

Stockton to Hold Fall Day of Service on Saturday, Sept. 12

Hundreds of volunteers to tackle projects on civics, the environment, literacy, health and wellness, and hunger and homelessness

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Galloway, NJ - Hundreds of volunteers, including students, faculty, and staff, will gather on the Galloway Campus, **Saturday, Sept. 12**, for Stockton University's 12th Annual Fall Day of Service. This event, the first of six similar events this academic year, will feature service and advocacy projects based on five themes - Civics, Environment, Hunger & Homelessness, Health & Wellness, and Literacy.

The Day of Service will collaborate with various on-campus and off-campus partners to educate and empower volunteers to take action in their communities around these causes. Local and regional community partners include the Atlantic County Superintendent of Elections Office and The Petey Greene Program of Princeton for the Civics Initiative, Atlantic County Utilities Authority for the Environmental Initiative, Atlantic Prevention Resources for the Health & Wellness Initiative, and the New Day Family Success Center in Galloway and Covenant House of Atlantic City for the Hunger and Homelessness Initiative.

These organizations will be joined by on-campus offices and student groups such as Stockton's activist-in-residence, Rona Whitehead, WaterWatch, Kennedy Sustainable Farm, Stockton Police & EMS, The Women's, Gender and Sexuality Center, The Wellness Center, Active Minds, Books Without Borders, Circle K, the Stockton Center for Community Engagement, the Office of Student Development and the Office of Service-Learning.

This year's event features a new format and schedule, allowing for rotation of volunteers to experience all activities. Interim University President Harvey Kesselman will give welcoming remarks.

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The keynote speaker is Todd Bernstein, CEO of Global Citizen and founder and director of the Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service, the nation's largest. President Barack Obama named Bernstein as a "Champion of Change," honoring him at the White House in 2012. What Bernstein started in 1996 in Philadelphia has become a national movement and spawned MLK365, a year-round civic engagement initiative. Stockton plans to continue its involvement with the 12th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Jr., Day of Service on **Monday, Jan. 18, 2016.**

Local community members wishing to make a donation to the Sept. 12 event are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items or unopened packages of children's diapers to the Stockton Campus Center at 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ

For more information on how to become involved with "Day of Service" sponsored by Stockton, please contact servlearn@stockton.edu or visit stockton.edu/servicelearning.