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Stockton to Offer Educational Opportunity Fund Program at Atlantic City Campus

More local students will have the opportunity to participate in Stockton University's Educational Opportunity Fund program under a new EOF-AC program approved by the state EOF Board at its meeting at Rider University in Lawrenceville on Dec. 15.

Stockton's new EOF-AC program will accept up to 50 students, and will be housed primarily in Stockton's new Atlantic City campus, which will open in the fall of 2018.

Student recruitment is statewide, but will focus heavily on Atlantic City and Pleasantville. An effort will also be made to reach students who are aging out of foster care and need additional support to attend college.

The EOF program was established by the state of New Jersey to provide assistance in attending college to promising young men and women from economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. The program provides some financial aid, but also ongoing mentoring and academic support to help students succeed and become leaders in their communities.

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Recent drone photo of Stockton's residential campus in Atlantic City.

"This is more than hard work, this is heart work," Maralyn Mason, director of Stockton's EOF program, said in thanking the EOF board for the approval.

President Harvey Kesselman, who directed Stockton's EOF program in the early 1980s, said he is proud and excited that Stockton can now offer the EOF program to more local students.

"The new EOF-AC program will be a gateway to opportunity for the young people who will be our region's future leaders," Kesselman said. "Our EOF students enrich our campus and we look forward to welcoming a new cohort of young men and women who will also be actively involved in revitalizing Atlantic City and South Jersey."

Stockton currently has more than 350 students in its EOF program, many of whom have become active leaders through student clubs, community organizations, Student Senate, and as Student Trustees. [Read more.](#)

Amee Shah Receives ASHA'S Media Champion Award

Amee Shah, associate professor of Health Science, recently received the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (ASHA) Media Champion Award for her work in promoting public awareness of the communication sciences and disorders discipline through the media.

The award is presented annually to a member of the ASHA for their "outstanding efforts fostering media coverage of communication disorders and the professionals who work to prevent and treat them."

For Shah, this award represents her 15 years of professional contributions to the media on the topics of communication sciences and disorders via invited stories, live interviews, videos and more. Shah has appeared on channels such as NPR, NBC News, including The Today Show, MSNBC and Fox News, as well as The Atlantic and Slate to name a few.

This year, the award was presented in November at the national convention in Los Angeles. Throughout the convention and during the awards ceremony, Shah was honored with her photo and bio displayed on screens and posters throughout the facility.

"It is very moving to receive this sort of support and honor from the profession and to share the stage with icons and honorees including winners of lifetime achievements," Shah said. "For me, this award recognizes the value of leadership I have provided for over 15 years. The media has consistently selected me as a recognized expert in Speech-Language Pathology and approached me to disentangle and explain the science behind some of the most curious, public-interest questions and phenomena in the arenas of voice, speech, communication, accents, dialects and language."

In addition to the recognition of Shah's achievements during the awards ceremony, she, along with Alexandria Dobbin and Caroline Pastino, two of her undergraduate students and Marianna Naples, a Stockton alumna, presented a panel presentation in the area of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) education, which was supported with Provost's funding.

Shah was also invited by the organization's Special Interest Group in Cultural-linguistic Diversity to present a half-day short course at the convention. Short courses are considered the highest tier of presentations at this convention because attendees pay extra for that information, over their conference registration. The selection of topics and presenters is conducted by peer-reviews through the convention planning committees. "Taken together, my participation at this year's convention represents a major milestone not only for my work, but also for the visibility this brings to Stockton in this discipline," Shah said.



Amee Shah at ASHA's national convention in Los Angeles.

School of Health Sciences Hosts Common Sports Injuries Conference



Dr. Bradford S. Tucker from the Rothman Institute presented at the "Common Sports Injuries" conference.

The School of Health Sciences collaborated with the Rothman Institute, Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation, and AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center for a conference on "Common Sports Injuries" on Dec. 1 in the Campus Center Theatre.

Rothman physicians and surgeons, athletic trainers from Stockton and Rothman, and a physical therapist from Bacharach presented a range of topics on sports injuries. There were 92 health care professionals in attendance, and students from Stockton's Physical Therapy program also attended. Robert Marsico, assistant professor of Physical Therapy, Thomas Nolan, associate professor of Physical Therapy, and Kent Mayhew, professional services specialist in the School of Health Sciences organized the conference.

[View more photos.](#)

SOBL, Career Center, Alumni Affairs Hold ‘Curious Careers’ Panel

The third installment of “Curious Careers in Social and Behavioral Sciences (SOBL)” panel was held on Dec. 7 with over 50 students in attendance.

The event was organized by Jennifer Forestal, assistant professor of Political Science, Jessie K. Finch, assistant professor of Sociology, and Kaite Yang, assistant professor of Psychology, as well as Patrick Burns, assistant director of the Career Center, Jacob Helmeczi, assistant director of the Career Center, and Sara Faurot, director of Alumni Affairs. The goal of this panel series is to highlight the variety of career opportunities for the majors housed in SOBL and prepare students for career exploration and development.



Domenic Merendino '13, Assistant Professor of Psychology Kaite Yang, Assistant Professor of Political Science Jennifer Forestal, Kayla Delgado-Partridge '15, Michael A. Morris '11, Assistant Professor of Sociology Jessie K. Finch and Michael Levine '01.

The Fall 2017 panel was composed of four Stockton alumni, who spoke about their careers and the various skills they learned from their SOBL majors. This year’s participants included Kayla Delgado-Partridge '15 (Sociology/Anthropology), corporate & group sales coordinator for The Philadelphia Orchestra; Michael Levine '01 (Social Work), senior managing director of Greystar, a senior living agency; Domenic Merendino '13 (Economics), manager of admissions & enrollment for Give Something Back, an education-related non-profit; and Michael A. Morris '11 (Political Science), curatorial assistant at the Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City. This event is part of an ongoing series, with one panel held each fall and spring semester. Please email any recommendations for SOBL Curious Career panelists to [Jessie K. Finch](mailto:jessie.k.finch@stockton.edu).

Schools of Education and NAMS Team Up to Host Day of Science



Associate Professor of Chemistry Elizabeth Pollock makes ice cream using liquid nitrogen during a Day of Science.

Associate Professor of Physics Joseph Trout’s Physics I service learning class, with the help of Claudine Keenan, dean of the School of Education, Justine Ciraolo, executive director of Academic Science Labs & Field Facilities, and their respective staffs, held a “Day of Science” for 30, 7th and 8th graders from the Dr. Martin Luther King and the New York Avenue Schools in Atlantic City on Nov. 14 on Stockton’s main campus.

Stockton students performed demonstrations and lectured on the concepts covered by the demonstrations. Participants enjoyed pizza and ice cream made by Associate Professor of Chemistry Elizabeth Pollock, using liquid nitrogen, and talked with Stockton students about their studies in their respective STEM fields. Later, during a workshop, grade school students used motors, rheostats, mirror, and LASERs to manufacture an apparatus to produce Lissajous figures (designs of light patterns projected onto a nearby wall). Keenan organized a scavenger hunt of nature around Lake

Fred at the end of the day. This was the second year that the event was held and several Stockton students from last year’s class participated, including Nichole Ravas, Allysa Prince, Alexis Di Mercurio and Ally Murray. Caroline Bowman, who is currently student teaching in Atlantic City, also participated. Student Josephine Bernard presented a poster of the event at Stockton’s Celebration of Service-Learning.

HR, Dissen Share Helpful Tips in Weekly Healthy Holidays Series

The Office of Human Resources in partnership with Anthony Dissen, registered dietician and instructor of Health Science, have put together a six-week series focused on tips and resources on how to stay healthy during the upcoming holiday season. View past issues on the [Healthy Holidays page](#).

Exercise Science Guest Speaker



John Guers, assistant professor of Exercise Science, hosted Dustin Clarke, head strength and conditioning coach for the New York Mets, to speak to his class, EXSC 2102: Principles of Strength Training and Conditioning, in November.

Graduate Research Symposium



Students share their projects and results during Stockton's Graduate Research Symposium on Dec. 4 in the Campus Center. [View more photos.](#)

Hip Hop Summit



Professor of Communications & Africana Studies Donnetrice Allison (left) and students in her Introduction to Hip Hop Culture class organized the Hip Hop Summit on Dec. 7. [Read more.](#)

Sustainability Marketing Class



Assistant Professor of Business Studies Naz Onel's students shared their videos on sustainability and sustainable lifestyle on Dec. 5 in the Campus Center Theatre. The best video was chosen based on public voting. Onel is pictured with the winning team: Austin Layton, Michael Peacock, Onel and Maurizio Piccolo.

University Holiday Party



The University community celebrated Stockton's Annual Holiday Party on Dec. 15 in the Campus Center. [View more photos.](#)

The Stockton Times will take a break next week and return in January 2018.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

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