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Spotlight on: Academic Advising

**Campus Center, Suite 242; (609) 652-4504
Fall & Spring Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm**

*Associate Dean of General Studies & Director,
Center for Academic Advising Peter Hagen
answers your questions:*

What services does the office of Academic Advising offer?

Ideally, advising can be thought of as helping a student craft an education worth pursuing and worth having. We in the Center for Academic Advising also oversee the Degree Works system, the articulation of transfer credits, clearing students for graduation, and other academic services. Each student is assigned to a faculty preceptor in their chosen major or to one of the seven academic advisors in the Center for Academic Advising. Students should meet with their assigned preceptor at least once each semester or as often as needed. Any student can supplement the advising received from their assigned preceptor (advisor) with us in the Center for Academic Advising.

What is the biggest piece of advice you can offer families when it comes to helping their students through Academic Advising challenges?

To family members I would say two things. First, let us do our job as advisors! To do that, however, your student has to reach out to us. We don't always reach out to them. Why not? Because our common goal, as parents and advisors, is to foster the development of a fully franchised, responsible person capable of making and carrying out cogent decisions. Second, do what you can to make sure that your student takes advantage of all available academic resources, such as the Degree Works audit, the Tutoring Center, the Learning Access Center, and so on. All too often students do not thrive here when they do not reach out for help, when they do not avail themselves of resources that are readily available to them.

DID YOU KNOW?

Summer classes can help your student get ahead. Stockton offers a tuition discount on undergraduate summer courses!
To view summer course information, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Meet the Staff

Jennifer Radwanski, M. Ed. Director of New Student and Family Programs

Jen Radwanski is the Director for New Student and Family Programs. She started at Stockton in 2004 and since then has worked with new students and their family members through a variety of programs. In her role as Director, she oversees Orientation & Registration and Welcome Week for new students and serves as the advisor for the Parent and Family Association. In addition, Jen supervises the TALONS, student leaders that help with new student transition programs.

"My responsibility is to help family members navigate the university system at Stockton and teach families how to support their students. Most importantly I want families to feel welcome at Stockton and know they have someone to turn to when they have questions," says Radwanski.

If you have a question you'd like to ask, simply email family@stockton.edu.



Our Students say...

"As a graduating senior, I have had time to think back and reflect on my college career. A moment that stands out to me that I believe profoundly altered the course of my college career were words of encouragement from my mom on the day of my new student orientation. She had encouraged me to get involved with a club that one of the Orientation Leaders talked about, and months later, I did. The involvement in that one club started what I call the 'snowball effect' of my own involvement here at Stockton. One piece of advice that I would give to parents is that **your encouragement and support has the power to change the course of your student's experience at Stockton.**"

- Amber, Class of '19



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Open Parent and Family Association (PFA) Meeting

OPEN TO ALL

Date: Saturday March 30, 2019

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Galloway Campus-Campus Center Meeting Room 5

PFA Volunteer Event - SIBS Sunday

VOLUNTEERS WANTED CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

Date: Sunday April 14, 2019

Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

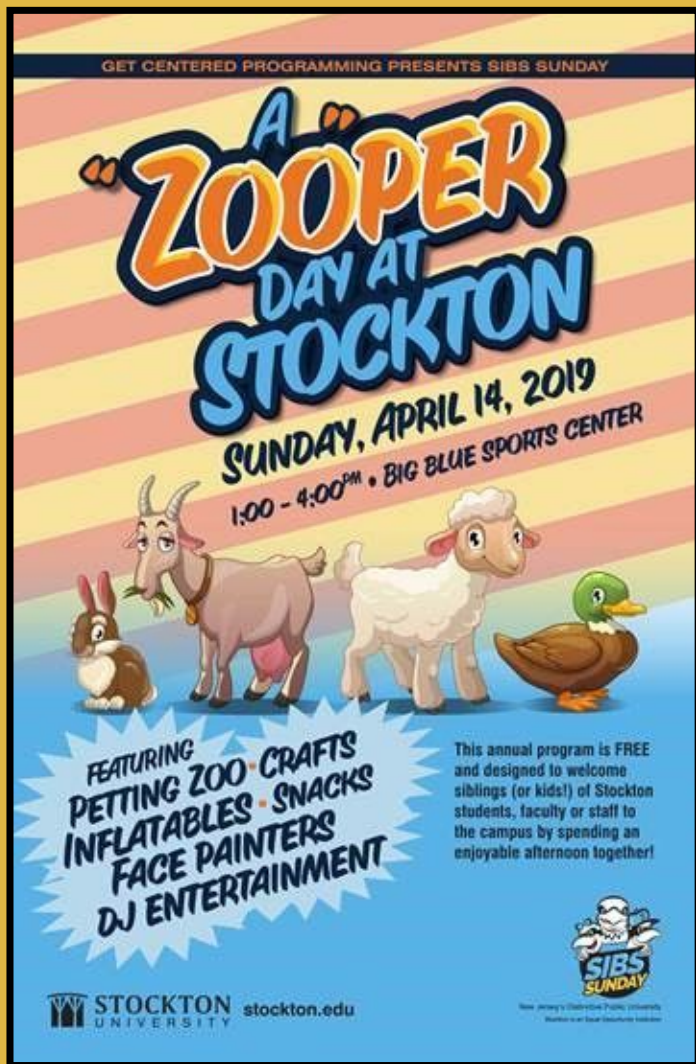
Location: Galloway Campus Sports Center ("Big Blue")

Preceptor Days

(students do not have classes):

Date(s): Tuesday March 26, 2019 and Wednesday April 3, 2019

Students should be utilizing these "days off" to meet with their preceptor. Every student has a preceptor who will help plan their courses for the upcoming semester and explore career alternatives. **Ask your student if they've scheduled their preceptor meeting yet!** Fall 2019 registration begins on March 27, 2019!



SIBS SUNDAY

Sunday, April 14, 2019
1:00pm-4:00pm

An annual program designed to reconnect and welcome siblings (or kids!) of Stockton students, faculty or staff to the campus and spend an enjoyable afternoon together!

Bring your family members of all ages for an afternoon of fun! Activities include inflatables, music, snacks and kids arts and crafts.


[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER FOR SIBS DAY 2019!](#)

ACCESS WEEK March 22-30, 2019


Access Week is a campus-wide effort dedicated to increasing awareness about issues impacting first-generation, lower-income, and other historically underrepresented students. Topics to be addressed during the programs include: issues of accessibility in higher education, ways to mitigate barriers to college completion, and strategies for faculty, students, and staff to make Stockton University an environment of excellence where these students can succeed.

<h3 style="text-align: center;">AccessWeek</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">at Stockton University</p> <h4 style="text-align: center;">Calendar of Events March 22-30, 2019</h4>						
Friday, March 22	Monday, March 25	Tuesday, March 26	Wednesday, March 27	Thursday, March 28	Friday, March 29	Saturday, March 30
Tabling & Food Pantry Drive 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Campus Center Access Week Panel 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CC Theater	Personal Budgeting Tips 9:30 AM - CCHR2 Access Week Dinner & Dialogue 5:00 PM Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room - Atlantic City AC CAMPUS We Are Diverse: A Multicultural Support Group 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - CCMR1	togetHER Sisterhood Lunch 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CC Food Court Stereotypes of Manhood 8:00 PM CCMR5	Science of Eating Disorders 1:10 PM - CCMR5 Women of Color in Leadership Panel Discussion 4:30 PM - CC Theater	Professional Head Shots 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM In Front of Career Center Puerto Rico: A Review of Recent Supreme Court Cases that Perpetuate Colonialism 4:30 PM - L-112 LifeSavings 8:00 PM Alton Auditorium	Pleasantville High School Visit to Stockton 10:45 AM - 1:00 PM Commuters on the Go Charity Ball 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room - Atlantic City AC CAMPUS	A Day in the Life Information Fair 11:45 AM - 2:45 PM Campus Center

First Ospreys Initiatives (and Access Week) serves the needs of first generation, low income and other underrepresented students and raises awareness about the experience, knowledge and value that they bring to the Stockton community.



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