



# The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

## Welcome to The School of Education

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## Achievements and Accolades

Congratulations to all of our December graduates, from both the undergraduate Teacher Education program and our graduate programs in Education, Leadership and Instructional Technology.

Kudos to our new and renewing faculty-to-faculty mentors: **Dr. Shelly Meyers** will serve as a FRST Mentor and returns as a Technology eMentor, joined by new eMentor **Dr. Amy Ackerman**. **Dr. Meg White** has been selected as a Technology Fellow in ASE as well.

**Dr. Doug Harvey** has been appointed for a renewal term as an Institute for Faculty Development Fellow in Instructional Technology.

The MAED program has re-elected **Dr. Kim Lebak** as Director & **Dr. Shelly Meyers** Special Education Coordinator; TEDU has also re-elected **Dr. Norma Boakes** Coordinator, and all SOE faculty have re-elected **Dr. Jung Lee** as Digital Literacy Minor Coordinator. Congratulations and thank you to all of our faculty leaders.

Research accomplishments: **Dr. Deb Figart** has published an "Institutionalist Policies for Financial Inclusion" article in the *Journal of Economic Issues*. December issue and a book review in *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning*.

**Dr. Priti Haria** earned an

R&PD award for collaborative work with Communication Disorders. **Jeanne DelColle** served as reviewer on *Creating Sustainable Teacher Careers*.

Students: MAEL's **Laura Sherma** passed the SLLA exam and MAED's **Terry Dougherty** was chosen as an *advocate fellow* by MCEC.



Dr. Norma Boakes (TEDU) and Dr. Amy Ackerman (MAIT) celebrate winter commencement with Stockton's TALON mascot.

## First-Ever Graduate Research Symposium

On Monday, December 9, Stockton's School of Graduate and Continuing Studies organized a first-ever Graduate Research Symposium, featuring students' work from programs in Education, Criminal Justice, Health Sciences, American Studies and Holocaust & Genocide Studies.

A variety of events included panel discussions, individual presentations, and an open poster session in the Campus

Center Event Room. Hundreds of guests, families, friends and faculty members joined dozens of graduate students who showcased their work.

MAEL presenters included Dana Meyers, Matt Purdue, Ronald Schmid and Cara Surace. MAIT presenters included Johana de Jesus, Danielle Hartman, Ryan Hudson, Theresa Francesco, Jennifer Kundera, Sandra Lokuta, Wallace Maines, Kristina Messina, Heather O'Donnell, Bernadette Phillips, Art Sarnese, Tarah Sawyer, Carolyn

Sinone, Roma Surti, Dawn Watkins, Michelle Wendt and Jacqueline Votta.

For a full description of the event, along with photos, a program listing participants and abstracts of their projects, visit the [Graduate Studies site](#).



Above: Graduate Education faculty Doug Groff and Dr. Kim Lebak view MAEL student, Ron Schmid's poster.

At right: Provost Harvey Kesselman with MAEL student Dana Meyers and Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, Dr. George Sharp.



Looking for Common Core ready resources by teachers, for teachers? Visit the NJDOE [NJCORE.org](http://NJCORE.org) web site. Upload some of your resources, and download some to share.

### Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

#### Pilot Testing PARCC in NJ:

A total of [1,276 schools](#) (approximately 58 percent of all schools with tested grade levels) in 445 of New Jersey's 637 "local education agencies," which includes school districts and charter schools, will take part in field testing of the new PARCC student assessments. Typically, the field tests will be done in one or two classrooms in

each participating school. Students participating in the PARCC field test will take only a portion of test so individual student or school reports will not be generated.

The field tests are an opportunity for districts to experience both the content of the new PARCC tests as well as the process for administering the com-

puter-based assessments. There will be no consequences for students, teachers or schools associated with the field testing.

The coming field test of the PARCC assessments will occur in March and May, before the PARCC tests are implemented statewide in the spring of 2015. Preview samples at [PARCC's practice test site](#).

### Mark Your Calendars

"Most modern calendars mar the sweet simplicity of our lives by reminding us that each day that passes is the anniversary of some perfectly uninteresting event."

- Oscar Wilde

1/21 Spring Classes Begin	4/17-5/2 <b>Administer IDEAs</b>	5/11 Undergraduate Spring Commencement Ceremony
1/28 Drop/Add period ends	4/18 Good Friday; normal campus operations	5/14 <b>All grades due</b>
2/1 Deadline to <a href="#">file for Spring Graduation</a>	<b>NOTE: Modified Class Ending</b>	5/19 Summer Session I and II classes begin
2/17 President's Day; normal campus operations	5/2 Spring Classes End	6/30 Session I ends
3/8-16 Spring Break	5/6 <b>Graduating Senior grades due by 10am</b>	7/1 Session III classes begin
3/25 Preceptorial Advising	5/8 Graduate Ceremony Commencement	7/28 Session II ends
4/2 Preceptorial Advising		8/11 Session III ends

### Spotlight in Memoriam: Dr. Rita Mulholland



Dr. Mary "Rita" Mulholland joined the Stockton faculty in 2006 after a long and successful practitioner career in K-12 education, dedicated to her lifelong passion: advocating for special education.

Dr. Mulholland earned her Ph.D. from American University, her M.A. from

Catholic University and her B.A. from Alvernia College.

During her six years on the faculty of the MAED program, Dr. Mulholland taught nearly every one of the courses in our Special Education track, having designed a number of these courses around her research interests in learn-

ing disabilities, assistive technology and curriculum adaptations.

On learning about her battle with cancer, Dr. Mulholland's former students remembered her as "independent, forward-thinking, risk-taking, exacting, technologically-savvy and inspirational."

## SRI & ETTC

**17th Annual Conference From My Classroom to Yours** will be on Wednesday, March 12. Submit your proposal to present, register to attend or to exhibit at the [best professional development event](#) in south Jersey.

Registrations are also open for [NJEA Techstock](#) on July 16 and for [All Things Google](#) on July 23. Join your colleagues this

summer for both of these two professional development conferences.

Read the [Annual Report](#) from the SRI & ETTC, which offered workshops to 11,882 educators!

Congratulations to SRI & ETTC Technology Integrationist, **Michelle Wendt**, for earning her MAIT degree last fall, and kudos to **Dr. Judith deStefano** and **Dr. Phil**

**Heery** on being tapped to lead the search for a new superintendent in Lindenwold.

Click to see [All Workshops](#) and register today for your professional development at any of our locations or your own.

Is your school or district a member of the SRI & ETTC consortium? Check our [member list of 89 educational organizations](#).



The SRI & ETTC facility located on 10 W. Jim Leeds Road in Galloway

## Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni

**Sandra Day O'Connor** to visit Stockton on March 24 for a [public presentation](#).

**Stockton Foundation Scholarships** are now open to all applicants: [for both undergraduate and graduate students](#). Apply today. Reviewers will consider your single application for all funds for which you are eligible.

**Phi Delta Kappa** offers more than 30 prospective educators scholarships each year. [Applications are due April 1, 2014](#).

**Stockton Board of Trustees Fellowships for Distinguished Students** re-opened for summer funds up to \$1000. [Applications are due no later than March 14, 2014](#).

**Now Hiring:** Pleasantville Schools are [seeking applicants](#) for professional and paraprofessional positions. Register for LEAP Academy [Career Open House](#) on February 8, 8:30-12:30.

**Free Access to EdWeek:** thanks to our library, any Stockton community member can access premium [Edweek.org](#) from campus.



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## Resources & Opportunities for Teachers and Principals

**The Federal Government wants you to know about Loan Repayment Options** As part of Obama's pledge to make college affordable, more options for repayment are featured at its [Student Aid](#) web site.

**Teachers:** enter AAUW's [Battle of the Plans](#) contest

to win a \$300 gift card announced on February 20.

**Farmers Insurance** will offer \$1,000,000 in grants to thank a million teachers on their [website](#). Anyone can log on and thank a specific teacher, who will then be eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$2,500.

Principals and HR Directors: Register today for our Educator Career Fair.

Alumni and students: Mark your calendars to attend, bring resumes and dress for success on May 21, 2014.

SAVE THE DATE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Spring 2014 Teacher Education Fair

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Campus Center, Event Room

Meet, network and interview Stockton Education candidates in the following certification areas:

Elementary, Middle School Endorsements, Secondary, English as a Second Language, Bilingual/Bicultural, Special Education, P-3, Reading Specialist, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, Supervisory and Instructional Technology Specialist

For event details and to register please go to: [www.stockton.edu/careerconnect/employer](http://www.stockton.edu/careerconnect/employer)



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Our School of Education prepares new K-12 teachers for TEAC-accredited initial certification. We emphasize more and better field experiences than most other pre-service programs in New Jersey.

We also offer a TEAC-accredited graduate program for master teachers and a program for instructional technologists. Many of our courses lead to additional state certifications and endorsements, and all can be customized to meet your needs, both at our Stockton locations in Galloway, Atlantic City, Hammonton, Manahawkin or Woodbine, as well as anywhere within your school district. Special group and on-site tuition pricing plans are available as well.

Our Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center (SRI & ETTC) offers professional development aimed at increasing student achievement. Our Centers for Community Schools and Financial Literacy fulfill our commitment to excellence in student and community engagement.

## From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends of our School,  
Welcome to 2014, a year that begins with our loss of an influential faculty member and a renewed dedication to her good work.

Our School mourned the loss of **Dr. Rita Mulholland** earlier this month. Before her very brief battle with cancer, Dr. Mulholland set up a Foundation fund just for Special Education. Through that fund, Dr. Mulholland made it possible for [several graduate students to visit Cochin, India](#) and set up a technology-enhanced learning environment for the children at a Don Bosco Center there. In

memory of Dr. Mulholland, our School has also made additional gifts to the Don Bosco Center and to Dr. Mulholland's fund.

If you would like to give, please use the persistent link to the right of this column. To designate your gift in Memory of Dr. Rita Mulholland, please direct it to the College address at 101 Vera King Farris Drive. The Foundation will notify her family of your support.

Thank you very much to those School of Education alumni, friends and faculty who gave generously to our Annual Fund. Callers reported back that they

truly enjoyed speaking with our family of educators. Your generosity has already helped our very modest fund to double in its original size, and we now have several times the number of donors we had when we began the fund back in September. If you missed the Annual Fund, use the link at the right. No gift is too small, and every gift grows the fund for the future: [Reasons to Give](#).

As always, please email [keenanc@stockton.edu](mailto:keenanc@stockton.edu) any time with your feedback.

Sincerely,  
Dr. "ClauDean" Keenan



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