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## Three Ospreys Receive All-American Awards

Four Stockton Ospreys competed on the third and final day of the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships, with three earning All-American status by finishing in the top eight of their event.

Jared Lewis, a junior, became Stockton's most decorated competitor ever with his seventh All-American accolade. Seniors Cassandra Hrusko and Alicia Belko closed their collegiate athletic careers by achieving All-American recognition for the first time. They are the first two Stockton females ever to earn All-American status in a track (running) event.

"It was great to be able to see some of the athletes compete at the NCAA Championships, and I had a chance to meet just about all of the Stockton athletes who were there," said incoming Executive Director of Athletics Kevin McHugh, who attended the championship meet, held May 25-27 in Geneva, Ohio.

"I found it so interesting to watch and hear [Head Coach Jayson Resch] coaching from the sidelines, as I'd not yet had much interaction with many of the coaches or athletes prior to that. It was a great way to get started and to enter the Stockton experience," McHugh said.



Three Stockton student-athletes were named All-American at the 2017 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

"All 22 of the indoor and outdoor All-American kudos in the history of Stockton women's program had come in four field events - pole vault, high jump, javelin and discus," explained Chris Rollman, sports information director. "Lewis' seven All-American honors have been in the triple jump (3 outdoor, 2 indoor) and long jump (1 outdoor, 1 indoor)."

Senior Aaron Bess also competed in the men's triple jump, finishing 17th with a distance of 14.02 meters. The effort came on the second of Bess' three attempts. He competed at the NCAA Championships for the first time in his career.

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All three Ospreys rose to the occasion by recording personal bests on the day.

Lewis blew away his season best by 35 centimeters (13.75 inches) and topped his personal best by 10 centimeters (just under four inches) with a leap of 15.52 meters to finish second in the men's triple jump.

Hrusko ran a time of 4:28.52 to finish sixth in the 1500m. Hrusko's time not only was a personal best but also broke her own two-day-old school record by four seconds.

Belko knocked three seconds off her personal best and her own school record with a time of 10:45.30 for sixth place in the 3000m steeplechase.

## Faculty, Staff Lead Workshops at AAUW's Teentech Program



Marc Richard, associate professor of Chemistry, pours a slime concoction into high school student Claudia MacRae's hands during the AAUW Teentech on May 23 at Stockton.

The School of Education with help from the School of Health Sciences hosted the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of New Jersey's Teentech program on May 23.

AAUW Teentech encourages young women to pursue their interests and allows them to experience science with experts through workshops focused on the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

"This type of experience can change your life," said Provost Lori Vermeulen, as she welcomed about 270 participants from 21 schools to Teentech.

"We need those who can act and think differently than others around the table in order to solve the world's most complicated problems. In other words, we need all of you in science," she said.

Vermeulen, who is also a professor of Chemistry, shared how undergraduate science research changed her life and put her in a position where she was conducting experiments that had never been done before.

"It's a great feeling to be that kind of explorer. The cool thing about being a scientist is that you can have that great feeling every single day of your life," she said.

The program featured hands-on workshops led by Stockton faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends. Topics ranged from computer coding and cybersecurity to crime scene investigation and circuit building and more.

Participating faculty and staff included **Michelle Wendt**, technology integration specialist; **Amy Hadley**, associate professor of Communication Disorders; **Tara Luke**, associate professor of Biology; **Marc Richard**, associate professor of Chemistry; **Norma Boakes**, associate professor of Education; **Sara Martino**, associate professor of Psychology; **Alysia Mastrangelo**, professor of Physical Therapy; **Mary Lou Galantino**, Distinguished Professor of Physical Therapy; **Lee Ann Guenther**, associate professor of Physical Therapy; **Liz Shobe**, professor of Psychology; **Tori Sillitoe**, professional services specialist in the Office of Information Technology Services; **Dawn Watkins**, professional services specialist in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences; **Demetrios Roubos**, assistant director of Information System & Security Administrator; **Joe Trout**, associate professor of Physics; **Elizabeth Pollock**, associate professor of Chemistry; **Chris Tartaro**, professor of Criminal Justice; and **Josh Duntley**, associate professor of Criminal Justice.

## Theresa Bartolotta Appointed to ACE Women's Network Board

Theresa Bartolotta, dean of the School of Health Sciences, was recently appointed to [ACE Women's Network](#) Board for New Jersey, a group committed to advancing women's leadership in higher education.

"As a board member I will be responsible for coordinating efforts to further the goals of the Network," Bartolotta said. "I look forward to working with colleagues across the state on this important issue."

The American Council on Education Women's Network facilitates professional connections, allows for the sharing of best practices and enables local leadership training by the state networks.



Theresa Bartolotta



## Stockton Kramer Hall Named Business of the Year in Hammonton

Stockton University Kramer Hall was named Business of the Year by the Greater Hammonton Chamber of Commerce at the 72nd Annual Installation and Awards Banquet, held on May 16 in Hammonton, N.J.

The chamber honored Stockton with the award for the University's "incredible energy and commitment to establishing Kramer Hall in Hammonton as a conduit for community connections, a meeting place for organizations and a cultural center of enrichment for the town."

President Harvey Kesselman accepted the award on behalf of the University, telling the crowd that Stockton's vision for Hammonton is "a long-term one." "We are committed to this great city of Hammonton and we are fully committed to working with each and every one of you as we continue to foster an environment for excellence," he said.



President Harvey Kesselman and Kramer Hall staff members accepted the Business of the Year award from the Great Hammonton Chamber of Commerce board members at the 72nd Annual Installation and Awards Banquet, held May 16.

Since opening in 2012, Kramer Hall has hosted over 100 courses for more than 1,200 students. In addition to serving Stockton students, the site has become a central destination within the local community. The Kramer Hall location hosts Third Thursday events, educational seminars, cultural exhibits and lectures, as well as art openings since recently becoming the home of the Noyes Museum of Art and the South Jersey Cultural Alliance. The state-of-the-art facility has also hosted nearly 150 training sessions for over 3,000 employees of the New Jersey Department of Children and Families.

## Robert Nichols Chairs Two Conference Panels in Mumbai, India

Professor of History Robert Nichols recently chaired two panels at the Mountstuart Elphinstone: Between Local and Global Forces Conference, which was held in Mumbai, India, the former Bombay.

The conference invited scholars from across South Asia-India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan to discuss themes of colonial legacies, including the production of historical and cultural knowledge and ideologies that continue to impact modern nation-states in the 21st century.

The panels focused on the career of Mountstuart Elphinstone (1779-1859), a British-Indian administrator of the Bombay Presidency and an author-scholar who wrote volumes on the history of India and on Afghanistan, explained Nichols.



Robert Nichols met with staff of the Maharashtra State Archives in Mumbai, India. The archives, pictured above, contain documents dating back to the 17th century.

Elphinstone's book, "An Account of the Kingdom of Caubul," is "an enduring reference for ethnographic and cultural knowledge of Afghanistan," according to Nichols, and it "continues to influence popular and scholarly writings today," he said.

Nichols and other conference participants also visited with faculty of Elphinstone College in Mumbai and the staff of the Maharashtra State Archives. The archives, a major center for research for South Asian scholars, preserve East India Company, British-Indian colonial and post-colonial documents dating to the 17th century.

The conference was supported by several Council of American Overseas Research Center organizations, including the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS), the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS), and the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS), as well as Carnegie funding. Stockton University is an institutional member of both the AIAS and the AIPS.



## Teen Arts Festival



Stockton participated in the Teen Arts Festival, held in Hammonton on May 24, along with over 1,300 students from Atlantic County. During the annual festival, teens displayed their talents, met with professionals in the field and attended workshops and master classes. The festival was held in various arts venues, including the Noyes Gallery at Kramer Hall.

## Employee Recognition Breakfast



The Office of Human Resources hosted the annual Employee Recognition Day on May 4 to celebrate 209 faculty and staff members for their years of service to Stockton University. Faculty and staff from General Studies presented their school by wearing matching "GENS" t-shirts. View more photos [here](#).

## Stockton Hosts Second Annual Faculty & Staff Community BBQ



Renee Tolliver (right) is pictured with her fiancé, Hank Green, at the second annual community BBQ, held on May 18. View more photos [here](#).



Some members of the Stockton community braved the heat outside while others chose to stay cool in the Campus Center at Stockton's second annual community BBQ.

## E-Learning's New Location

The Office of E-Learning has been relocated to D-102.

## Free Tickets for LPGA Classic

[Free Grounds Tickets](#) are available to the ShopRite LPGA Classic at Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club.

### SAVE THE DATES

- May 29-June 4: [ShopRite LPGA Classic @ Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club](#)
- June 3: [G. Larry James Legacy Bike Ride to Benefit Scholarships](#)

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