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University Weekend Brings Thousands Together

Thousands of Stockton community members celebrated University Weekend, including the more than 3,000 people at the Parade & Street Fair, and the 550 individuals who attended the sold-out Parent Family Association breakfast, both held on Oct. 7.

The Office of Student Development organized the weekend of events, which included paraders from 34 student organizations, fraternities/sororities and Stockton offices; 42 Stockton groups and 35 community vendors who participated in the Street Fair.

President and First Lady Kesselman led the Parade, along with Executive Vice President & Chief of Staff Susan Davenport and driver, Associate Dean of Students Craig Stambaugh, followed by Provost Lori Vermeulen and her husband, Len.

The Alumni Beer & Wine Patio featured tastings from two alumni-owned breweries. Other new components to the Street Fair included the addition of a drum circle on the West Quad Lawn, which was “a huge hit,” according to Lauren Wilson, assistant director of Student Development, who was instrumental in the planning of the weekend.

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Thousands attended the University Weekend Parade & Street Fair, held Oct. 7 across the main campus. A good time was had by all. [View more photos.](#)

“Ever since we re-branded and transitioned from ‘Homecoming & Family Weekend’ to ‘University Weekend’ in 2015, our committee has worked really hard to grow and expand some of our events,” explained Wilson. “My original vision for the Street Fair was to take over the heart of our campus and line College Walk with interactive activities that showcase what Stockton is all about.”

New weekend events included: the Greek & RA Reunion, which attracted over 100 people; Shake It Up, held at Seaview, which attracted over 100 people; the Living & Learning in Atlantic City presentation, attended by about 25 people; the Walk to End Alzheimer's (read more on page 3); and the Crosby, Nash and Stills Tribute Band event, hosted by the PAC.

“This year, the Street Fair exploded and grew into one of the most dynamic events I've been a part of during my time at Stockton,” Wilson said. “The event involved so many moving pieces, and wouldn't have been nearly as successful without the amazing work of our planning committee and student workers who truly made this event come to life. My hope for the future is that the Street Fair continues to grow and that more Stockton offices and organizations hop on board to become part of the festivities and showcase all the wonderful aspects of Stockton.”

Johanna R. Johnson Named Chair of University Foundation Board

Johanna R. Johnson of Hammonton, N.J. was named chair of the Stockton University Foundation Board of Directors at the Sept. 28 meeting at Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club. Johnson has been a member of the Foundation board since 2010.



Johanna R. Johnson

A retired educator and director of curriculum and development at the Atlantic County Institute of Technology, Johnson said she welcomed the invitation to join the board because she was familiar with Stockton and was impressed with the quality of its programs and its outreach to area high schools.

Other officers are Donna H. Buzby of Linwood, first vice chair, Michael L. Albrecht, '99, of Englewood Cliffs, second vice chair Clair B. Kuhar, '81, of Egg Harbor City, treasurer, and Michael C. Epps of Galloway, secretary. The board also welcomed Louis T. Barberio III of Linwood, managing partner of Barberio and Rich Financial Services as a new member on the Foundation board. [Read more.](#)

Shaun King Gives Keynote at 14th Fannie Lou Hamer Symposium



Social activist Shaun King speaks at the 14th annual Fannie Lou Hamer Symposium on Oct. 10. [View more photos here.](#)

Fannie Lou Hamer was an organizer, and that made her effective, social activist Shaun King told a packed crowd at the 14th annual Fannie Lou Hamer Human & Civil Rights Symposium at the Performing Arts Center on Oct. 10.

The theme for this year's symposium was "The New Civil Rights Movement in the Age of Social Media."

Professor Donnetrice Allison, coordinator of the symposium and the Africana Studies program at Stockton, introduced a video celebrating Hamer by noting how easily images from 50 years ago can be juxtaposed by images from today.

In a talk that was part history lesson, part call for action, King referenced 19th century German historian Leopold von Ranke and presidents William McKinley and Lyndon Baines Johnson to make his argument that humanity is currently in a "dip." Using

charts and photos, King said what he has learned from studying history is that over time, technology has steadily improved, but humanity's path is more a squiggly line of ups and downs that include the Holocaust and slavery.

He cited the volume of police shootings across America that might have gone mostly unnoticed if not for social media. It was those reports that convinced him to become active.

"A dip can be short or painfully long, depending on our organization," King said. "We are in a painful dip right now. But together we can find our way out of it." [Read more.](#)

President Receives Walter Rand South Jersey Award for Service

President Harvey Kesselman was awarded the Walter Rand South Jersey Award by the New Jersey Alliance for Action at its Eagle Awards dinner Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick.

Alliance Vice President Christian Hartman said the Walter Rand South Jersey award is given to someone who is making a difference in the local economy. He said Stockton's growth in Galloway Township, its new campus under construction in Atlantic City, and its programs and research in sustainability and environmental issues have made "a massive difference" in South Jersey.

"I am fortunate to be the leader of Stockton," Kesselman said. "It is Stockton University that deserves this award. Atlantic City is on the rebound. We are glad and honored to be part of it."

Don't Cancel That Class Initiative Available for Faculty, Instructors

The Office of the Dean of Students remind faculty and staff instructors of the “Don't Cancel That Class” program. The program offers workshops and presentations on subjects such as conflict resolution, wellness and career development. Faculty who need to be absent from class, or who are looking to supplement their courses, can request a presentation from the program. Presentations are typically 50-90 minutes in length and can be tailored to fit any schedule. View available sessions and submit your request online [here](#).

Faculty, Staff Raise \$3,000 at Walk to End Alzheimer's in A.C.

Stockton and the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) participated in Atlantic City's Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, Oct. 8. SCOSA has sponsored a team at the annual walk since 2009. Christine Gayda-Chelder, assistant professor of Psychology, was team captain, and President Harvey Kesselman and First Lady Lynne Kesselman were honorary team captains. Kesselman joined Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian and Congressman Frank LoBiondo among other dignitaries in welcoming the eager crowd.



Faculty and staff members, as well as about 20 students, walked alongside Talon the Osprey as part of the Stockton/SCOSA team. Participants included Val Julien, athletics events coordinator; Ted Alter, assistant professor of Social Work; Dave Burdick, professor of Psychology and director of SCOSA; Trish Collins, community engagement liaison; Jessica Fleck, associate professor of Psychology; Allison Monroe, program assistant; Melaku Lakew, professor emeritus of Economics; Roman Lakew, MIS technician; and many others.

Several members of the Stockton community who were unable to walk did not hesitate to donate to the cause and support the team. Stockton/SCOSA raised \$3,021 (and counting), surpassing their fundraising goal of \$3,000 in support of research, programs and services supporting those with Alzheimer's disease.

“The \$3,000 raised is among our best and we are still collecting,” Burdick stated. At just over \$500 away from ranking within the top five teams for the Atlantic City Walk, Stockton/SCOSA is still accepting donations, which can be made by [clicking here](#) or visiting the [SCOSA homepage](#).

School of Health Sciences Welcomes New Faculty Members

Editor's note: We will feature new faculty and staff members as more information becomes available. Welcome!

Barbara Amendolia joins as a visiting associate professor of Nursing. Amendolia earned a D.N.P. from Drexel University, an M.S.N. from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.S.N. from Stockton. Her teaching focuses are neonatal medicine and clinical.

She recently co-wrote, “Creating and Evaluating a Global Classroom to Teach Nursing Research,” with K. Fisher, Schaffer and K. Howarth, published in the Journal of Nursing Education and Practice.

Jacqueline Arnone joins as a visiting assistant professor of Nursing. Arnone earned an N.S.B. and M.S.N from Kean University and is a Ph.D. candidate there as well.

She recently co-wrote, “Celiac Disease and Schizophrenia,” with Richard P. Conti, published in the Journal of Medical, Biomedical and Applied Sciences.

Stephanie Chung joins as a visiting assistant professor of Nursing. Chung earned an M.S.N. from Kean University, a B.S.N. from Stockton and is a Ph.D. candidate at Kean University.

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Health Sciences Welcomes New Faculty Members

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Anthony Disen joins as an instructor of Health Science. Disen earned an M.A. from Georgian Court University and a B.S. from Rutgers University. His teaching focuses are nutrition and health and wellness.

He recently co-wrote, "Interrelationships among Nutrition Knowledge, Attitudes, Behaviors and Body Satisfaction," with Peggy Policastro, Virginia Quick and Carol Byrd-Bredbenner, in *Health Education*, published by Emerald Group Publishing.

Mary Gibson joins as a visiting instructor of Health Science. Gibson earned an M.S. from New Jersey City University and a B.S. from Stockton. Her teaching focuses are health science and public health.

John Guers joins as an assistant professor of Exercise Science. Guers earned a Ph.D. from the University of Delaware, an M.S. and a B.S. from East Stroudsburg University. He is a post-doctoral fellow of Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. His teaching focuses are health science and exercise science.

He recently co-wrote, "Intermittent PTH Administration Attenuates Endothelial Dysfunction in Old Rats," with Rhonda D. Prisby, David G. Edwards and Shannon Lennon-Edwards, published in the *Journal of Applied Physiology*.

Sreelekha Prakash joins as an assistant professor of Health Science. Prakash earned an M.D. from Maulana Azad Medical School, an M.P.H. from Mount Sinai Medical School and an M.B.B.S. from Lady Hardinge Medical College. Her teaching focuses are health science and epidemiology.

She recently co-wrote, "Short Report on Unilateral Facial Arteriovenous Communication and its Clinical Implications," with S. Das and R. Suri, published in the *European Journal of Anatomy*.

Michele Previti joins as an assistant professor of Health Science. Previti earned a J.D. from the St. Louis University School of Law and a B.A. from LaSalle University. Her teaching focuses are health science and health administration.

She recently presented, "Tax Inversions: An Ethical Perspective," with Leo Previti and Warren Kleinsmith at the Northeastern Association of Business, Economics and Technology (NABET) Conference.

Barry Ransom joins as a visiting assistant professor of Health Science. Ransom earned an M.S. from Northeastern University and a B.S. from Widener University. His teaching focuses are health science and respiratory therapy.

His recent study explores, "Lung Disease patients, Caregivers and Family Members."

Larider Ruffin joins as an assistant professor of Nursing. Ruffin earned a D.N.P. from Wilmington University, an M.S.N. from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) and a B.S. from Rutgers University. His teaching focuses are nursing, clinical and gerontology.

He recently presented his study, "Tobacco Use Disorders: A Chronic Disease that should be addressed."

William Santamore joins as a visiting instructor of Health Science. Santamore earned a Ph.D. from Temple University, an M.S. from Drexel University and a B.S. from Manhattan College. He is also a founding member of The Cardiac Bioassist Association. His teaching focuses are health science, specializing in anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology.

SAVE THE DATES

- Oct. 21: [G. Larry James Legacy 5K](#)
- View all events on [Campus Calendar](#)

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