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## Stockton Signs Agreement with Panama to Train Teachers in Bilingual Initiative

Stockton University has been approved by the Panamanian Ministry of Education to offer training to teachers from Panama as part of the government's Bilingue Initiative. The University has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Universidad Latina de Panama to expand opportunities for Stockton students to study in Panama.

The Panama Bilingue initiative is a national effort to improve public education and economic development by increasing the English language fluency of its citizens.

The goal of the program is to train as many as 10,000 Panamanian teachers over five years in the latest teachings methods and techniques for classroom success, including the use of technology. Participants will also have the opportunity to expand on their own language skills, as they are immersed in an English-speaking culture.

President Harvey Kesselman, his wife, Lynne, and Interim General Counsel Brian Kowalski visited Panama this month to meet with Ministry of Education officials, the Latina University president and other senior government representatives, to introduce Stockton University and present Stockton's Bilingue proposal. They also toured Latina University, the nation's leading private university, and the City of Knowledge, an educational, economic and business development center in Panama.

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From right, First Lady Lynne Kesselman and President Harvey Kesselman, meet with Universidad Latina de Panama Director de Operaciones Antonio Valero and Panama Secretaria General Nadiya de Ungo, in Panama.

"This has been an incredibly productive trip that will yield significant results for Stockton," Kesselman said. "The officials I met with in Panama are very excited about our partnership."

The partnership will be managed by Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Michelle McDonald and Director of Stockton's Office of Global Engagement India Karavackas. It will be supported by Stockton's School of Education, ELS Language Center, and Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center.

The first group of teachers from Panama is expected to arrive in January. Stockton will offer two programs and anticipates hosting 24 to 30 participants in each. The second program, for pre-service teachers studying to work as English or elementary school teachers, will be a 16-week program focusing on English language acquisition, ESL classroom methodologies and technology training.

## Mastrangelo Family Establishes Two Scholarships as Surprise



Alysia Mastrangelo (third from right) pictured (from left) with her goddaughter Angela Gallagher, sister Amie Gallagher, mother Mary Ann Green Mastrangelo, daughter Alivia Chaloupka and husband Edward Chaloupka.

Alysia Mastrangelo, professor of Physical Therapy, walked into a meeting with Theresa Bartolotta, outgoing dean of Health Sciences, to meet with President Harvey Kesselman on June 27. To Mastrangelo's surprise, her family and colleagues were seated at the conference table.

Kesselman welcomed her to the meeting and spoke of the gift that she made to the Stockton University Foundation in her mother's name to support students studying physical therapy and the arts. He then signaled to Mastrangelo's mother, Mary Ann Green Mastrangelo, for her to make an announcement.

Holding a pink envelope, her daughter's favorite color, she announced that she established a scholarship fund with a \$25,000 gift in her daughter's name to provide educational opportunities to physical therapy students.

"I love getting involved and Alysia has followed in so many footsteps. I laid the bread crumbs, but now she is making her own. We are so proud of everything you've accomplished. You have made us proud," said Green Mastrangelo.

Kesselman noted that the Mastrangelo gifts are the first of their kind with mother and daughter recognizing each other's commitments to education. [View photos.](#)

## ITS Releases Test Version of New Portal; Platform Goes Live Aug. 2

Information Technology Services (ITS) announced the beta (test) release of the new goStockton portal this week. The new portal can be viewed at: <https://gotest.stockton.edu/>. The login information is the same portal username and password.

The current goStockton portal software is outdated, therefore ITS has replicated a solution designed for usability and functionality. Although some portal functionality cannot be replicated, many enhancements have been made including greater availability, ease of content management and a mobile-friendly design. The new portal solution will also allow ITS to continue development of feature enhancements to address the evolving needs of students, faculty and staff.

The new portal will replace the existing portal on Wednesday, Aug. 2. The current portal will be accessible through that date. ITS offers the faculty and staff community this opportunity to review the new portal and to send any questions to [Walead Abdrabouh](#), director of Information Systems & Business Intelligence, ext. 4817.

## Construction Progress of Stockton's New Campus in Atlantic City



Check out the construction progress of the Atlantic City Gateway Project! These drone shots were taken on July 14. Left: Aerial view of the future academic building. Right: Aerial view of the AC Gateway Project, including the future residential building.



## Tech Trek



Girls in the annual Tech Trek camp huddled with instructors in the Sports Center parking lot, trying to figure out why their bottle rocket launcher would not work. [Read more.](#)

## AC Council Praises 48 Blocks

The Atlantic City Council recognized the efforts of the organizers and participants of “48 Blocks” in a resolution passed on July 11.

Stockton partnered with the Atlantic City Arts Foundation to hold the celebration of arts and creativity last month. The University and Lisa Honaker, dean of the School of Arts & Humanities (ARHU), who played an integral role in the event’s planning, were recognized in the resolution.

“We thought this was great recognition, following up on the very positive press coverage this daylong arts festival generated — including an editorial applauding our community-centered approach to the arts in AC,” Honaker said.

## Marine Field Station to Plant Baby Oysters at Restoration Site



1.5-2 inches long and the Mullica River seed is of mixed size up to 2 inches,” said Steve Evert, manager of Stockton’s Marine Field Station and principal investigator for the research project. “At the Tuckerton site both oyster types are staying up out of the sediment and have remained in place, suggesting that our site selection was appropriate.” [View recent photos.](#)

The two-acre research site is located in Little Egg Harbor Bay. Christine Thompson, assistant professor of Marine Science, and her students at Stockton are scientifically monitoring the area. Biodiversity sampling using traps and visual assessments has revealed sets of shellfish, indicating there is the potential for natural growth beyond the restoration project. [Read more.](#)

More than 150,000 baby oysters, or spat, were recently planted in the Tuckerton Reef, the first-ever bottom oyster restoration site in the Southern Barnegat watershed. The project has also generated an expanded oyster recycling program, using shells from Long Beach Island area restaurants.

In 2015, Stockton University’s Marine Field Station established the pilot-level Tuckerton Reef with aquaculture-set oyster spat on whelk shell and transplanted seed from the Mullica River. The oysters were planted on the reef sites in July 2016 and the Mullica River seed was transplanted in November 2016.

“Today, the oysters look great. The spat on whelk shell set is

## Reminder: Register for Parking



Parking permit registration is now available online at [Stockton.edu/parking](http://Stockton.edu/parking). New permits will be required for everyone for the 2017-18 academic year. For more information, contact Michael Sullivan, manager of Parking and Transportation Services, at ext. 5534 or [Michael.Sullivan@stockton.edu](mailto:Michael.Sullivan@stockton.edu).

## Forbes Social Media Contest

Stockton is competing in the Forbes #MyTopCollege [contest](#), which encourages college and university communities to share their memorable experiences and to show their school spirit.

To enter the contest, your tweet or Instagram post must include the #MyTopCollege hashtag and Stockton must be tagged ([@Stockton\\_edu](https://twitter.com/Stockton_edu) on Twitter and [@Stockton-University](https://www.instagram.com/Stockton-University) on Instagram). The contest runs through Friday, July 21, and winners will be announced July 26.



# Gwathney Presents Leadership Awards to Ross, Joseph and Resch



Each year, Coordinator for Intramurals & Recreation Jim Gwathney (top right) presents three awards to Stockton employees who “go above and beyond in the Stockton way.” This year, Assistant Director of Counseling Services Bob Ross (top second from right) received the Shanon Newberry Award.



Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice Janice Joseph received the Dr. Vera King Farris award from Jim Gwathney.

## Urban Teacher Academy 2.0



Jayson Resch, head coach and coordinator of Track & Field/Cross Country, received the G. Larry James Award from Gwathney. The award is named for the late James, a long-time administrator at Stockton and an Olympic gold and silver medalist.



Assistant Professor of Education Meg White (pictured second from right) hosted the second annual Urban Teacher Academy for high school students, a two-week program that exposes aspiring teachers to the teaching profession while discussing issues pertinent to urban education.

Natalie Devonish, director of Operations at the Boys & Girls Club in Atlantic City, gave the group a tour of the facility and talked about the organization’s role in the community. Academy participants also worked with kids in a summer STEM programs at Sovereign Ave. School in Atlantic City.

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