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Stockton to Offer Discounted Summer Tuition; AC Campus to have 12-Month Housing Option

Undergraduate students will again be able to get a discounted summer tuition rate from Stockton University if they take at least one class at one of Stockton's instructional sites in Atlantic City, Seaview, Woodbine, Manahawkin or Hammonton in the summer of 2018.

Stockton will also offer a special 12-month housing rate for students living in the new Atlantic City Campus apartments, scheduled to open in fall 2018.

The Stockton Board of Trustees approved the rates at the Dec. 6 meeting.

Under the summer tuition plan, one four-credit course will cost \$1,639.04 for tuition and fees. If students take either two or three courses for 8-12 credits they will pay \$3,278.08, in effect getting one course free if they take three courses. Each additional course would cost \$1,639.04.

The plan is modeled after the flat-rate tuition used during the academic year, when students can take 12-20 credits for the same price. The goal is to promote a competitive rate that will encourage college students to take courses over the summer. The summer rate is available to Stockton students and to students attending other colleges.



summer and want to stay in the city. The 12-month rate will range from \$5,342 per semester to \$6,420 based on apartment size. There is also a family housing option at \$9,000 per semester. The 12-month option will save a student about \$600 over the cost of paying for two semesters plus summer housing at the discounted rate of \$20 per day. The day rate will still be offered at both the Atlantic City site and the main campus in Galloway Township.

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Housing rates for 2018-19 were also approved, with some sites staying the same and others rising 1, 2, or 3 percent. Housing costs per semester will range from \$3,027 to \$5,700 depending on location and size.

Housing at the new Atlantic City site will range from \$4,600 to \$5,400 per semester depending on the size of the unit. Housing will include studio apartments, 2, 4, and 6-person apartments with private bedrooms, and 4-person shared apartments. The Atlantic City units including kitchens, and students will not be required to have a meal plan.

A 12-month housing option is being offered for students who plan to work or take classes through the

Christopher Catching Named New VP for Student Affairs



Christopher C. Catching

Christopher C. Catching has been selected as Stockton University's new vice president for Student Affairs.

Catching comes to Stockton from Southern Connecticut State University where he is assistant vice president for Student Affairs. Previously, he served as coordinator for Greek Leadership Development at Seton Hall University, director of Multicultural Engagement at Rutgers University and assistant provost at Hofstra University.

Catching is passionate about providing students with access to transformative learning opportunities. The foundation for his commitment to educational access was established during his undergraduate experience. A native of Newark, N.J., Catching received the opportunity to pursue higher education through the Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF) at Montclair State University and was the first person in his family to graduate from college. He was recognized in 2012 with the Governor Thomas Kean Distinguished Alumni Award from the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund Program.

President Harvey Kesselman said Catching's experience in strategic planning and student success programs like EOF, and his interest in social justice and inclusion, mesh perfectly with Stockton's mission to develop engaged and effective citizens and provide an environment of excellence for a diverse student body.

Catching will replace Thomasa Gonzalez, who is retiring after more than 30 years at Stockton.

Catching received a Bachelor of Arts from Montclair State University, a Master of Arts in Higher Education from New York University and a doctorate in Education from Rutgers University.

Catching will begin work on or about February 5, 2018. [Read more.](#)

Michael W. Klein Named Interim Director of William J. Hughes Center

Stockton University has announced the appointment of Michael W. Klein as interim executive director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. He was approved by the University Board of Trustees at the Dec. 6 meeting.

Klein is an expert on higher education policy with extensive experience in policymaking in New Jersey. He is currently the executive director of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, a nonprofit advocacy organization for New Jersey's state colleges and universities.

"I am delighted to welcome Michael to Stockton," President Harvey Kesselman said. "He brings a wealth of knowledge about state government and higher education policy issues that will enhance the mission of the Hughes Center."

Klein, who will start work Jan. 8, 2018, replaces Sharon Schulman, who is retiring Jan. 1. The founding director of the center, Schulman brought in nationally known speakers and established programs like the Polling Institute, candidate debates, and Legislator-in Residence. Under her leadership, the center now has an endowment that exceeds \$2 million.



Michael W. Klein

Before joining NJASCU, he served for five years in the Office of New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman as an assistant counsel to the governor, deputy director of legislative affairs for the Department of the Treasury, and special assistant to the commissioner of Community Affairs. He has also served as legislative director to then-Assemblyman Leonard Lance, now a member of Congress (NJ-7), and as an associate at the law firm of Pitney Hardin Kipp & Szuch (now Day Pitney). Klein received a B.A. in History cum laude from Princeton University, a J.D. from Boston College Law School, a certificate in Professional Achievement in Non-Profit Management from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from New York University. [Read more.](#)

Trustees Name A.C. Campus Event Room for Fannie Lou Hamer

The Stockton Board of Trustees approved a resolution at the Dec. 6 meeting to name the Event Room at the new Atlantic City Campus Academic Building after Civil Rights Activist Fannie Lou Hamer.

Stockton President Harvey Kesselman said naming the Event Room in the new Atlantic City Academic Building for Fannie Lou Hamer recognizes Stockton's role in helping to preserve the legacy of Hamer and her pivotal speech at the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City.

Kesselman credited Distinguished Professor Patricia Reid Merritt and Professor Emeritus Joseph Walsh for bringing the idea to the community. Since 2004, Stockton has hosted the annual Fannie Lou Hamer Human and Civil Rights Symposium.

"Fannie Lou Hamer made history on the Boardwalk of Atlantic City," Kesselman said. "As the new Stockton campus continues to rise there could be no greater public honor than to recognize Mrs. Hamer's contribution to the march toward freedom and social justice than naming the new event room - a place where students, faculty, staff and community will come to learn, reflect and listen to voices of reason - in her honor."

Thierry Saintine Named Presidential Fellow of Anthropology Council

Thierry Saintine, assistant professor of Mathematics and First-Year Studies, recently became one of eight 2017 Concha Delgado Gaitan presidential fellows for the Council of Anthropology and Education (CAE), a section of the American Anthropological Association (AAA). He attended the AAA Annual Meeting, which was held Nov. 29-Dec. 3, in Washington D.C., for the first time.

The first session that Saintine participated in was the CAE Business Meeting, which discussed future themes and projects; the meeting commenced with a speech from Norma Mendoza-Denton, professor of Anthropology at UCLA. Saintine also attended the New Fellows Meeting, where he presented his research experience and met with his mentor, Rodney Hopson, associate dean of Research at George Mason University. Concha Delgado Gaitan presidential fellows are assigned mentors who share their scholarly interests; they must construct a relationship with them in order to benefit from the CAE community and mission.

"We spent a lot of time talking about some potential publishing opportunities for me," Saintine said about meeting with Hopson, which was his favorite part of the event. Learn more about the [CAE](#) and the [AAA](#).

Stockton Center on Successful Aging Hosts First Fall Conference



SCOSA Director Dave Burdick and Royal Suites Director of Marketing and External Case Management Diane Conover at SCOSA's inaugural Fall Conference.

On Nov. 11, the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) hosted its inaugural Fall Conference in conjunction with the Cape Atlantic Caregiver's Coalition's "We Care Because You Care" event. The day combined 20 local providers of care in Atlantic and Cape May counties with six educational sessions presented by professionals in the field of aging.

The event, held on Stockton's main campus, featured engaging, energetic and educational speakers on topics relevant to professionals, providers and older adults.

Session topics included the morning keynote, Work Life Balance and the Journey We Envision; in honor of Veterans Day, A Civilian Field Guide to NJ Veteran Resources and Connections; in honor of National Diabetes Month, Diabetes: Stigma and Language; Hoarding: Whys and Interventions; Getting Com-

fortable with Dementia and Cognitive Impairment; and the afternoon keynote, The Joyful Journey of Successful Aging: Theory, Research and Practical Strategies, presented by Christine Gayda-Chelder, assistant professor of Psychology at Stockton.

HR, Dissen Share Helpful Tips in Weekly Healthy Holidays Series

The Office of Human Resources in partnership with Anthony Dissen, registered dietician and instructor of Health Science, have put together a six-week series focused on tips and resources on how to stay healthy during the upcoming holiday season.

View past issues on the [Healthy Holidays page](#).

Wendel White Honored as Anne Reeves Artist-in-Residence

Wendel White, Distinguished Professor of Art, lectured at the Arts Council of Princeton on Nov. 9, where he was honored as the Anne Reeves Artist-in-Residence. A portion of his “Manifest” exhibit, photographs of African American cultural artifacts, was also on display in the Solley Theater Lobby and projected onto the Paul Robeson House and Museum in Philadelphia.

The lecture brought together students, local artists and photographers, Stockton colleagues and many residents from the surrounding black communities.

While White was working on a different project with the Arts Council, “Reconstructed History,” he met one of the members of the Board of the Paul Robeson House. As soon as he visited the site, he was interested in capturing the objects that came out of it.

“Gradually that turned into the opportunity for an exhibition, and that turned into ‘what if we do a projected piece,’ so, in a sense, the objects that came out of the building are now being projected back in,” White explained.

White started “Manifest” years ago, but his original intentions for the project shifted from landscape pieces about the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to objects from various historical collections across the nation. He attributes this shift to a visit at the University of Rochester, where he came across a book once belonging to Frederick Douglas.

Hanging in White’s office is one of his favorite “Manifest” pieces from the Nebraska State Historical Society collection. It is a miniature book of inspirational bible passages that belonged to the young woman that Douglas and his wife took care of.

“I hope to elevate and bring out the kind of human spirit that is, for me, always evident in the objects; I’m interested in both the objects that reflect a kind of painful aspect of the history, as well as objects that reflect a sense of agency and a way that African Americans overcame or grappled with or constructed their own world during times that they were not allowed to participate in American society,” he said.



Wendel White presents “Manifest” at the Arts Council of Princeton. *Photo Courtesy of Taneshia Nash Laird, executive director of the Arts Council of Princeton*

SAVE THE DATES

- Friday, Dec. 15 - Stockton’s Annual Holiday Party
- Monday, Dec. 25-Monday, Jan. 1 - Holiday Break

View all events on [Campus Calendar](#)

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