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## Stockton Recognized for Record Donations to NJ Employees Charitable Campaign

Stockton raised \$57,518 - the second highest amount among nearly 60 different state divisions and departments that participated in the 2016 New Jersey Employees Charitable Campaign. The statewide campaign raised over \$700,700, which was announced March 31 at the annual recognition ceremony.

“Each year, Stockton University is one of the leading organizations of the Employees Charitable Campaign,” President Harvey Kesselman said. “Our faculty and staff demonstrate exceptional generosity, considering not only how much we raise but also the support provided by individuals for countless organizations, including the Stockton Foundation. The Stockton community’s commitment to this very important campaign is extraordinary.”

Kesselman served as statewide co-chair along with Richard Hammer, commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and received an award for his role. The University received the Chairperson’s Award for the second year in a row in ceremonies held at Mercer County Community College. Stockton campaign co-chairs Peter Baratta, chief planning officer; Brian Jackson, chief operating officer of the Atlantic City campus; and Cindy Gove, project coordinator, also were honored for their roles.



Pictured are President Harvey Kesselman (third from right) and Chief Planning Officer Peter Baratta (far right) with representatives and award recipients from the NJECC.

ole LoBue, associate supervisor, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs; Michelle McDonald, assistant provost and associate professor of Atlantic History; Tom Chester, director of Human Resources; Yubi Peña, secretarial assistant, Hammonton Instructional Site; Lydia Fecteau, adjunct representative to the Faculty Senate; Jessica Kay, assistant to the chief planning officer; Nick Sena, director of Engagement; and Lolita Treadwell, deputy chief of staff.

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In all, 2,425 state employees donated to this year’s campaign. Of this number, 214 were Stockton employees - nearly 9 percent of the total - and a record number for University employee participation. They also helped raise a recent record amount for the University. Only Rutgers University raised more, with \$59,815 from 106 employees.

This year’s statewide total exceeded the 2015 campaign, which raised more than \$650,000 for service agencies, charities and volunteer groups that work with children and the elderly, protect the environment, and support those in need. The Stockton University Foundation received pledges of \$17,444, the third highest amount in the campaign for a single recipient.

Stockton’s NJECC planning team consists of: Baratta; Jackson; Gove; Ayisha Lee, assistant to the chief development officer; Car-

## Janice Joseph Receives National Criminal Justice Award

Janice Joseph, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice, won the Becky Tatum Excellence Award as part of the Minorities and Women Section of the Academy of the Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), a national criminal justice organization. Joseph was recognized at the ACJS Conference in Kansas City, Mo., on March 24. This award acknowledges substantial contributions to criminal justice education and scholarship concerning ethnicity, race and gender in criminology and criminal justice.

“I am always honored to receive a national award because this indicates that my professional endeavors are appreciated outside of Stockton University,” Joseph said.

During this year’s spring break, Joseph visited the University of Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa where she engaged in collaborative work with some members of the university’s criminology department. She lectured to undergraduate and graduate students, discussed her international research and her involvement with the United Nations with faculty members and students, and attended the official launch of the University of Free State’s Centre for Human Rights.

## Edward Siecienski Edits New Book Inspired by ICHS Conference

Edward Siecienski, associate professor of Religion and the Clement and Helen Pappas Professor of Byzantine Civilization & Religion, recently edited the book, “Constantine: Religious Faith and Imperial Policy.”

The published work is the result of the October 2013 conference held at Stockton, which was jointly sponsored by Stockton’s Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) and the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University. The opening lecture of the 2013 symposium commemorated the 10th Anniversary of the ICHS and was dedicated to its founder, the late Demetrios J. Constantelos.

“Both Tom [Papademetriou, professor of Historical Studies] and I had hoped to present the book to Father Demetrios at some sort of public event since the conference was so closely tied to the anniversary of the ICHS and the construction of the Constantelos Reading Room in the [Richard E. Bjork] Library,” Siecienski said. “Unfortunately, Father Demetrios’s death in [January of 2017](#), just two weeks before the book’s publication, made this impossible.”

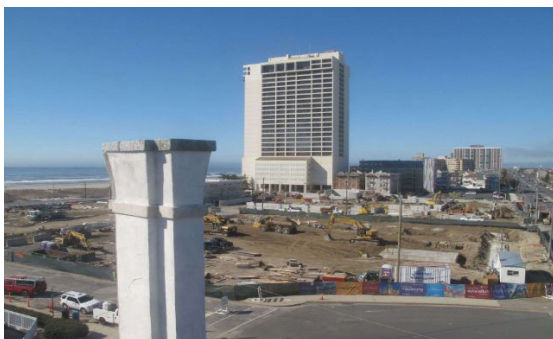


Edward Siecienski

The book’s foreword was written by Stockton’s own Papademetriou, while the book itself collects papers from some of the English-speaking world’s foremost Constantinian scholars, explained Siecienski.

“It is truly an interdisciplinary encounter with one of history’s most influential figures,” he said. “The most exciting part of the project, aside from working with some top-notch scholars, has been seeing how much interest there has been from the wider academic community. We were thrilled that a prestigious house like Routledge decided to publish the proceedings... People are learning about what the ICHS and Stockton are doing, and that’s exactly what we were hoping for.”

## Academic Quad, AC Gateway Projects - Construction Webcams



Construction site of the future residential building in Atlantic City (screenshot taken April 5).

In addition to the live construction cameras of the Academic Quad Project on the main campus, ACDevco has completed the installation of webcams to monitor the construction progress of the Atlantic City Gateway Project.

View both projects on Stockton’s public [webcams site](#).

The three AC Gateway Project cameras capture a still image every hour. Move backward through the time lapse using the navigation buttons. Click on the arrows toward the right hand side of the bottom bar to open the image full screen in a secondary web browser window.

## Sara Martino Presents on ‘Superwoman Ideal’ and Social Media

Sara Martino, associate professor of Psychology, recently presented her research on the “Superwoman Ideal and Social Media” at the Association for Women in Psychology National Conference in Milwaukee, Wis. Her research was selected for one of two Featured Feminist Symposia at the conference, which sought to recognize timely feminist research.

Martino’s research showed that adherence to the “Superwoman Ideal” was significant for all forms of social media except for Facebook, with the most significant correlations found for Snapchat. “This difference may be that Facebook is the original social media platform and Snapchat is the newest and biggest social media platform to date,” she explained. “The ‘Superwoman Ideal’ is characterized by masculine identity development, such as being career driven; perfectionism, or being the best and having your family reflect the best; and body image concerns, such as wanting to be thin and attractive.”

The study, sponsored by the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, showed there is an increase in the “Superwoman Ideal” that is related to social media, particularly usage of social media more than one time per week and one hour per day.

“My goal is to raise awareness about the ‘Superwoman Ideal’ and women’s perception of perfectionism,” Martino said. “Women today feel increasingly that they can have it all and that they should have it all. Women are bombarded with messages and images of the ‘Superwoman’ through social media every day. This research is the first step to look at how constant exposure through social media is impacting women. The next step will be to add qualitative information about how women feel about themselves and their role in society as well as the social media messages they receive.”

## Lifetime Achievement Award



Tom O'Donnell (center), assistant dean of students/director of Veterans Affairs, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Stockton Entertainment Team at Wood-Stockton VII, held in the Sports Center on April 4. Pictured with O'Donnell, who will retire later this year, are Pedro Santana, dean of students, and Haley Baum, assistant director, Student Development.

## Day of Scholarship



The Office of Research & Sponsored Programs hosted the 17th Annual Day of Scholarship on March 31. Pictured from left to right are: Daniel Mallinson, assistant professor of Political Science/Public Administration; Michelle McDonald, assistant provost; Susanne Moskalski, assistant professor of Marine Science, and Joseph Trout, associate professor of Physics, who all gave a Pecha Kucha presentation.

## ARHU and GENS Launch New Websites on OU Campus

The School of Arts & Humanities and the School of General Studies recently worked with the Office of University Relations & Marketing and Information Technology Services to migrate their websites to OU Campus, Stockton’s content management system. View the new [ARHU website](#). View the new [GENS website](#).

“We’ve incorporated several design elements and much of the content from our school brochure,” explained Nancy Messina, assistant dean of ARHU. “I want to thank Victoria Conover [liaison for curriculum & academic support] for all her work updating content and images, and Joe D’Agostino [associate director of Web Communications], Lou Regan [of ITS], and Dan Gambert [assistant director of Web Communications], for their input, expertise and guidance along the way.”

“The GENS website is greatly improved and expanded thanks to the work of Kirsten DiPatri [of GENS] who worked with Joe D’Agostino, Lou Regan, and especially Dan Gambert to revamp all aspects of the site. We are also especially grateful to the Productions team, led by Perry Mortillite, who helped create a new welcome video,” said Rob Gregg, dean of GENS.

## Humanitarianism Event



Adrienne Parvin, graduate coordinator, Campus Center Operations; Carl Wilkens, pastor and humanitarian; and Sarah Albertson of the Sara & Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, who co-chaired the Carl and Teresa Wilkens Humanitarianism event on April 4. Wilkens stayed to offer help in Rwanda when the genocide began in 1994.

## #StocktonStrong



More than 200 members of the Stockton community shared why they are #StocktonStrong on April 3. Cheryl Robinson, (pictured right), of the Office of Athletics and an adjunct faculty member, organized the initiative as the kickoff for NCAA DIII Week. She is pictured with student and Athletics intern Laura Olbrich. View more community photos [here](#).

## Day of Remembrance



Faculty and staff celebrated the International Day of Remembrance on March 23. Pictured from left to right are: Wondi Geremew, assistant professor of Developmental Mathematics, who grew up in Ethiopia; Melaku Lakew, professor of Economics; Michelle McDonald, assistant provost; and Robert Gregg, dean of General Studies. [Read more](#).

## Policy Advocacy Day



Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen, assistant professor of Social Work, recently led 55 graduating Master of Social Work students on a trip to Washington, D.C. for Policy Advocacy Day. The group spent the day advocating for policy change, and met with Senator Cory Booker and Representative Donald Norcross. The trip was such a success, Norcross [tweeted a thank-you photo](#).

### SAVE THE DATES

- April 6: [Anna Deavere Smith](#)
- April 20: Atlantic City Gateway Project Groundbreaking Ceremony
- April 22: [Scholarship Benefit Gala](#)
- May 10: [Graduate Commencement](#)
- May 12: [Baccalaureate Commencement at Boardwalk Hall](#)

### Send Us Your News!

We want to know about things going on in the Stockton community. Do you have an unusual hobby? Did one of your co-workers win an award or perform outstanding public service? Births, weddings, graduations and the like are all good things to submit to The Stockton Times. Contact the editor at 609-626-5521 or email [StocktonTimes@stockton.edu](mailto:StocktonTimes@stockton.edu).

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