



# The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Welcome to The School of Education

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## Noteworthy from November



Thank you to everyone who visited Stockton College booth #1517 in the NJEA Exhibit Hall. We met with visitors and alumni from nearly every major program Stockton has offered, and from many counties throughout the state. Join us next year for our annual **Alumni Reunion Lunch** at the Sheraton Hotel.

Hats off to our MAIT stars **Dr. Amy Ackerman, Karen Simmons, Elsann Machotka, Jackie Cruz and Sandy Kirshner** for their "top shelf" performance at High Tech Hall. Attracting scores of attendees, it was standing room only for "Take Ten from PARCC Place." The ten tools that these top teachers shared are archived with their slides, right [here](#).



Congratulations to students in **Dr. Priti Haria's** class for displaying their posters about learning disabilities from global perspectives at the International Education Week poster fair. Pictured are **Alison Rocher, Sarita Ware** and **Anthony Fabozzi** with their group poster about Asperger's Syndrome from a Chinese viewpoint.

## Do Now! for December

Join us for the Fall 2014 **Graduate Research Symposium** to begin at 6pm in the Campus Center Event Room on December 8, 2014. We invite all of our friends, families and neighbors to attend, support our graduate students, enjoy complimentary appetizers and learn more about our advanced degree programs.



Support your local **Phi Delta Kappa (PDK)** Education Chapter at Stockton and get some holiday shopping done at The Walk in Atlantic City. Join PDK members for a "**Social and Shop**" event at Angelo's Fairmount Tavern (free, untimed parking) and enjoy an evening of holiday shopping. Your participation helps to fund college scholarships for high school seniors from our region.

It's never too early to plan for summer! The Atlantic County chapter of **American Association of University Women (AAUW)** seeks teachers and volunteers to support a Summer Tech Trek STEM camp for rising 8th grade girls, to be held at Stockton, July 19-25th.

Interested volunteers, workshop presenters, or stipend-based core teachers may learn more and apply online at the [Tech Trek web site](#).



Dawn Watkins discusses her MAIT Capstone Research project at the last Graduate Symposium, above. At right, Danielle Concordia shares her MAED Capstone Research project with her professor, Dr. Shelly Meyers.





Catch up on past issues and sign up for your own PARCC Updates [newsletter](#).

### PARCC Updates: December Debut and New Jersey Feature

Starting in early December, approximately 30,000 high school students in six states will take PARCC tests for the first time. These are students who attend schools with “**fall block schedules**” – that is, they take courses that include a full year of content in a single semester.

Arkansas, Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi, Ohio and Rhode Island are offering the fall block tests to high school students this year on paper. In

the future, fall block tests will be offered on computer as well.

Visit the [resources](#) available for teachers and students to help them prepare (and parents who may be interested), including practice tests, student tutorials, test coordinator and test administrator manuals, and training modules.

PARCC’s most recent newsletter featured the New Jersey Common Core resources:

In a series of videos, teachers and administrators from New Jersey schools speak about the Common Core.

“Differentiation is key for me,” says Ilisa Noble, an 8th grade ELA teacher. “Common Core allows me to do what I need to do.” Susan Mallardi, a 7th grade math teacher, adds: “It is a set of standards. How you want to present them to your students, the way you want to structure how they get this knowledge is all up to you.”

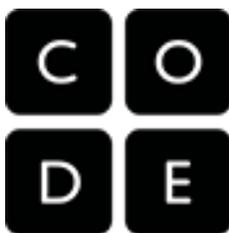
Visit [Common Core in NJ](#).

### Mark Your Calendars

“There is one day that is ours. Thanksgiving is the one day that is purely American.”

-O. Henry

- 12/1 [Modified Class Meetings](#)
- 12/2-4 **IDEA Window closes (Online 12/2; in-class 12/4)**
- 12/7 Stockton [Open House](#)
- 12/8 [Graduate Symposium](#)
- 12/10 Classes End
- 12/12 **Graduating Senior grades due by 8am**
- 12/14 Commencement
- 12/24 All Grades due
- 1/2 Offices re-open
- 1/13-16 Registration for incoming Spring 2015 students
- 1/19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service (college closed)
- 1/20 Classes Begin
- 1/20-27 Drop/Add Period



The [Hour of Code](#) was designed to show that anybody can learn the basics of computer science. Join the tens of millions of students who have already participated.

### Spotlight on Teaching Computer Technology

Computer Science has grown over the past several decades to become an integral part of education. However, most states lack a cohesive approach to curriculum standards and teacher certification, New Jersey among them.

Various groups have been [working to establish](#) stronger educational approaches to computer science in the curriculum, recognizing that the

number of unfilled computing jobs will exceed the number of educated US applicants by more than 1 million in 2020.

Among these groups, the [Computer Science Teachers Association](#) (CSTA) has established two regional chapters in New Jersey: [northern](#) and [central](#). Our Stockton School of Education will be hosting an open interest meeting to **establish a southern chapter**

on Wednesday, December 10 at 6pm in Room J228. Join us for some networking (pun intended) information about joining CSTA, and enjoy some pizza.

Computer Science Education Week is December 8-14, in honor of [Grace Hopper](#), who founded the first compiler as well as COBOL and FORTRAN. Hopper also squashed the first computer “bug.”

## SRI & ETTC UPDATE

Can't get enough [Google Bootcamp](#)? Join top rated Google Apps for Education trainer Rich Kiker February 11-12.

Register to attend [From My Classroom to Yours](#), south Jersey's best teacher-to-teacher conference. Registrations fill quickly for the event on Wednesday, March 11.

The SRI&ETTC **Annual Report** is filled with facts about our professional development programs, our members

and our impact on the region. [Read the report.](#)



The SRI&ETTC also has public workshops to meet all of your professional development needs, including e-Rate, Edmodo, screen-casting, PARCC, Video Production 101, Web 2.0 Photo Editing, Cloud Computing, SmartBoard, Anti-Bullying, Dyslexia and more. Visit the [SRI&ETTC calendar](#) to register yourself and/or a team of colleagues.

For your custom workshops, contact the SRI&ETTC at 609-626-3850.



The SRI & ETTC facility located on 10 W. Jim Leeds Road in Galloway

View the [2013-14 Annual Report](#)

## Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni

**A Delta Kappa Gamma State Chapter** offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a woman preparing to enter the education profession in New Jersey. [Apply by December 15.](#)

Current Stockton students are eligible for **Foundation scholarships** that vary in size and selection criteria. Get ahead: use the

winter break to review the [Stockton Foundation FAQ](#) and start requesting faculty letters of recommendation before the spring application round opens January 20.

Have you [registered](#) for your free **CareerConnect** account? Upload your resume, search for jobs and attend career fairs.

**Future Middle School Social Studies** teachers: apply for a \$500 scholarship from the Middle States Council for the Social Studies by January 5. Contact Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik at 610-519-8103 or send email to [teresa.wojcik@villanova.edu](mailto:teresa.wojcik@villanova.edu) for requirements and postal mailing address.



## Resources & Opportunities for Teachers and Principals

**Delta Kappa Gamma State Chapter** Teacher Project Grants and stipends are now available. [Apply today.](#)

**AAUW Summer Tech Trek** for 8th Grade Girls is seeking math and science teachers July 19-25. See cover story and email [AAUW](#) for more details.

**Teachers:** looking for a place for your students to publish creative work? Consider inviting your students to submit work to the [Artifice](#), an online venue for creative artists.

**Free PARCC** workshops will be held at Stockton on Wednesday, December 10. [Register online](#) to attend

morning or afternoon session for grades 3-5 or 6-12. Grades K-2 will also have a full day Addition & Subtraction session at Stockton on Friday, December 19.

**The Southern Teachers Association** continues to post vacancies for mid-year openings in their region. See [southernteachers.com](http://southernteachers.com).



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Our School of Education prepares new K-12 teachers for TEAC-accredited initial certification. We emphasize more and better field experiences than most other pre-service programs in New Jersey.

We also offer a TEAC-accredited graduate program for master teachers and a program for instructional technologists. Many of our courses lead to additional state certifications and endorsements, and all can be customized to meet your needs, both at our Stockton locations in Galloway, Atlantic City, Hammonton, Manahawkin or Woodbine, as well as anywhere within your school district. Special group and on-site tuition pricing plans are available as well.

Our Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center (SRI & ETTC) offers professional development aimed at increasing student achievement. Our Centers for Community Schools and Financial Literacy fulfill our commitment to excellence in student and community engagement.

## From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends of our School,

During these next several days of national attention on giving thanks, we at the School of Education are especially thankful for our alumni, our students, our faculty and staff, and our partners in the K-12 professional community. Together we achieve outstanding educational outcomes.

Thank you, in particular, to those alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have given so generously to the School of Education for our scholarship and our program funds.

Earlier this month, Stockton Alumna and 2014 Atlantic County Teacher of the Year Terry Dougherty conveyed our thanks to many of our scholarship donors who attended a recognition dinner at Stockton. Terry's words expressed what every scholarship beneficiary feels: the ability to make a positive impact on so many more students' lives, when there is help to overcome the financial challenges of tuition and fees. Terry even shared the corsage she wore to the dinner with her students the next day, photo at right, illustrating the impact on a very personal level.

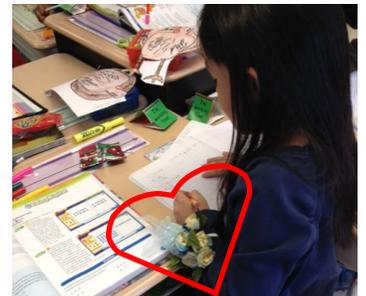
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Have you won an award in education? A grant or prize? Gotten a promotion or an entirely new job? Drop us a line and let us share your good news with our faculty, alumni, staff, current students and friends.

As always, please email [keenan@stockton.edu](mailto:keenan@stockton.edu) with your feedback.

Best wishes,  
Dr. "ClauDean" Keenan

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