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## More than 900 Volunteer for Stockton University's 13th Annual MLK Day of Service

The 13th Annual MLK Day of Service is the region's largest event, with over 900 volunteers and projects involving 36 community partners at the University's locations in Galloway, Hammonton, Manahawkin and Woodbine and in Atlantic City. President Harvey Kesselman noted at opening ceremonies on the Galloway campus. [View photos here.](#)

Nearly 700 volunteered in Galloway and Atlantic City alone, with over 200 additional volunteers at other locations in Atlantic, Ocean and Cape May counties.

In Atlantic City, First Lady Lynne Kesselman cooked tacos on a grill in the kitchen of the A.C. Rescue Mission, as President Kesselman sorted clothing donations. They were joined by a number of student volunteers. At lunchtime, the Kesselmans put on aprons and gloves and began to serve the residents. Less than a block away, students rolled a fresh coat of paint onto the mission's new café, [Hopeful Grounds.](#)

Volunteers from the Surfrider Foundation's South Jersey chapter joined Stockton volunteers and students from Our Lady Star of the Sea School in Atlantic City to clean beaches. "It was a perfect day and we collected a lot of trash," said Brian Jackson, co-chair (with Daniel Fidalgo Tomé) of MLK Day of Service and the COO of the Atlantic City campus.

On the Galloway campus, students formed an assembly line starting at a storage unit, stocked with books and school supplies collected over the past three years, and ending at a 40-foot shipping container on a tractor trailer. Volunteers packed thousands of books in the container, which will sail to Durban, South Africa and then be trucked to Zimbabwe.



Sandy Leone helped pack books for the Zimbabwe Book Project at Stockton's 13th Annual MLK Day of Service, held on Jan. 16.

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Sandy Leone, a staff member in Development & Alumni Affairs, volunteered in honor of the [late Demetrios Constantelos](#), Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

"There's a great feeling of togetherness and doing for others on campus today. That's what Stockton is all about," Leone said.

At the South Jersey All Breeds Horse Rescue in Weekstown, Mullica Township, N.J., alumni from Stockton's very first class joined the University's most recent graduates and everyone in between, to put up a fence and clear brush to make room for a new hay barn that is being donated.

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Members of the faculty and staff received Community Engagement Awards during the opening ceremony.

Christina Jackson, assistant professor of Sociology, received the award for her community work in both Atlantic City and Philadelphia. She is a core team member of the Black Lives Matter Atlantic City chapter helping to facilitate monthly forums with community residents and has worked with The New Jersey Organizing Project's Sandy Truth Project.

She has been published in two books: *Black California Dreamin': The Crises of California's African- American Communities* and *The Ghetto: Contemporary Global Issues and Controversies*.

Joe Lizza, assistant director of the Campus Center for Operations & Programs, received the award for his service on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA). He is also a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT in Hammonton, N.J. serving as lieutenant and secretary, and has served as program coordinator for Stockton EMS from 2011-2016. Lizza presents regionally and nationally on topics related to emergency preparedness in higher education.

Rona Whitehead received the award as a graduate student in the Masters of Social Work Program. Whitehead, now an adjunct instructor at Stockton, is the past activist-in-residence. She has dedicated many years to empowering girls to become strong leaders. Whitehead is especially passionate about working with youth who have felt marginalized by society. She has developed programs and curriculum of empowerment through volunteer opportunities.

Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-ed service fraternity, and Jaileen Gonzalez, a senior Social Work major, also received Community Engagement Awards for their dedication to service.



President Harvey Kesselman, Christina Jackson, assistant professor of Sociology, and Thomas Grites, assistant provost. Jackson was one of the recipients of the Community Engagement Awards, presented at MLK Day of Service on Jan. 16. [View all recipients here.](#)

## Stockton Shuttle Buses Now Trackable Via New Ride Systems App



In addition to the [two new non-smoking shuttle bus gazebos](#) in parking Lot 7, Stockton Affiliated Services, Inc. (SASI) has added a new mobile shuttle bus tracking application.



The new application, [Ride Systems](#), provides real-time estimates of shuttle locations and any important shuttle bus announcements.

Search for "Ride Systems" on the app store of your mobile device. Once the app is downloaded, select "Stockton University." The app allows users to follow all of Stockton's shuttle buses or choose only those of interest.

## SCCE Hosts Nourishing Communities Food Summit at Stockton

The Stockton Center for Community Engagement (SCCE) hosted the Nourishing Communities - Ingredients for Success food summit on Jan. 9 to address the growing need for greater access to nutritious food, inform stakeholders about federal and state programs and to forge partnerships and develop strategies to improve food security.

The event was co-sponsored by the [SNAP-Ed](#) support network through Rutgers Cooperative Extension, and [CARE AC](#), a community coalition led by AtlantiCare Foundation.

The event drew knowledgeable and motivated community partners from throughout the state to work on solutions to food insecurity, explained Merydawilda Colón, executive director of the SCCE.

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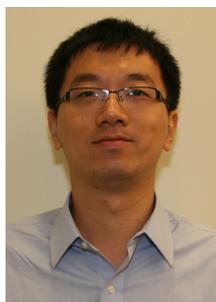
Representatives in attendance included members of the federal and state departments of Agriculture; Community FoodBank; municipal and county governments, including Freeholder Alex Marino; the Food Trust of Philadelphia and Cape-Atlantic YMCA, AtlantiCare Regional Health System, N.J. Advocates for Children, and the SNAP-Ed program.

“Food insecurity in our communities is an important public issue that we need to address relentlessly,” said Colón. “The SCCE has been a partner in the fight against hunger through its Campus Kitchen efforts. However, it takes many to address a public issue. The SCCE looks forward to being an active partner in the initiatives that were discussed at the food summit.”



Merydawilda Colón and SCCE student fellow Askhia Khawaja at the Nourishing Communities food summit held at Stockton on Jan. 9

## Lei Song’s Research Published in Journal of Marketing Channels



Lei Song

Lei Song, assistant professor of Marketing, served as lead author of the paper, “The Effects of Expectation Disconfirmations on Customer Outcomes in E-Markets: Impact of National Culture,” which was published in Journal of Marketing Channels.

The paper explores cultural differences between Chinese and American customers in consumer responses from online shopping surveys, and their subsequent impact on e-word-of-mouth, e-satisfaction and e-loyalty.

“Prior research has shown that after receiving online services of varying quality, customer expectations are either ‘positively disconfirmed,’ meaning services exceed customer expectations, or ‘negatively disconfirmed,’ meaning services fall short of customer expectations,” explained Song.

His current research shows that Chinese customers are “more tolerant” of e-services that result in negative disconfirmations, or services falling short of customer expectations. Online shoppers in the United States are “more likely to be loyal or generate positive e-word-of-mouth” when experiencing positive disconfirmations, services exceeding expectations.

## Tolliver, Mozelle-Wright Inducted into Gamma Phi Delta Sorority

Renee Tolliver, program assistant in the Office of Student Development, and Delores Mozelle-Wright, principal clerk typist in the School of Social & Behavioral Sciences, recently became founding members of the Alpha Gamma Nu Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., the first chartered chapter in New Jersey.

Prior to the Alpha Gamma Nu chapter, there were only four members-at-large throughout the state, one being Mozelle-Wright, who became the chapter’s first president.

“During our membership process, we were able to complete five community service projects which included volunteering at the Community FoodBank, where we helped distribute food to families in need, and hosting a Senior Fun Fest at an assisted living facility, where we provided and participated in games with seniors,” Tolliver said.

“My personal goal is to see the organization grow and to fulfill our purpose,” said Mozelle-Wright. “The organization’s purpose includes uniting for charity, fostering the improvement of the educational and vocational status of young people, assisting youth through broadening their educational objectives, and creating a better understanding between women of all races and creeds.”



Renee Tolliver (third from left) and Delores Mozelle-Wright (sixth from left) pictured with members of the Alpha Gamma Nu chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.

## Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy Lauren Del Rossi Weds



Lauren Del Rossi (right) wed Deana Montufar on Dec. 18.

Lauren Del Rossi, assistant professor of Physical Therapy, married Deana Montufar in a winter wonderland wedding held on Dec. 18, 2016.

“On the morning of the wedding, it finally hit me that I was getting married,” Del Rossi said. “Deana and I wrote our own vows, which we exchanged during a small, intimate ceremony in the Mushroom House at [Terrain at Styers](#).

“I am so excited to be married to my best friend,” she added.

The newlyweds were thrilled to celebrate their special day with family and friends during the reception, which included dinner and s’mores by the fire.

## Reminder: Acceptable Use Standards for University Communications

Provost Lori Vermeulen and Chief Information Officer Robert Heinrich remind the Stockton community to review the University’s [Acceptable Use Standards](#) in their entirety.

The standards outline authorized use of and access to the University’s computing and communication facilities, which are intended and permitted solely to support the legitimate educational, administrative and mission-centered programs of the institution.

As state employees, Stockton faculty and staff members must follow the New Jersey State Ethics Commission’s [Uniform Ethics Code](#) which generally prohibits the use of work email for any non-Stockton related business and specifically prohibits use for political purposes. Employees should also read the New Jersey Office of Information Technology’s [policy](#) regarding electronic mail and messaging systems.

## Reminder: Stockton University Procedures for Protection of Minors

Faculty and staff who manage, organize or participate in programs, activities and/or classes involving minors must review the University’s procedure on the [Protection of Minors](#) (POM).

Employees still needing to complete the POM online training must [visit this site](#) to self-enroll and complete the training.

Faculty or staff needing to verify that a group or class completed the training may email a list of names for verification to [POM@stockton.edu](mailto:POM@stockton.edu). Background check forms can be accessed [here](#).

## Save the Dates: Upcoming Stockton University Events

**Saturday, Jan. 21:** Gerry Matthews Retirement Celebration will be held during halftime of the 1 p.m. basketball game in the Sports Center.

**Saturday into Sunday, Feb. 18-19:** [StockHack](#) will be the University’s first ever 24-hour hack-a-thon.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22:** Stockton University [Board of Trustees](#) Meeting

### Send Us Your News!

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