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Welcome to The School of Education

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Dr. Norma Boakes, Dennis Fotia of the E-Learning Office, Dr. Amy Ackerman and Dr. Pamela Vaughan congratulate our graduates at the commencement reception.

Achievements and Accolades

Congratulations to all the School of Education faculty members who've earned internal grant awards:

Dr. Priti Haria & Chelsea Tracy-Bronson: *Enhancing Literacy Development in an inclusive Educational Setting*

Dr. Meg White: *The Urban Teacher Academy at Stockton*

Dr. Norma Boakes: *Crossing Borders with Origami in Mathematics Education*

Dr. Lois Spitzer: *Internationalizing the Curriculum*

Dr. Deborah Figart: *Two Presentations: Paper and Summer School*

Dr. Figart was promoted to Distinguished Professor of Economics & Education.

Dr. Figart was also confirmed President-elect of the AFEE, advancing to serve as President in the 2015 election cycle. Kudos Dr. Figart!

Dr. Amy Ackerman has been selected to serve as an Institute for Faculty Development Fellow in 2015-16, focusing on Online and Hybrid Learning.

Dr. Ackerman also joined **Michelle Wendt** as participants in the Hour of Code, engaging students in their Instructional Technology for K-12 Educators towards the

goal of 100 million. Congratulations Dr. Ackerman and Michelle!

Jeanne DelColle is one of the Global Fellows featured in the NEA Foundation series of [video vignettes](#). Congratulations Jeanne!

Congratulations also go out to MAEL graduate **Mike Manning** on his new job as Supervisor of English and Foreign Languages at Cedar Creek High School.

Many more congratulations to our latest class of MAIT graduates who presented their Capstones on 12/8:

Standing: **Dr. Joe Marchetti, Melissa Krupp, Charles Lockwood, Bill Perkins, Darnley Rosius, Jennifer Gallagher, Michael Galeone, Andrew Wright.**

Seated: **Karen Ferguson, Susan Allen, Alyssa Wright, Jennifer Sharpless.** Congratulations to all the 2014 MAIT graduates!

Congratulations to all graduating student teachers:

Mihaela Antonius, Rachel Barnes, Lauren Brown, Jessica Devlin, Taylor DuBois, Stephanie Dugan, Dana Flanagan, Eric Gas-kill, Amanda Gossenberger, Matthew Greer, Gabrielle Haberman, Allicia Hans, Russell Hayden, Julie Haye, Alexanderia Hubbard, Tara Klements, Laura Klink, Jacquelyne Leslie, Tara MacDonald, Kelly Magee, Allison McCarthy, Daniel Morelos, Tamara Morey, Kaitlyn Odgers, Emily Oglesby, Michael Padovani, Alicia Parsons, Kimberly Peters, Deneen Piotrowski, Gemma Pyzik, Kelsey Quattrochi, Werner Raff, Antonio Scotto di Carlo, Tiffany Service, Stephanie Stanger, Christine Sundstrom, Heather Svancara, Leslie Trout, Clancy Vena, Amy Vogel, Jordan Watts, Kaitlyn Williams and Jade Yelk.





Catch up on past issues and sign up for your own PARCC Updates [newsletter](#).

PARCC Updates: Field Test Lessons Learned Inform 2015 Testing

PARCC has released a comprehensive [Lessons Learned](#) report of the Spring 2014 field test results. More than one million students in nearly 16,000 schools participated in the field tests, finding a majority of the items useful and fair. Results also indicated fewer technical problems at those schools whose administrators and students made use of the Pearson manuals, practice test portal and other materials designed to better prepare for the tests.

Fourteen states and the District of Columbia remain in the

PARCC consortium, which has begun implementing high school assessments for those buildings who use block scheduling and half-year courses.

Additional results include approval of the online calculator by only about half of those who used it, a finding that PARCC intends to use for redesigning the tool this year.

The report discloses that 89% of the math items were deemed eligible, as were 78% of the English Language Arts items. The report also con-

tains an overview of the “life cycle of a test item” that includes review for accuracy, fairness, level and bias-free language.

Responding to feedback from test administrators, PARCC also intends to improve the technical and preparation manuals and materials for clarity and ease-of-use. PARCC also plans to increase its own customer service training, troubleshooting guides and increase its call center resources, in response to the higher-than-expected volume of calls during the field tests.

Mark Your Calendars

“After all, the best part of a holiday is perhaps not so much to be resting yourself, as to see all the other fellows busy working.”

-Kenneth Grahame

12/25 Campus offices closed	1/14 CSTA Meeting J202	3/5 Sub-term A Classes End
1/2 Campus offices re-open	1/19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service (offices closed except scheduled events)	3/6 Sub-term B Classes Begin
1/8 Adjunct orientation 3pm Campus Center Event Room	1/20 Classes Begin	3/8-15 Spring Break
1/13-16 Registration for incoming Spring 2015 students (by invitation)	1/20-27 Drop/Add Period	3/11 CSTA Meeting J202
1/14 New Graduate Student orientation 5pm Campus Center Event Room	2/1 Deadline to apply for Spring Graduation	3/24 Precepting: No Classes
	2/16 President’s Day (Open)	4/1 Precepting: No Classes
		4/3 Good Friday (Open)
		4/8 Withdrawal Deadline

Spotlight on Stockton University



The former Showboat hotel and casino, site of the future Stockton Island Campus.

The Office of the Secretary of Higher Education has approved Stockton’s petition for University Status, accepting a consultant’s report that affirms Stockton has been operating as a university for several years. The Academic Issues Committee of the New Jersey President’s Council will review the petition during its upcoming winter meetings, after which we hope to update our friends and neigh-

bors that Stockton University will be our official name.

Even as we await final approval for a name change, Stockton has purchased the former Showboat Hotel and Casino property on the North End of Atlantic City, with plans to re-open the ocean-view retail hotel and renovate the former casino for academic use as early as the summer 2015 term. President

Saatkamp has convened several planning teams to facilitate the newly-acquired location.

One likely program to be offered in the new Atlantic City facility is an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership, which will be voted on by the Stockton Board of Trustees and forwarded to the New Jersey presidents for comment and review this winter.

SRI & ETTC UPDATE

Register for the Winter Prose and Poetry Getaway with Peter Murphy Writing seminars, January 16-19.

The SRI&ETTC offers several winter workshops that range from an **HIB Roundtable** January 21, to a Rich Kiker **Google Bootcamp** February 12-13, to a **21st Century Skills in Health and Physical Education workshop** with Debra Serafin on February 19 and a **Technology Choices** workshop exploring eco-

choices with Chuck Kausch on February 26.

Register now to attend [From My Classroom to Yours](#), south Jersey's best teacher-to-teacher conference. Registrations fill quickly for the event on Wednesday, March 11.

Save the Date: April 16 for the first Annual **[Middle & High School Social Studies Conference](#)**: Fulfilling our Civic Mission, to be held at Stockton, with support from the Verizon Foundation.

The SRI&ETTC also has public workshops to meet all of your professional development needs, including Cloud Computing, e-Rate, Edmodo, screencasting, PARCC, Video Production 101, SmartBoard, Anti-Bullying, Legal Compliance, Dyslexia and more. Visit the **[SRI&ETTC calendar](#)** to register yourself and/or a team of colleagues.

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



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

View the **[2013-14 Annual Report](#)**

Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni

Current Stockton students are eligible for **Foundation scholarships** that vary in size and selection criteria. Get ahead: use the winter break to review the **[Stockton Foundation FAQ](#)** and start requesting faculty letters of recommendation before the spring application round opens January 20; all applications are due March 20, 2015.

Have you **[registered](#)** for your free **CareerConnect** account? Upload your resume, search for jobs and attend career fairs.

NCTM will award up to \$3,000 to a college junior interested in pursuing a career in middle school mathematics; \$10,000 for interest in high school. **[Apply online](#)** before May 4.

PDK Scholarships are available for prospective educators (due April 1, 2015) and for graduate study (due June 1, 2015). **[Apply online](#)**.

Atlantic County teaching jobs are posted online. **[Apply today!](#)**

NJDOE also has a few openings. **[Apply online](#)**.



Resources & Opportunities for Teachers and Principals

Delta Kappa Gamma State Chapter Teacher Project Grants and stipend applications due January 3, 2015. **[Apply today](#)**.

AAUW Summer Tech Trek for 8th Grade Girls is seeking math and science teachers for stipend positions and volunteer workshop opportunities July 19-25. Email **[AAUW](#)** or visit **[TechTrek](#)** for details.

NCTM will award a grant of up to \$4,000 for secondary math in-service (**[due May 4](#)**) up to \$3,000 for PK-8 action research in math (**[due May 4](#)**) and additional grants up to \$3,000 for math teachers who propose exceptional projects (**[due June 1, 2015](#)**).

Free Information Session about a Common Core Math Course to be offered in Manahawkin: **[Thursday, January 8](#)**

from 4-5 p.m. at 712 East Bay Ave. The Master's-level course will be held on Thursdays in Manahawkin from 4-7 p.m. beginning January 22.

The Teaching Channel and the J. Paul Getty Museum announce a new series of free **[videos on arts integration](#)** to engage students in learning through the arts across grade levels, subjects, and contexts.

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Thursday evenings in Manahawkin 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Beginning on January 22, 2015

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

We also offer a CAEP-TEAC-accredited [graduate program](#) for master teachers, supervisors, specialists, principals and a program for [instructional technologists](#). 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,

Even as we continue to await the now-seven-years-overdue reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Secretary Duncan has released proposed new regulations for teacher preparation programs. These proposed regulations include holding schools and colleges of education responsible for the test scores of the students that their completers teach. At this point, the state of New Jersey has not provided student performance data of this nature to the 24 Education Program Providers (EPPs), com-

plicating compliance with the proposed new regulations. [Economists](#) and [attorneys](#) alike have reflected on the many intervening variables between completing a preparation program and impacting student scores on standardized tests, but none of these have impacted the proposed regulations. Please take a moment to add your perspective to the [public comment collection](#). Watch this space for updates as they are available.

Now more than ever, our future teachers need your help, as a mentor, hiring agent or donor. Year end is a perfect time to click on

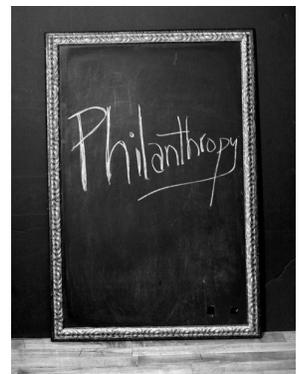
the link at right and donate to our scholarship fund and make the path towards teaching a bit smoother. No gift is too small, and all are deeply appreciated.

Have you won an award in education? A grant or prize? Gotten a promotion or an entirely new job? Drop us a line and let us share your good news with our faculty, alumni, staff, current students and friends.

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

Best wishes,
Dr. "ClauDean" Keenan

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