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Hammonton Scholarship Fund Exceeds \$100,000

Members of the Hammonton community and Stockton University recently celebrated having raised over \$101,500 in gifts and commitments for the Hammonton Scholarship Endowment by unveiling pillars dedicated to eight major donors at Kramer Hall.

“This is a special day for not only the community of Hammonton but also for the University,” President Harvey Kesselman said. “You have exceeded the goal of \$100,000 and it goes to benefit local Hammonton students.” He added that once the full \$100,000 is realized, the Stockton University Foundation, chaired by Hammonton’s Johanna Johnson, will match the donations of the ongoing campaign for 10 years, resulting in at least \$8,000 in scholarships for students each year.

Kesselman applauded Johnson’s new role as chair and recognized Charles and Lynn Kramer, for whom the instructional site is named, as “true ambassadors from Stockton to Hammonton and the state of New Jersey.”

The eight donors, who each gave \$5,000 or more, were honored June 21 with plaques placed on wooden pillars at Kramer Hall, a beautifully refurbished three-story former shoe and clothing factory at 30 Front St. ([View photos here.](#))

“You are the champions of hope,” Kesselman said. “The pillars are really you.” He said when student recipients succeed, they will give back to the community and

“model your generous spirit.”

Scholarship recipients Marielena Dottoli, David Parra Moreno and Cynthia Bartolone thanked the gathering for the help they have received.

Nick Sena, executive director of Development and Alumni Affairs, noted that there are still 25 more pillars in the three-story building, and donations will continue to be cultivated.

He cited the contributions of many, including former foundation chair Rick Walker and his wife, Millie, and Ed Wroblewski and his wife, June, with helping him get the scholarship drive started in Hammonton.

“Stockton is dedicated to the success of Atlantic County,” Wroblewski said, citing Johnson and Kesselman as among the reasons he is involved. “Stockton is responsible for



2017 Hammonton Area Endowed Scholarship recipient Marielena Dottoli (pictured center) is photographed with Chair of the Stockton Foundation Johanna R. Johnson and community member Mary Gillespie during the 2017 Hammonton Endowed Scholarship Reception at Kramer Hall in Hammonton on June 21.

reversing the brain drain” from Atlantic County and the region, he said.

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Stockton Participates in 48 Blocks Celebration in Atlantic City

Stockton partnered with the Atlantic City Arts Foundation to sponsor “48 Blocks,” a celebration of arts and creativity, displaying 90 projects and events throughout the city on June 24.

48 Blocks featured murals, a labyrinth, concerts, garden tours, poetry readings, a puppet show, a skate demonstration, performances by the Atlantic City Ballet and members of the Bay Atlantic Symphony, and garden tours.

During the event, Stockton’s South Jersey Culture & History Center documented oral histories, scanned photos and photographed memorabilia. The materials will be added to the archives at the Atlantic City Public Library to create future exhibits and cultural events around the material. A closing party for the event was held at Stockton’s Noyes Arts Garage.

Lisa Honaker, dean of the School of Arts & Humanities (ARHU), played an integral role in the planning of the event since its inception. “Putting on this event has been a real grassroots effort,” she said. “It’s a big project with a lot of moving parts, but the community members have really run with it.”



Stockton’s Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Lori Vermeulen made this quilt, which was among the many projects featured at this year’s 48 Blocks celebration.

Stockton’s Emari DiGiorgio, associate professor of Writing; Chung-Fan Chang, assistant professor of Art, and Michael Cagno, executive director of the Noyes Museum, were among the many participants.

Honaker recognized the following individuals for helping to make the event possible: Mariana Smith, assistant professor of Art; Tom Kinsella, professor of British Literature and director of the South Jersey Culture & History Center; Nancy Messina, assistant dean of ARHU, Saskia Schmidt, interim director of Education/Noyes Museum of Art; and Paul Schopp, assistant director of the South Jersey Culture & History Center; as well as Madeline Perez of ARHU; Brian Lyons of ARHU, Deanna Tumas of ARHU; Joe D’Agostino of University Relations & Marketing; Maria Provenzano of ARHU, Print Shop staff, and students Simone Simone and Sparkle Prevard.

The event was sponsored by Stockton University and Atlantic City Arts Foundation, with support from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Stockton’s Office of the Provost and School of Arts & Humanities; the South Jersey Culture & History Center; the Noyes Museum of Art; and an anonymous art lover from Ventnor, N.J. [View more](#) photos from 48 Blocks.

Reminder: Register for Parking Permit for 2017-18 Academic Year



Parking permit registration is now available online by going to stockton.edu/parking. New permits will be required for everyone for the 2017-18 Academic Year. You cannot use last year’s permit. If you have ordered a permit in the past, you will still need to order a new permit but you will be able to select your information from previously populated fields. Please ensure all of your information is still current as your permit will be mailed to the address you enter. Parking permits will be mailed in August to the mailing address you enter into the system. For more information, contact Michael Sullivan, manager of Parking and Transportation Services, at ext. 5534 or Michael.Sullivan@stockton.edu.

Construction Corner: A&D Wing Bathrooms Are Offline

Editor’s Note: Stockton is updating and remodeling its main campus in Galloway during the summer months. Updates on campus improvements will be shared in future issues of The Stockton Times.

A&D Wing bathrooms on both the 00 and 100 levels will be closed through August due to construction. The closest available public restrooms are located at EE and F Wings on both the 00 and 100 levels. As always, please use caution while traveling in the area and stay clear of the construction site and equipment.

Jean Abbott Receives NJCPA Distinguished Service Medallion

Jean Abbott, assistant professor of Business Studies, Accounting, recently received the NJCPA (New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants) Distinguished Service Medallion by NJCPA President Walter Brasch.

The medallion honors those who “Exceed Expectations and Set the Standard of Excellence for Others to Follow.”

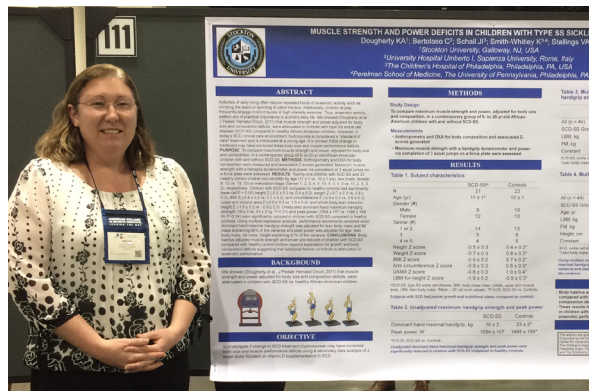
“I was surprised and honored to receive the NJCPA 2017 award for service,” Abbott said. “I am proud to be part of an organization that, in 2017, gave over \$400,000 in scholarships to New Jersey high school and college students who are pursuing a career in accounting.”

[Learn more](#) about the NJCPA.



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Dougherty Presents at American College of Sports Medicine Meeting



Kelly Dougherty, assistant professor of Exercise Science, recently presented a first-authored, peer-reviewed abstract titled, “Muscle Strength and Power Deficits in Children with Type SS Sickle Cell Disease,” at the American College of Sports Medicine’s (ACSM) 64th Annual Meeting in Denver, Colo.

A presentation of research findings at the conference marks yet another first for Stockton’s Exercise Science program.

“ACSM is the premier conference in Exercise Science in the world,” Dougherty said. “Attendees of more than 70 disciplines come together from around the globe to share new clinical techniques, scientific advancements and cutting-edge research in sports medicine, exercise science, physical activity and public health.”

Kelly Dougherty’s research was completed in collaboration with colleagues from The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, The University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, and abroad in Italy.

Curious Careers in SOBL



The second “Curious Careers in Social and Behavioral Sciences (SOBL)” panel of the year was held on April 27. The event was organized by Jennifer Forestal, assistant professor of Political Science: Theory, Jessie K. Finch, assistant professor of Sociology, and Kaite Yang, assistant professor of Psychology, as well as Patrick Burns and Jacob Helmecki from the Career Center, and Sara Faurot Crowley from Alumni Affairs, with help from student intern Heather Taman. The panels highlight the variety of career opportunities for SOBL majors.

The Arc Visits Stockton



Consumers from The Arc of Atlantic County visited the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program at Stockton’s main campus on April 5. Activities included two classroom experiences, a scavenger hunt to explore the campus, lunch in the food court and a basketball game. Pictured: Bob Ross from the Learning Access Program and Kristen Mittleman from the Wellness Center spoke to the group about all of the supports that are available at the University.

News & Media Relations Director Maryjane Briant Retires

Maryjane Briant is retiring as the News & Media Relations director in the Office of University Relations & Marketing (URM). She joined Stockton in July 2013. Prior to that, Briant served as managing editor and previously served in various editing capacities at The Press of Atlantic City, where she worked for 31 years. She began her career at a chain of weekly newspapers in Cape May County.



The University Relations & Marketing Team surprised retiring News & Media Relations Director Maryjane Briant with a suitcase filled with essentials for her new adventures.

Briant most enjoyed seeing the astounding accomplishments of faculty, staff, students and alumni and being able to share those with the community and the greater public.

“Working with the URM team has been a pleasure every day,” said Briant. “Some memorable moments include the first graduation in Atlantic City this year, the celebration of University status and Dr. Kesselman’s inauguration, the nurse-pinning ceremony, which is very moving, seeing the community come together for MLK Day and the joy expressed by new citizens at the naturalization ceremony run by the Center for Community Engagement.”

Briant looks forward to traveling, including a trip to New Zealand with her daughter, Erica.

Janice Weisgerber of the Office of Development, Alumni Affairs Retires



L-R: Dawn Hans, former director of Events, Peg Fiore, retired director of Gift Fund Stewardship, and Millie Romanelli, retired from the President’s Office.

Janice Weisgerber is retiring as the events assistant in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs after nine years of service to the University. She came to Stockton after working 10 years at Fidelity Title Insurance.

Weisgerber’s former colleagues returned for her retirement party on June 21. “The thing I will miss the most is the wonderful friends I have made in this department and all over Stockton,” she said.

In retirement, Weisgerber looks forward to traveling, spending time with grandchildren and friends.

Editor’s Note: The Stockton Times will feature retiring faculty and staff in future issues. Congratulations!

SAVE THE DATES

- July 5: Board of Trustees Meeting

Send Us Your News!

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