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Stockton Faculty, Staff, Students Choose to Give Back for Alternative Spring Break

Stockton faculty, staff and students opted to spend their Alternative Spring Break (ASB) helping others in need during Stockton's spring holiday, held during the week of March 13-17.

The Office of Event Services & Campus Center Operations, in collaboration with many other offices, sponsored nine staff members and 43 students for the Habitat for Humanity ASB – the University's largest group yet.

The Stocktonians worked with Cabarrus County Habitat for Humanity in Concord, N.C. and Mon County Habitat for Humanity in Morgantown, W.V. to work on homes for families in need during Spring Break 2017.

Staff members who participated in the Habitat for Humanity trip were: Joseph Argueta, Complex Director for Housing 1 A-H; Maria Gallo, facility coordinator; Sgt. Linda Kenny of Stockton Police; Michael Levin, assistant director of Counseling Services; Shiv Patel, business analyst; Stacey Rose, assistant director of Student Rights & Responsibilities; Joseph Thompson, assistant director of Student Development; Jeffrey Wakemen, director of Student Development; Lisa Warnock, coordinator of Event Services & Campus Center Operations. Warnock and Jen Radwanski, associate director of Event Services & New Student Programs, handled the trips' logistics and planning throughout the year.



Stockton staff and students volunteered for Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break in Concord, N.C. and Morgantown, W.V.

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"I was part of the trip that traveled to Concord, N.C.," Warnock said. "The group hung blue board, sided an entire house, installed flooring and soffits. In addition, we worked alongside the homeowner and her daughter, which was very rewarding."

Thompson was part of the Stockton group in Morgantown, W.V.

"We helped lay the foundation on one house and put up the frame and the roof on another," he explained.

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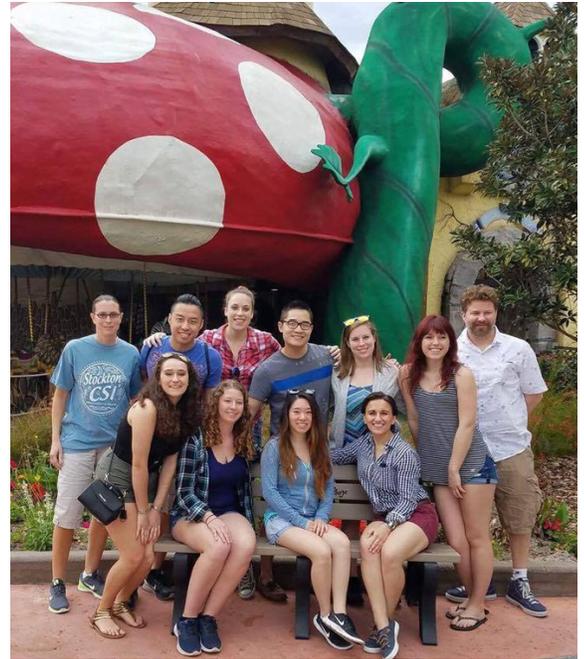
The students partially funded the trip themselves, but also held fundraisers throughout the year. “With our annual spaghetti and pancake dinners, flower sales, pretzel fundraisers and Chipotle night we were able to give both Habitat affiliates an additional \$1,000 donation,” Warnock said. “There were numerous donations from alumni and staff, Chartwells, [Facilities Management & Plant Operations] and many other Stockton affiliates.”

Another group chose to volunteer at Give Kids the World Village in Orlando, Fla. for Alternative Spring Break 2017.

Joshua Duntley, associate professor of Criminal Justice, Christine Tartaro, professor of Criminal Justice, and Christopher DeSantis, adjunct faculty in the Criminal Justice program, accompanied Stockton students to volunteer at the nonprofit “storybook” resort, where children with life-threatening illnesses and their families are treated to week-long, cost-free vacations.

The resort is partnered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and related organizations worldwide.

“Our Stockton student volunteers were trained to interact appropriately with children with diverse medical needs,” Duntley said. “They spent their week immersed among families from a range of cultures and countries who are courageously confronting their child’s illness. All of the students reported that they learned much from their volunteer experience and found it to be profoundly rewarding.”



Stockton faculty and students volunteered at Give Kids the World Village in Orlando, Fla.

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Alternative Spring Break groups took over portions of Stockton’s social media.

- [West Virginia Snapchat Takeover](#)
- [North Carolina Snapchat Takeover Part I](#)
- [North Carolina Snapchat Takeover Part II](#)
- [Give Kids the World Snapchat Takeover](#)

Noyes Museum of Art Celebrates New Headquarters in Hammonton



Nicholas Sena, director of Engagement; Jessica Kowal, executive director of Development & Alumni Affairs; Eileen Conran-Folks, director of Hammonton & Manahawkin instructional sites; Stockton President Harvey Kesselman; and Professor of Art Michael McGarvey celebrate the opening of the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University at Kramer Hall on March 21.



Michael Cagno, executive director of the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University, speaks at the official opening of the Noyes Museum.

Brian Jackson ‘Reads Across America’ at Atlantic City Day Nursery

Brian Jackson, chief operating officer, Atlantic City Campus, participated as a guest reader during the Atlantic City Day Nursery’s “Read Across America” event on March 2.

Jackson was invited by Christine D’Alessandro, president of the Board for the Atlantic City Day Nursery, to read to a classroom of 4 and 5-year-olds as part of the school’s annual event, which celebrates literacy and Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

“I met with Ms. D’Alessandro and the school’s director Erin Brown last fall, as part of my ‘getting to know visits’ to neighboring businesses in the Chelsea Neighborhood, where we are building our Atlantic City Campus,” Jackson explained. “The Nursery is just a short walk away from the Atlantic City Gateway Project.”



Brian Jackson, chief operating officer, Atlantic City Campus (back row, third from right), was one of the guest readers who participated in the Atlantic City Day Nursery’s “Read Across America” event on March 2.

One of the books, which Jackson read and donated to the school was Rodrigo Folgueira’s “Ribbit!” which tells the story of a pig who acts like frog and is treated differently by the other animals in the forest.

“The pig finally disappears and is found sitting up in a tree with birds, making chirping sounds,” Jackson explained. “The story ends with the understanding that the pig just wanted to fit in and make new friends, so the moral of the story is to not make quick judgements of pigs or people, because we all just want to make friends. The kids loved it because as I was reading it, I asked them to make out the sounds ‘ribbit’ and ‘chirp chirp’ sounds.”

Kelly Morris, Stocktonians Named to AC Weekly’s 40 Under 40

Kelly Morris, assistant director of Annual Giving at Stockton, was among the Stocktonians who were recently honored in the Atlantic City Weekly’s 13th annual [Top 40 Under 40 Awards](#).

Morris is responsible for leading the annual giving and communications strategy for the University’s alumni and donor initiatives. She also supports University community initiatives such as Toys for Tots, Alternative Spring Break and Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. Morris began her career at Stockton as the annual giving coordinator in the Office of Development & Alumni Affairs. Outside of the University, Morris and her family support the Melanoma Research Foundation.

“Kelly is a very talented, hardworking, creative thinking fundraising professional,” said Philip Ellmore, chief development officer and executive director of the Stockton University Foundation.

“In only a little more than three years of her young career, Kelly has transformed the annual giving and communications program at Stockton. As a result of her efforts, the more than 50,000 alumni and donors feel more connected to Stockton than ever,” Ellmore added.

Evan Sanchez, who is married to Kelly Renn, a teacher at Free to Be, was also named to Top 40 Under 40 list. The couple lives in Pleasantville with their baby, Nuala.

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The Top 40 Under 40 Awards also recognized eight Stockton alumni: **Courtney Keim '00** (B.S. in Mathematics, B.S. in Applied Physics), a seventh grade teacher at Texas Avenue School; **Alexis Kull '05** (B.S. in Business Studies), a sales consultant for Gallo Wine Sales of New Jersey; **Heather Murray '04** (B.S. in Business Studies), who works at Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation; **Michael Rello '07** (B.S. in Business Studies), beverage operations manager at Harrah's Resort Atlantic City; **Dave Sholler '06** (B.A. in Communication Studies), vice president of communications for the Philadelphia 76ers; **Ricardo Belgrave '08** (B.S. in Business Studies), president and founder of The Anna Murray-Douglass Foundation; **Kate Warden '13** (B.A. in Communication Studies), chief humane law enforcement officer for Atlantic County SPCA and security specialist at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa; and **Michael Martirone '06** (B.A. in Political Science), a social studies teacher at Egg Harbor Township High School.

Two students were also among the recipients. **Marquay Cherry**, an Atlantic City police officer and sergeant in the Aircraft Armament Section in the N.J. Air National Guard, is pursuing bachelor's degrees in Economics and Business. **Jennifer Baldwin**, director of special education for the Galloway Township Public Schools, is a current Continuing Education student at Stockton.

[View](#) their bios and the complete list of 2017 Top 40 Under 40 recipients.

Joseph Lizza, Kristy Costa Attend NACA National Convention



Kristy Costa (left) and Joseph Lizza (right) with Stockton alumnus Nate Taylor '15, who is pursuing a graduate degree from Rutgers University.

Joseph Lizza, assistant director of Campus Center Operations & Programs, and Kristy Costa, facility coordinator of Campus Center Programs, attended the [National Association of Campus Activities](#) (NACA) National Convention in Baltimore, Md. Feb. 18-22.

Lizza, who serves on the association's Board of Directors presented a session on "Active Shooter on Campus: How to Prepare ... How to Respond!" He also attended several focus groups to seek feedback on the future direction of NACA. Costa, who is serving a term as the NACA Mid-Atlantic Showcase Production Coordinator, sought out vendor opportunities for student programming and attended educational sessions presented by college and university representatives from across the U.S.

Lizza and Costa also attended a luncheon presented by Jennifer Keup, director of the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, who discussed assessment pieces as being key to first-year campus activities as a high-impact practice. "This was my first NACA National Convention and it was a pleasant refresher of the common values for higher education professionals that plan or assist students in planning various types of entertainment on their campuses. I was able to get valuable insight from other institutions and will align my future Get Centered Programming goals with my learnings," Costa said.

SAVE THE DATES

- March 25: [African-American History & Genealogy Symposium](#)
- April 6: [Anna Deavere Smith](#)
- April 22: [Stockton University Scholarship Benefit Gala](#)
- May 10: [Graduate Commencement](#)
- May 12: [Baccalaureate Commencement at Boardwalk Hall](#)

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