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Stockton Senior Receives Fulbright Grant

Jade Fleming, who will graduate in May with a B.A. in Literature, has earned a grant from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, one of the academic world's most prestigious awards.

Fleming has received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship and will be teaching English in Malaysia for a year beginning in January 2018. The teaching location will be assigned during the two-week orientation in Kuala Lumpur.

Fleming of Egg Harbor City, N.J., who is a graduate of Atlantic City High School, said several members of the Stockton community have provided support and guidance throughout her undergraduate career.

When she first came to Stockton, Fleming said Gail Rosenthal, director of the Sara & Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, "took me under her wing and helped me out. Gail connected me to the right people to help with financial issues and was one of the biggest supporters in my transition from high school to college."

Judy Copeland, associate professor of Writing, alerted her to the Fulbright program and then David Roessel, professor of Greek Language and Literature, explained the process and "convinced me that I could do it."



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"Emari DiGiorgio [associate professor of Writing and an award-winning poet] inspired me to try poetry," she said, and Cynthia King, associate professor of Creative Writing, basically told me, "you have talent and you should work on your writing."

Since coming to Stockton, she has been able to travel to Italy and Greece with Roessel through a School of Arts & Humanities program, and she has visited Grenada, where her parents were born.

"I am a first-generation American and the first college student in my family," she said.

Fleming joins previous Stockton graduates who won Fulbrights: Ciara Barrick '15, who taught English in Cyprus, Kaidessa Pinkney '15, who taught English in Malaysia in 2015, and Barbara Fisher, a 2013 alumna who taught English in the Czech Republic in 2014.

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Stockton University Breaks Ground for Atlantic City Campus

Stockton President Harvey Kesselman joined Gov. Chris Christie, state Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Atlantic City Development Corp. (AC Devco) Chairman Jon Hanson, and South Jersey Industries President and CEO Michael Renna on April 20, to break ground for the \$220 million Atlantic City Gateway Project, which includes Stockton's new residential campus.

Kesselman said that the ceremony “launches a new chapter in this city’s history and celebrates how Stockton continues to honor its original motto of ‘plant yourself where you can grow.’”

Stockton held its first classes in the Mayflower Hotel on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City in 1971, and has grown from 1,000 students to nearly 9,000, Kesselman said, adding that another 1,000 or more will be attending classes at the new Atlantic City campus in fall 2018.



Stockton Board of Trustees Leo B. Schoffer, Andy Dolce, Madeleine Deininger, Ellen D. Bailey, Cristian Moreno, Raymond Ciccone and Ike Ejikeme are pictured with President Harvey Kesselman at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Atlantic City Gateway Project.

“Today, we take the first steps of a new journey: one that recommits our intellectual promise to the residents of Atlantic City – and all of South Jersey – by establishing a new branch campus on the world’s most famous boardwalk. A branch campus that will include a state-of-the-art academic building, 533 student residences overlooking the beach, shops, food and parking galore,” he said.

Members of the Stockton Board of Trustees and the University Foundation attended along with Stockton faculty and staff, and many government officials and business leaders, including Chris Paladino of AC Devco.

[View photos](#) from the groundbreaking. [Read more](#) about Stockton’s Atlantic City campus.

Stockton’s Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala Raises \$400,000



Gary Suhr, assistant supervisor of Building Repairs; Tara Williams, assistant director of Graduate Enrollment Management; Dawn Konrady, director of the Child Welfare Education Institute; Emily Bell, TES in Development; Leah Henderson, Graduate Enrollment services specialist; and Danielle Channell, professional services specialist.

Guests at Stockton University’s 37th Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala held at Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club on April 22 raised more than \$400,000, with net proceeds going to the Benefit Gala Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Earnings from this fund are used to provide annual scholarship awards to Stockton students. Since 2007 the Benefit Gala has added more than \$3 million to the endowment in support of student scholarships. This year more than \$110,000 has been awarded to 113 students.

The Gala featured an innovative format that allowed guests to circulate and enjoy live entertainment and special menus in each of four spaces throughout the historic Stockton Seaview.

Entertainment included Carnivale, a 12-piece big band that covers almost every genre of music; Fleur Seule, which plays 1940s style jazz and swing music; the Megan Knight Duo, offering modern and

classic sounds from various genres; Chad Juros and Mike Palladino, performing strolling magic and some celebrity impersonators. [Read more](#) about the Scholarship Benefit Gala.

School of Business Accepts AACSB Accreditation at Conference

Representatives from the School of Business officially accepted the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation at the International Conference & Annual Meeting (ICAM), April 23-25 in Houston, Texas.

Last spring, the School of Business was notified that it had received the [accreditation by the AACSB](#), an international body whose accreditation has been earned by less than 5 percent of the world's business programs.

The AACSB, founded in 1916, is the longest-serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

Pictured from left to right are: Robert Reid, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB, with Stockton's Esther Lawrence, assistant dean of the School of Business; Janet Wagner, dean of the School of Business; Marilyn Vito, associate professor of Business Studies, Accounting; Warren Kleinsmith, associate professor of Business Studies, Accounting; and Donna Hauer, assessment and accreditation specialist.



Students Engaging in Faculty-Led Research Named to Honor Society

Stockton students engaging in research with Elizabeth Pollock, associate professor of Chemistry; Karen York, associate professor of Biology; and Guy Barbato, associate professor of Biology, were recently inducted into the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) National Honor Society.

Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (BCMB) majors Myra Bhatti, Matthew Bye and Jennafir Ernst were nominated by faculty in Stockton's Biochemistry/Molecular Biology program based on their scholarly achievement, research accomplishments and outreach activities.

Bhatti's research in Pollock's lab focuses on Structural Analysis of microRNA molecules. She is using Stockton's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer to begin developing an understanding of the structure of microRNA.

Bye has been working in York's laboratory since June 2016. Currently, he is working with other students on a project to discover potential new antibiotics from soil bacteria isolated from the local Pine Barrens environment. Bye is identifying soil bacteria that make potential new antibiotic compounds, and extracting and chemically characterizing those compounds.

Ernst is working with Barbato, an ASBMB member since 1986, on a project to investigate the metabolic pathways of pigment production in *Drosophila*, also known as "fruit flies."

Selection into the national honor society is competitive as only 60 students are chosen in the whole nation, explained Kelly Keenan, associate professor of Chemistry. Nominees must be members of the student chapter of the ASBMB and be juniors or seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.4. All three students are members of the University's ASBMB student chapter, Stockton University Biochemistry Society (SUBS), which was founded by Keenan.

"The faculty members of BCMB congratulate Myra, Jennafir and Matt and are thrilled to see them recognized with this national honor," Keenan said. "All three are outstanding students who are truly engaged in learning and do excellent work in the classroom."

The nominating faculty members were Keenan, Pollock, York, Brian Rogerson, associate professor of Biochemistry; and Tara Luke, associate professor of Biology.

Schmidt Elected to Museum Board; Cagno Chairs Symposium

Saskia Schmidt, director of Education at the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University, has been elected to the [New Jersey Association of Museum Board of Directors](#) (NJAM).

In this role, Schmidt will help lift the reputation of the Noyes Museum and call attention to the visibility of the arts in South Jersey.

As a member of NJAM for six years, Schmidt looks forward to learning, networking and sharing ideas with her new fellow board members.

“One of our prime focuses will be advocating for the continuation of the National Endowment for the Arts, which is currently under serious threat,” Schmidt said. Her background in arts education will be a valuable asset to the NJAM Board. She will provide feedback on initiatives and brainstorm new ideas to further help connect New Jersey’s museum community.



Saskia Schmidt



Michael Cagno

Michael Cagno, executive director at the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton, recently chaired the Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums’ 2017 Building Museums Symposium in Washington, D.C. Architects and museum professionals from over 23 states and six countries attended the symposium. Topics included branding, funding, expansions, sustainability, and managing museum building projects.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to engage with national and international experts who are pushing the boundaries between structure and engagement,” said Cagno, who will serve as the chair for the 2018 Building Museum Symposium in Philadelphia, Pa.

Cabral-Johnson Named Director of the Office of Continuing Studies

Bahiya Cabral-Johnson was recently appointed as the new director of the Office of Continuing Studies.

Cabral-Johnson is an accomplished educator and nonprofit manager with over 25 years of experience providing leadership in the areas of operations and fiduciary management, assessment, program development and evaluation, strategic planning, and curriculum development, with proven success in the implementation and management of programs and services for multicultural constituencies.

She joins Stockton most recently from the Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians, where she was deputy director overseeing program development and evaluation; curriculum development for ESL and ABE courses; program improvement and staff professional development; budget management; staff supervision; and training.

Cabral-Johnson holds a B.A. in History from Bryn Mawr College, and a master’s degrees in Sociology and Multicultural Education from Temple University and Eastern University, respectively.

SAVE THE DATES

- May 4: Breakfast & Employee Awards Ceremony
- May 9: [Gubernatorial Primary Debate](#)
- May 10: [Graduate Commencement](#)
- May 12: [Baccalaureate Commencement at Boardwalk Hall](#)

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