Director of Stockton Instructional Sites to Speak July 31 on 'Meeting Students Where They Live'

Public Invited to Presentations at Congregation Beth Judah in Ventnor, NJ

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Galloway, NJ - Temple Emeth Shalom's "Salute to Stockton" lecture series continues on **Friday, July 31,** when Dr. Eileen Conran-Folks, director of Stockton University's Hammonton and Manahawkin, NJ instructional sites, will speak on: "Meeting Students Where They Live and Making New Community Partners Along the Way."

This presentation will outline the positive outcomes Stockton University has realized through its expansion and development of instructional sites in western Atlantic County and southern Ocean County.

The public is invited to this free series of events, to be held this year at Congregation Beth Judah, 700 N. Swarthmore Ave, Ventnor, NJ. The programs will begin at 7:30 p.m. during Friday evening Sabbath services in July and early August, and feature a question-and-answer session following the presentations.

Rabbi Gordon Geller of Temple Emeth Shalom in Margate, NJ, and a longtime Stockton faculty member in the School of General Studies, said, "The talks are always one of the community's cultural highlights. This summer the series will be held at Congregation Beth Judah to accommodate a larger audience." The two temples are holding a number of joint services this summer, including the "Salute to Stockton" series.

Rabbi Jonathan Kremer of Congregation Beth Judah said, "We are delighted to be partnering with Emeth Shalom in hosting these thought-provoking talks by respected local faculty."

Dr. Conran-Folks has worked as a higher education administrator for 33 years, including 24 years at Stockton where she has held several key positions including dean of students and

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assistant vice president for Student Affairs. She currently serves as the director of Stockton's Hammonton and Manahawkin instructional sites. She earned her doctorate from Temple University in 2000 and concentrated her research and dissertation on the 1972 legislation: Title IX. Dr. Conran-Folks is an adjunct professor in General Studies and teaches a course titled: Gender Equity in Sports.

Dr. Conran-Folks currently serves as a board of directors for the Eagle Theatre, the Hammonton Arts District and The Noyes Museum and serves as an advisory board member for Gilda's Club South Jersey and the South Jersey Culture and History Center of Stockton. She also created the Miniversity program for regional high school students and serves as Stockton University's liaison to the Atlantic City Boys and Girls Club.

Dr. Conran-Folks is a competitive member of the Viking Master's Rowing program and one of the founding members of the Gladiators Dragon Boat Program of Ventnor, NJ. She volunteers on Ventnor's Go Green Committee. An avid community activist and a leader in several diverse community and non-profit efforts, Dr. Conran-Folks is most proud of her ability to connect students to meaningful projects and educational activities to ensure that the lessons of good citizenship are incorporated into their everyday lives.

The series will conclude on **Friday, Aug. 7,** when Dr. Beverly Vaughn, Professor of Music, will host a program built around songs about freedom from slavery, including a sing-along with audience members and guest performers.

As director of Stockton's choral program, Dr. Vaughn conducts the College Chorus and The Stockton Chorale along with both The Stockton Oratorio Society and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, which she founded. These choral organizations have traveled to Europe and have enjoyed overwhelming regional acclaim.

She has won numerous awards and citations for her teaching and has also received several awards from the regional organizations for outstanding community outreach and service.

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