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Achievements and Accolades

Congratulations to Assistant Professor **Dr. Priti Haria** on having her presentation "Impact of Word Walk on Preschoolers Vocabulary" accepted to the Embracing Inclusive Approaches Conference in Braga, Portugal July 14-17.

Congratulations as well to Associate Professor **Dr. Lois Spitzer** on publishing her article "Cross-cultural awareness: Can one course make a difference?" in the *Journal of Multiculturalism in Education*.

More congratulations to Professor **Dr. Deb Figart** for publishing her article "Proposed National Stand-

ards in Personal Finance: What's In? What's Out," co-authored with Mark Maier, and Julie Nelson in *Social Education*, the journal of the National Council for Social Studies.

Dr. Deb Figart has also been serving as an advisor to a Stockton team of undergraduate students competing in "It's Up to Us" a campaign to raise awareness about the National Debt, including a [video](#).

Join **Dr. Deb Figart** in the Campus Center meeting rooms throughout the week of [February 24 for America Saves Week](#), when she will give several presentations

on personal finance of interest to students, faculty, staff, campus neighbors and friends. All are welcome.

Congratulations to Associate Professor **Dr. Norma Boakes**, who will be presenting her "Five Year Study of Origami's Impact on Spatial Skills" at a [conference in Tokyo](#).

Even more congratulations to our graduate students who scored well above the state average for principal certification: **Cara Surace, Ron Schmid, Matt Purdue, Angelic Delcher, Dana Meyers** and their tireless mentor and SLLA coach, Assistant Professor, **Dr. George Sharp**. Kudos to all!

Sandra Day O'Connor at Stockton College

On Monday, March 24 at 6:00pm in the Sports Center, Stockton welcomes Supreme Court Justice **Sandra Day O'Connor** for the inaugural Dean and Zoe Pappas Lecture Series. Tickets are free, but must be [ordered online](#) in advance of the event.

Sandra Day O'Connor (Retired), Associate Justice, was born in El Paso, Texas, March 26, 1930. She married John Jay O'Connor III in 1952 and has three sons - Scott, Brian, and Jay. She received her B.A. and LL.B. from Stanford University.

She served as Deputy County Attorney of San Mateo County, California from 1952-1953 and as a civilian attorney for Quartermaster Market Center, Frankfurt, Germany from 1954-1957. From 1958-1960, she practiced law in Maryvale, Arizona, and served as Assistant Attorney General of Arizona from 1965-1969.

She was appointed to the Arizona State Senate in 1969 and was subsequently reelected to two two-year terms. In 1975 she was elected Judge of the Maricopa

County Superior Court and served until 1979, when she was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals.

President Reagan nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and she took her seat September 25, 1981. Justice O'Connor retired from the Supreme Court on January 31, 2006.

Mr. Dean Pappas, a member of the Stockton College Board of Trustees since 2006, and his wife, **Zoe S. Pappas**, established Visiting Scholar Fund to bring noted scholars to Stockton.



Order your free tickets today to see Sandra Day O'Connor at Stockton College next month.



Have you tried out the new Computer-based Sample Items from PARCC?

Visit the web site today from your desktop, your tablet or try from your school's computer lab.

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

[Try out sample test questions](#) on the technology platform that students will use when taking the pilot test items later this spring.

Teachers, students, parents and others can engage with the sample items using computer-based tools such as drag-and-drop, multiple select, text highlighting, and an equation builder. PARCC

has also released online tutorials that demonstrate how students will navigate the test; how to use the computer-based tools; and features that make the test more accessible for all students, including those with disabilities and English learners.

To get a true understanding of the range of rigor, item types and functionali-

ties, users should try test items in more than just one grade, as each grade level does not have all item types. The sample items will not be scored.

IMPORTANT: The sample items work on many devices and browsers, but not all – be sure to check out the technical requirements below before trying the sample items.

Mark Your Calendars

"In times like these, it is helpful to remember that there have always been times like these."

- Paul Harvey

3/8-16 Spring Break

3/24 [Sandra Day O'Connor](#) inaugural Pappas Lecture

3/25 Preceptorial Advising

4/2 Preceptorial Advising

4/17-5/2 **Administer IDEAs**

4/18 Good Friday; normal campus operations

[NOTE: Modified Class Ending](#)

5/2 Spring Classes End

5/6 **Graduating Senior grades due by 10am**

5/8 Graduate Spring Commencement Ceremony

5/11 Undergraduate Spring Commencement Ceremony

5/14 **All Spring grades due**

5/19 Summer Session I and II

classes begin

6/7 G. Larry James Legacy Bike Ride

6/23-7/1 Incoming Freshmen Orientation

6/30 Summer Session I ends

7/1 Summer Session III begins

7/28 Summer Session II ends

8/11 Summer Session III ends



IDEA Administration: Make the Most of Administration and Objectives

As noted by the Institute for Faculty Development, [everyone can choose](#) to be evaluated online, even if your class is taught in a traditional fashion. In fact, if faculty do not choose paper forms on the IDEA selection or opt out of ratings by the deadline, their **students will use online forms**. Those teach-

ing small classes may also use the online small class form, which allows students to type (rather than handwrite) their qualitative responses.

If you would like to administer your IDEA ratings online, but want to ensure a high response rate, you may schedule a computer lab session during IDEA

administration (4/17-5/2) or you may request a laptop cart for your classroom by sending an email to soe@stockton.edu or phoning 609-652-4688. IDEA Essential, Important or Minor objectives create a "weight" on that portion of your ratings. Make the most of these: [read this article](#) from the Institute.

SRI & ETTC

17th Annual Conference From My Classroom to Yours is filling fast: Wednesday, March 12. 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.

If you haven't had a chance yet to "Like" us on [Facebook](#), [log in now](#) to see the news we're posting.

Did you know that you may use your SRI & ETTC hours for any of our partnership programs? You can learn [Printmaking](#) at the Noyes Museum in April or join the STEM-

focused [Teach at the Beach](#) program in May. Visit the [SRI & ETTC web site](#) to learn more.

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

Stockton Foundation Scholarships [for undergraduate and graduate students](#) are due March 14. Reviewers consider your application for all eligible funds.

Stockton Board of Trustees Fellowships for Distinguished Students apply by [March 14](#) for summer funds up to \$1000.

The US Department of Education invites applications for [summer internships](#) through March 15.

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

Volunteer your time to give a kid with muscular

dystrophy the best week of their year! [Learn more](#) and contact [Gloria English](#) at the New Jersey office about camp August 16-22 in Hardwick, NJ.

The [Barack Obama Green Charter High School](#) in Plainfield seeks a 10th grade biology teacher. Email principal [Kate Reilly](#) for more information.

FAFSASM

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Anyone can fill out the FAFSA -- for free -- on the official government web site at www.fafsa.gov.

Resources & Opportunities for Teachers and Principals

SchoolsMovingUp, a [WestEd](#) initiative, connects schools and districts with experts, resources, and each other on topics related to improving student outcomes. View the free [archived webinars](#) online.

The Yale National Initiative offers teachers a rich array of thousands of [free curricular](#)

[units](#) written by public school teachers who have participated in their summer local and national Teaching Institutes.

The Library of Congress is accepting applications for its week-long summer program in Washington, D.C. Educators and librarians of all grade levels and subject areas interested in primary sources should [apply](#) by March 24.

Dodge Poetry Workshops throughout New Jersey, just \$5 to [register online](#), optional Common Gathering on May 4.

ASCD has announced free webinars about curriculum, assessment and instruction in multiple content areas that align with Common Core State Standards. Visit their web site to learn more about the [Virtual Learning Network](#) program.



The Library of Congress Center for the Book is now accepting applications for the Literacy Awards that have made outstanding contributions to increasing literacy in the US and abroad.

Applications are due March 31.

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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,
This winter continues to provide us with challenges: weather delays and closings, release of the second volume of new School Performance Reports, sample test items for PARCC, pilot implementation, more waves of teacher performance evaluation, and the resignation of our NJDOE Commissioner of Education.

As we face each of the challenges that accompanies the ultimate goal of strengthening education for all learners, we are most fortunate to have each other. As partners, we accomplish more than we

ever could alone.

Whether you team or co-teach, mentor someone or seek collaboration, each time you work with another educator, you have the potential to expand your success exponentially.

This month, I'd like to send a special word of thanks out to all cooperating and mentor teachers in our K-12 schools. Each of you who works with a future educator makes a contribution to the profession.

As I speak with principals, supervisors, superintendents and teachers, I continue to hear that our profession is well worth the additional

time and effort that we are all putting into accountability. While we've known all along how dedicated we are to student learning, the "reforms" will eventually reveal that teaching remains the best profession.

Thank you for your dedication to our profession, even as we face a series of formidable challenges. Working in partnership we will not only overcome, but we will triumph: together.

As always, please email keenanc@stockton.edu any time with your feedback.

Sincerely,
Dr. "ClauDean" Keenan

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