Featured Programs."

Are you a Facebook user? <https://www.facebook.com/SRIETTCNJ>

"Like" us on Facebook and get daily updates about workshops and classroom resources.



Visit the SRI & ETC at
10 Jimmie Leeds Road (near GS Parkway)

For more information about workshops, visit the web:

www.etc.net

Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni

edWEB offers a free professional social and learning network for the education community with resources for educators. [Check](#) it out.

TechLearning has added another "top 100" apps list to the growing collection of these for educators, spanning many grade levels and subject areas.

New Education Jobs Site. A site called [myEDmatch](#) recently launched with the purpose of connecting educators and schools with shared missions, beliefs, and goals. Their underlying assumption is that "great matches lead to great outcomes for kids."

President Obama has just unveiled a Blueprint for

RESPECT two years of discussion with teachers, school leaders, and other stakeholders. [Sign up](#) to get RESPECT updates.

They are Heroes Too. Our County Teacher of the Year runs a free tutoring program, seeking volunteers who will gain valuable experiences working with learners. [Volunteer online](#).



Resources & Opportunities for Teachers, Supervisors and Faculty

People is taking nominations for their 2013 Teacher of the Year through June 7 for six prizes of \$5,000 each. [More](#).

The American Academy of Pediatrics hosts an **art contest for grades 3-12**. Prizes in each category are \$500 (1st) or \$250 (2nd)

with a matching amount for their school. The theme is "A World Free from Tobacco and Secondhand Smoke." [More](#).

The **School Improvement Network** is offering a 30-day free trial of its Common Core Implementation resources: videos, lesson plans and more.

Were you a **Cooperating Teacher** who hosted an observation/practicum or student teacher this past year? If so, please join us for a special reception to thank you for supporting our Teacher Education program at Stockton College: **Wed June 5 at 4:00pm in the Campus Center**.





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Our School of Education prepares new K-12 teachers for TEAC-accredited initial certification. We emphasize more and better field experiences than most other pre-service programs in New Jersey.

We also offer three graduate programs: for master teachers, for instructional technologists and for aspiring educational leaders. Many of our courses lead to additional state certifications and endorsements, and all can be customized to meet your needs, both at our Stockton locations in Galloway, Atlantic City, Hammonton, Manahawkin or Woodbine, as well as anywhere within your school district. Special group and on-site tuition pricing plans are available as well.

Our Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center (SRI & ETTC) offers professional development aimed at increasing student achievement. Our Centers for Community Schools and Financial Literacy fulfill our commitment to excellence in student and community engagement.

From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends of our School,
We have received our **TEAC national accreditation** preliminary audit reports for both, our TEDU undergraduate and our MAED graduate programs. Faculty are reviewing both reports for acceptance prior to an accreditation panel at which our programs will be formally evaluated in Philadelphia on May 9. TEAC accreditation ensures that our programs are meeting our claims: to prepare competent, qualified, caring educators in our pre-service and graduate programs. The State of New Jersey requires professional accreditation of all programs

leading to licensure.

Once again, we thank our alumni, students, faculty, staff, partners and the TEAC audit team for participating in this important quality assurance process. The May issue of this newsletter will convey the findings of our accreditation panel review.

Whatever your plans this summer, the School of Education invites you to **visit our offices, attend a summer workshop, class or certification sequence**. We are always interested in hearing how we can help you to reach your educational goals. If you are interested in a topic for a

course or workshop that you don't already see in our listings, please email me at keenan@stockton.edu to let me know your interest.

This newsletter has also become a place to share updates about your achievements, opportunities and important information about the changing landscape of education. If you'd like to contribute any items to future issues, please send me email: keenan@stockton.edu with anything you'd like to share.

Sincerely,
Dr. "ClauDean" Keenan



Fun Spring Trivia: which School of Education family member is sporting an immobilization boot in this MAED showcase candid?