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Stockton Ranked Top 10 Public Regional Universities by U.S. News & World Report

Stockton University is among the top 10 Public Regional Universities in the North according to the U.S. News and World Report 2018 “America’s Best Colleges” ranking released this week. Stockton improved its ranking from 14th among public universities in 2017, and is ranked 41st among 187 public and private universities included in the North region.

Kesselman said the ranking and other recent awards recognize efforts by faculty and staff to achieve Stockton’s mission of providing a diverse student body with the skills to succeed in a changing world. [Read more.](#)

Campus Climate Survey Results Released

The full report of the [Campus Climate Survey](#) has been released, and can also be found on the portal under the employee tab. A viable action plan will be developed at the following open meetings:

- Thursday, Sept. 28 at 4:30 p.m. in C-134
- Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 3:30 p.m. in L-112
- Thursday, Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in C-134

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Students, Faculty, Staff Begin Year with 14th Annual Day of Service



Students Brannndon Nesspor and Jonathan Bowie (seated) along with (from L-R) Jessie K. Finch, Claire Abernathy and Jeni Forestal at Day of Service.

More than 400 students and 30 faculty and staff members made meals, packed books, and created greeting cards and pillows for sick children at the 14th annual Stockton University Fall Day of Service, held on Sept. 9.

Circle K service club president Taylor McKay tracked student progress as teams rotated through the activities. They made sandwiches for the Atlantic City Rescue Mission, coloring books and friendship bracelets for the Ronald McDonald house, stuffed pillows and bears for AtlantiCare, and cat toys for the Humane Society.

[Read more.](#) View more [Day of Service 2017 photos.](#)

Are You on the List? HR Announces Clery Act Representatives

The Office of Human Resources, in coordination with the Stockton University Police Department, will soon be notifying faculty and staff members who are identified as Campus Security Authorities (CSAs), a Clery Act-specified term that encompasses individuals responsible for reporting campus crimes.

Employees bound by law to report campus crimes include officials who have significant responsibility for student and campus activities. The list of Stockton individuals identified as CSAs should be reviewed by all employees. [View the employee list here.](#)

Within the week, Human Resources will email these individuals with detailed information such as CSA responsibilities and next steps. Soon after, CSAs will receive an invitation via email to participate in an online training for their CSA role.

The initiative is for University Clery Act compliance. Overseeing all University matters related to Clery Act compliance is new staff member, Ro Latoracca.



Ro Latoracca

Latoracca works with Stockton Police as the Clery compliance coordinator and is responsible for preparing the annual security and fire safety report, in which Clery Act incidents are reported; providing campus trainings for CSAs; and disseminating statistics and warnings under Clery Act mandates.

She joins the department after retiring from the Galloway Township Police Department, where she served for 14 years as a detective and officer. Prior to her time at GTPD, Latoracca served as an officer for the Stockton Police Department from 1993-2001.

Latoracca, who received a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Stockton in 1995, has received multiple New Jersey PBA Exceptional Service awards and the "People of the Year" School/Community Advocate for Education Award from the Galloway Township Education Foundation. Latoracca also received the Academic Achievement Award from both the Camden County Police Academy and the Corrections Officer Training Academy.

For more information on the Clery Act, view the [2016 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report](#). The 2017 report will be available Oct. 1. Questions can be directed to Ro Latoracca via email or at ext. 5989.

Reminders: Fire and Evacuation Safety Protocols on Campus

Editor's Note: Stockton University Police Department sent an email notice reminding the University community of public safety protocols. Review the abbreviated information below, and refer to the notice for full details.

At the start of a new academic year, all faculty, staff and students are strongly advised to refresh their knowledge of the University's fire alarm and building evacuation procedures. In accordance to New Jersey statute, all individuals are legally required to evacuate the building, and do so in a timely fashion, in the event that any fire alarms sound, regardless of location. Remember, no amount of work is more important than your life.

If community members detect any sign, visible or non-visible, of smoke or fire, you are to immediately pull the nearest fire alarm. All others will be warned by the sound and/or flashing lights of the fire alarms located throughout campus; upon hearing and/or seeing this alert, all individuals should assume an emergency and follow the proper evacuation procedures, listed below. All faculty, staff and students should also become familiar with exit routes.

- Exit through the closest door leading outside the building. If that door is blocked, proceed to the next closest door;
- Travel at least 300 feet from the building;
- Do not stand in the roadways, blocking any emergency personnel vehicles from entry;
- Do not operate the elevators;
- Do not re-enter the building until Stockton Police or the local fire department have given the signal;
- The last individual to exit an area should ensure the area is completely vacated before closing the doors.

Grant Writing Workshop Hosted by ORSP, IFD and Provost's Office

The [Office of Research & Sponsored Programs](#) (ORSP) and the [Institute for Faculty Development](#) (IFD) recently hosted a four-day Grant Writing Workshop. The goal of this joint workshop was to provide dedicated time and instruction for faculty to fully develop a project and write a quality proposal suitable for submitting to external sponsors. The ORSP and IFD hope to increase both the quantity and quality of external proposals. The workshop was sponsored by the Provost's Office.

The workshop was attended by faculty participants and a panel of faculty mentors. The participants were faculty members who have not received significant funding from external sources, or identified themselves as benefiting from focused instruction, training and experience in proposal writing and project development.

"The panel of faculty mentors were a key component of the learning experience," explained [Doug Harvey](#), associate professor of Instructional Technology and director of the IFD. "Drawn from among colleagues who have received significant external funding, they have many years of experience in proposal writing, grant administration and building successful relationships. Activities included both one-on-one interactions between mentors and participants, and group discussions."

Arleen Gonzalez Receives Best Presentation Award at BAASANA

Arleen Gonzalez, associate professor of Criminal Justice, attended the Business and Applied Sciences Academy of North America (BAASANA) 2017 International Conference, where she won the Best Presentation Award out of nearly 50 other speakers. The conference was held on August 16-18 at the University of Exeter, a public university in Exeter, England.

Gonzalez's presentation "The Admissibility of Scientific Evidence in Warrantless Searches" analyzed the Supreme Court cases, which over the past two or three terms have radically transformed law and order in this area. She was honored to receive this prestigious award; she felt that her hard work was "appreciated and recognized."

This summer was not the first time Gonzalez attended the conference, nor the first time she presented her award-winning topic. In fact, this was the third time she presented this research; she delivered similar presentations at the BAASANA 2014 International Conference at Ramapo University, N.J., and at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science, Denver, Colo. While Gonzalez always enjoys this topic, another one of her favorites is "Puerto Rico: Colonialism, Poverty, and Migration."

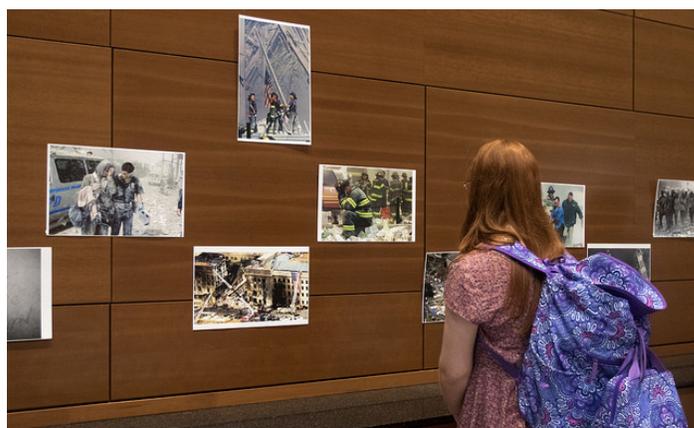
Parking Update: Temporary Lot 10 on Waszen Lane Open M-Th

Due to the high volume of vehicles, additional parking was added on Waszen Lane (Temporary Lot 10), located directly down Pomona Road from Lot 9, (the intramural field lot). The shuttle from Temporary Lot 10 will go to N-Wing. When returning, inform the driver to stop in Lots 8, 9 or Temporary Lot 10. This service will continue Monday-Thursday until further notice. Temporary Lot 10 will not be open on Fridays.

Stockton Community Remembers 9/11



Student Senate President Victoria Dambroski asked for a moment of silence from the guests who gathered in the Board of Trustees Room for a [memorial ceremony](#) at two minutes past 9 a.m., when the second plane hit the World Trade Center.



After Dean of Students Pedro Santana shared remarks, members of the Stockton community viewed photographs from 9/11 that were displayed on the walls. The event was organized by Student Senate and the Student Veterans Organization (SVO).

SOAR Photo Gallery



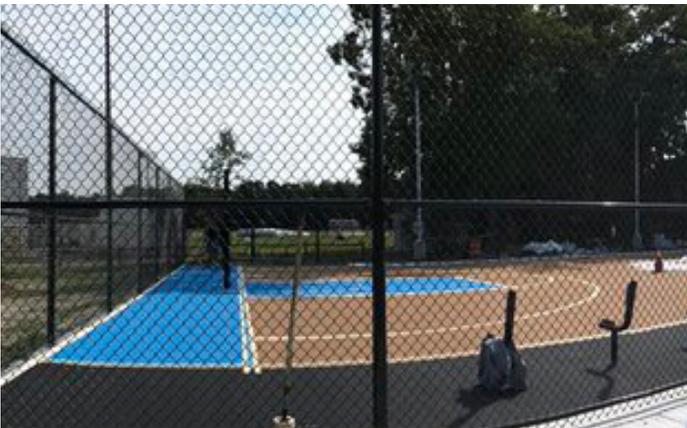
Incoming students who participated in the Stockton Outdoor Adventure Retreat (SOAR) spent three days and two nights at Camp Ockanickon in Medford, N.J. View [SOAR 2017 photos](#).

Move-in Day Photo Gallery



Residential students moved in from Sept. 1-5 and participated in dozens of activities with other new students before the start of the semester. View more [Move-in Day 2017 photos](#).

New Outdoor Basketball Court



A new, full size regulation NCAA basketball court is being built adjacent to Lot 6 for the Stockton community to enjoy.

First Cohort of Data Science



The first cohort in the Master of Data Science & Strategic Analytics program met for their first class on Sept. 5.

Update: Bathrooms Now Open in A-Wing, D-Wing, Arts & Sciences

The D-Wing bathrooms are now open. The bathrooms in the Arts & Sciences Building, as well as the A-Wing bathrooms on both the 00 and 100 levels, are now open for use.

SAVE THE DATES

- Sept. 19: [Constitution Day](#)
- Sept. 20: Board of Trustees Meeting
- Sept. 26: [Stockton Golf Classic](#)
- Oct. 5-8: [University Weekend](#)
- View all events on [Campus Calendar](#)

Send Us Your News!

We want to know about things going on in the Stockton community. Do you have an unusual hobby? Did one of your co-workers win an award or perform outstanding public service? Births, weddings, graduations and the like are all good things to submit to The Stockton Times. Contact the editor at 609-626-5521 or email StocktonTimes@stockton.edu. News about distinguished students can now be found at Distinctive Stockton Students. To contribute a news item for the blog, please contact the editor at distinctive@stockton.edu

