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MAIT alumna Karen Sederholm reconnected with long-lost friend, Clyde Ferguson on Facebook. The couple married this summer on a lovely floating dock ceremony in nearby Mays Landing. Congratulations!

Summer Achievements and Accolades

As summer draws to a close, here is a look back over much of what our School of Education community members have achieved:

Dr. Deb Figart of Stockton's Center for Economic and Financial Literacy (SCEFL) hosted the Stock Market Game Awards, where Ocean City Intermediate School finished first for elementary schools.



Principal Geoff Haines and 4th grade teacher Debbie Voltura with members of their winning team.

Congratulations also go out to Rachel Scott, winner of a New Jersey State Student Teacher of the Year Award, pictured with **Dr. Norma Boakes**, co-op **Cynthia Rosenberg** and 2012 NJSTOY **Jeanne DelColle**.



Dr. Deb Figart attended the White House Summit on Working Families, where she spent time with Rep. Debbie Wasserman, above. Dr. Figart also had an article on the underbanked published in *Dollars and Sense*.

Dr. Amy Ackerman presented at a conference in Finland, and **Dr. Norma Boakes** presented at a conference in Japan. **Dr. Priti Haria** presented conference papers in Portugal and Abaco Islands. Also, Dr. Haria commemorated Stockton's partnership with



Atlantic City Day Nursery on their mural of supporters. **Dr. Norma Boakes**, **Dr. Susan Cydis**, **Dr. Kim Lebak** and **Dr. Meg White** have all received Research and Professional Development (R&PD) grants to continue their scholarly work this summer. **Dr. Meg White** also

had a paper on urban teaching published in the *International Journal of Learner Diversity and Identities*.

In addition, **Dr. Jung Lee** accompanied another group of Stockton students to Jeju National University in South



Korea. **Karen Lampayan**, **Irvin Moreno-Rodriguez**, and **Betsabe Santiago** wrote competitive scholarship essays to join this program.

MAEL graduate Ron Schmid became a supervisor for Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District.

Jeanne DelColle served as organizer for the National Network of State Teachers of the Year (NNSTOY) conference, arranging an informal lunchtime session with US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and the NSTOYs.



US Department of Education Secretary: Listening to Teachers



Arne Duncan held a conversation about testing and evaluation with teachers at Jefferson Academy, in Southwest Washington, D.C.

In a room packed with teachers from District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Arne Duncan took on a tough subject this week: testing. Describing anxieties he has heard from teachers who fear new tests being used too soon in teacher evaluations, Duncan announced that any state that would like more time may have another year before tying scores on brand new tests to educator evaluations. "We think many states will want to take that [time] pressure off of teachers," he said. Later he reminded them, "How you use this year is critical."

During a panel discussion that followed, humanities teacher Rochelle Collins expressed relief that DCPS has decided to take a year before using scores from new PARCC assessments on teacher evaluations. She said educators in the district "are really fortunate to have a year to have that flexibility" to work on the "learning curve" that inevitably comes with new standards and assessments.

Echoing what he has heard from teachers over the last six months, Duncan also spoke about frustration with how

tests have been layered on top of one another by states and districts, leading to over-testing. Speaking about the students at Jefferson Academy, Duncan said, "I don't want them to spend all of their time taking tests," and he insisted that no teacher, no student, no district, and no school "should be defined by a test score."

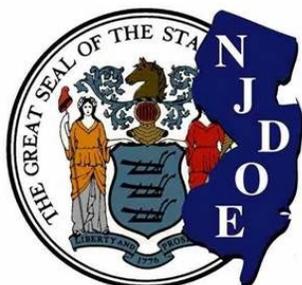
View a [video](#) of Duncan's remarks. Read [Mokoto Rich's \(NY Times\) story](#) about the testing announcement. Read Duncan's recent [blog](#), where he outlines details of the flexibility that lies ahead.

Mark Your Calendars

"When summer
gathers up her robes
of glory,
And, like a dream,
glides away."

-Sarah Helen Whitman

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| 9/2 Fall Faculty Conference | 10/28 Precepting: No Classes | 12/10 Classes End |
| 9/3 Fall Classes Begin | 11/4 Election Day: Classes in session, campus offices open | 12/11 Graduating Senior grades due |
| 9/3-10 Drop/Add period | 11/5 Precepting: No Classes | 12/14 Commencement |
| 9/17 Board of Trustees Meet | 11/11 Veteran's Day: Classes in session, offices open | 12/24 Grades due |
| 10/1 Deadline to file for Fall Graduation | 11/12 Deadline to Withdraw | 12/25-1/1 Holiday break |
| 10/21 Sub-term A ends | 12/8 Graduate Showcase in Campus Center | |
| 10/22 Sub-term B begins | | |



The New Jersey Department of Education released 2014 Educator Preparation Program Reports in May.

New Jersey Department of Education Updates

In the face of pending legislation from the Assembly and the Senate, Governor Christie issued Executive Order #157, calling for a Commission to study the impact of standardized testing in New Jersey. At the same time, allowing the NJDOE flexibility in phasing in standardized test scores in the form of

Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs) under the AchieveNJ guidelines. See the [August 12 Broadcast memo](#) for more details.

For **pre-service elementary teachers**, the NJDOE announced that the ETS 5031 Praxis II test will be replaced on September 1 with the 5001 series (Common Core-aligned).

Students who have begun a 5031 series before 8/31/14 have until 8/31/15 to complete the series.

The Board of Education also [approved the NJDOE proposals to require a 3.0 GPA and passing scores](#) on the Praxis Core or SAT/ACT equivalents of all students who enter a teacher preparation program.

SRI & ETTC UPDATE

Summer brought the return of **All Things Google** to Stockton's SRI & ETTC.

Visit the [Tech Lady](#) or the [unBlog](#) to read the day's highlights and resources.



Want more from Google expert Rich Kiker? Join us for [Google Educator Certification Boot Camp](#) on October 17 & 24.

Join us for Lib 2.0 2014: A Media Specialist's symposium at Stockton on October 20. Plan to spend the full day, including breakfast, lunch, 18 unique workshops and keynote speaker Deborah B. Ford, Director

of Library Outreach for the Junior Library Guild. Just 7 ETTC hours or \$178 to register.

The SRI&ETTC has public workshops to meet all of your professional development needs. Visit the [SRI&ETTC calendar](#) to register yourself and/or a team of colleagues.

For custom workshops, contact the SRI&ETTC at 609-626-3850.



The SRI & ETTC facility located on 10 W. Jim Leeds Road in Galloway

Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni

Southern Teachers Agency continues to seek applicants for vacancies across 16 states reaching as far north as Pennsylvania. Visit their [web site](#) for the latest postings.

A new **Teacher-Led site:** [TeacherLedProfessional-Learning.org](#) offers resources for teachers, their schools and their districts.

The **Institute of Education Sciences** is offering a [toolkit](#) that gathers student voices: *surveys, fish-bowl activities, and a digital storytelling process.* Learn [more here.](#)

Atlantic City is seeking instructional aides, substitute teachers and support staff for the district. Visit the HR [web site](#) to apply.

Mother's of Preschooler (MOPs) is seeking 2-6 student volunteers for three hours on Monday mornings three times a month. Email [Brandi Giordano](#) to sign up.

National Geographic will offer [free professional development courses](#) about water to teachers this fall. Learn about watersheds and water as a resource.



Resources & Opportunities for Teachers and Principals

The **Doing What Works** library includes interviews with researchers and educators and sample materials from real schools and classrooms, and tools that can help educators take action. [Visit today.](#)

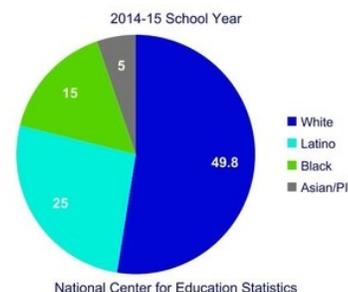
The **Teaching Channel** offers 50+ videos on the Common Core innovative

teaching models for helping students think critically and communicate powerfully about their learning and who they are becoming in the world. With **Carol Dweck, Kathleen Cushman and Milton Chen.** Learn [more.](#)

Materials from SGO 2.0 workshops by the NJDOE

are posted online at the [NJDOE web site.](#) Additional workshops will be held at Stockton and other locations throughout the 2014-15 school year.

NCES is projecting that minority students will, for the first time this year, outnumber a historical white majority in American public schools. Learn [more](#) (**Hefling, AP**).





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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 keep asking ourselves and each other "where has summer gone?" And the answer generally comes back "into our memories." Indeed, this has been a summer to remember. From the gentle breezes of late summer in the shore towns to the winds of change that have begun to blow across the political landscape, educators will remember that this is the summer when policymakers and parents alike began to heed our voices.

So even as this summer becomes a memory, our work in taking back our profes-

sion continues apace.

Join fellow educators Stephanie Hirsch, Marilyn Cochran Smith and Susan Headden from 8am-2pm on Saturday, September 27 at the Forsgate Country Club to [Take Back our Profession](#). Registration is free, and the continuum of preparing, retaining and promoting excellent educators will engage in a statewide conversation to plan for better partnerships.

So even as we bid farewell to summer, tucking away the fun photos of our own individual memories, it's once again time to come together and continue im-

proving the teaching profession for all of our stakeholders. Hope to see you there.

As always, please email keenan@stockton.edu with your feedback.



Peace,
Dr. "ClauDean" Keenan
and Dr. Pamela Vaughan

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