



# The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Welcome to The School of Education

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## Stockton at the NJEA Convention

Visit the Stockton College booth #1517 in the NJEA Exhibit Hall to catch up on what's new at the College, fill out an updated contact card, and pick up your Stockton gift.



Alumni, join your Stockton College faculty, staff and friends for a **Reunion Lunch** at the Sheraton Ambassador Room from 12-2pm on Thursday, November 6.



Don't miss High Tech Hall at the NJEA Convention.

Be sure to catch workshops with your favorite Stockton faculty, staff and alumni:

Google Forms with **Michelle Wendt** Thursday 1 & 2pm at Table 1;

Take Ten from PARCC Place with **Dr. Amy Ackerman** and **Karen Simmons** Thursday 1 & 2pm at Table 3;

Introduction to Edmodo with **Liz Calderwood** Thursday 9am, 1 and 4pm, and

Friday 9am and 1pm in the Edmodo Theater.

Advanced Edmodo with **Liz Calderwood** Thursday 11am and 2pm and Friday 11am in Edmodo Theater.

Fun with Finch with **Lynne Kesselman** Friday 11 and 12pm, Table 1; and

App-onomy with **Dr. Doug Harvey** Friday 1 & 2pm at Table 3.



## Achievements and Accolades

Congratulations to **Dr. Deb Figart** on being nominated as the sole candidate to serve as President-Elect of the Association for Evolutionary Economics. As such, Dr. Figart will advance to the office of President.

**Jeanne DelColle** and other NJ Teachers of the Year collaborated with MaryPat Christie on [Eureka! Invention & Innovation in NJ](#) at Drumthwacket now through November 19.

**Dr. Susan Cydis** accompanied two colleagues from the Business School to an Assessment Institute where

they presented Stockton's Essential Learning Outcomes to a national audience of assessment specialists. Dr. Cydis is accepting faculty applications for an ELO Study Group, too.

New arrivals to the School of Education family this year include Brennan Rossell, born to budget office manager, **Erin Rossell**, Ray Hu, born to Internationalization Specialist **JY Zhou**, and Aegis Grace, born to Carter and Johnny Quinn, daughter-in-law and son of **Dr. John Quinn**. Welcome to the School of Education family!

Stockton student teachers Jessica Devlin, Jacquelyne Leslie, Tiffany Service, Kelsey Quattrochi and Tamara Morey presented at Open House October 19. See them again at 10:15 and 11:00am on November 9 and December 7.



Jeanne Muzi, Michelle Delbene, Gerilyn Gerhart, Mary Pat Christie, Jeanne DelColle, Jill Maiorano, Kathy Assini at the opening of Eureka!

## PARCC Updates: Pearson Portal to Practice Tests and Tutorial



Catch up on past issues and sign up for your own PARCC Updates [newsletter](#).

The PARCC practice tests have a brand new Pearson-branded portal, complete with tutorial materials, technology set-up guides, manuals and training modules. Still accessible as a link from within the main [parconline.org](http://parconline.org) web site, you can reach the practice tests quickly [here](#).

PARCC itself has been holding a monthly office hour on Twitter, taking questions and responding at #askPARCC. The first session from September has been archived, to be followed by October [here](#).

As the political season reaches a pinnacle, PARCC has been focusing on cementing its assessment on its alignment to the Common Core State Standards. PARCC's newsletter recently carried highlights of political debates that featured the Common Core, including Gov. Hickenlooper, who defended Colorado's use of CCSS in a debate against Republican challenger Bob Beauprez in a debate hosted by Politico, rejecting the idea the Standards are dictated by Washington. "We need to know that an 'A' in Alamosa is the same as an 'A'

in Grand Junction and an 'A' in Denver," Hickenlooper said. View the debate [here](#), and another in NYC [here](#).

However the Common Core fares in the polls, however, the PARCC consortium is under intense pressure to retain member states. PARCC has always planned to set per-student pricing based on membership, so the reduction from 26 to 12 plus DC has presented a vexing challenge for the consortium and its remaining members, even as [Chicago is urging an Illinois pull-out now](#), too.

## Mark Your Calendars

"On Halloween, the parents sent their kids out looking like me."

-Rodney Dangerfield

11/4 Election Day: Classes in session, campus offices open

11/5 Precepting: No Classes  
**Faculty [IDEA selections due](#)**

11/6 Stockton Alumni Lunch Reunion at Sheraton Hotel

11/9 Stockton Open House

11/11 Veteran's Day: Classes in session, offices open

11/12 Deadline to Withdraw

**11/12-12/4 IDEA Window  
(Online closes 12/2)**

12/7 Stockton Open House

12/8 Graduate Showcase

12/10 Classes End

**12/12 Graduating Senior  
grades due by 8am**

12/14 Commencement

12/24 All Grades due

12/25-1/1 Holiday break



## Faculty Tips for Strengthening Student Ratings with IDEA



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Thanks to Craig Myrtetus for the email tip in this article. His online IDEA response rates are consistently higher than many paper-based class administrations.

Stockton faculty: please be sure to [select your IDEA](#) format (paper or online) by **November 5**. If you opt for paper, you must also select your objectives at the same link. Remember that Essential objectives are double-weighted in your responses. View the new [tutorial](#) for more tips.

If you select online admin-

istration (the planet thanks you for saving paper, fuel to ship the forms and time) you will receive an email link to select objectives.

To increase online response rates, send your own email messages to students, early and often. For example, on 11/18:

*You will receive an email through your Stockton ac-*

*count starting tomorrow, and will receive the same one each day until the evaluation is completed—the email will provide a link to the survey.*

*1. Click on the link*

*2. Enter your Z#*

*3. Complete the Survey*

*I thank you for completing the survey; your feedback is extremely important when considering any revisions to this course and our Program.*

## SRI & ETTC UPDATE

**Call for proposals**, exhibits, and early registration are now open for the Annual [From My Classroom to Yours](#) conference, south Jersey's best teacher-to-teacher event. Save the date Wednesday, March 11.

In case you missed the last issue of [Stockton Now](#), the College e-zine, check out the article featuring the SRI & ETTC

for its professional development on both technology and Common Core, as well as current grant work in the region.

Bookmark [TechTalk](#) to stay in touch with the latest news, products and services as they are announced. Similarly, [What's New in STEM](#) aggregates it all for you.

The SRI&ETTC has public workshops to meet all of

your professional development needs, including Edmodo, screencasting, PARCC, Video Production 101, Web 2.0 Photo Editing, Cloud Computing, SmartBoard and more. Visit the [SRI&ETTC calendar](#) to register yourself and/or a team of colleagues.

For custom workshops, contact the SRI&ETTC at 609-626-3850.



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

View the [2013-14 Annual Report](#)

## Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni

Have you [registered](#) for your free **CareerConnect** account? Upload your resume, search for jobs and attend career fairs.

**Delta Kappa Gamma Xi Chapter** book awards are available to all women studying education in New Jersey. [Apply today](#).

**College students have choices** for health coverage during open enrollment, which starts on 11/15. [Learn more](#).

The Red Cross of NJ is seeking volunteers who would like to receive training for school-based programs. Gain teaching and

volunteer experience for your resume. Visit the [web site](#) or email a volunteer [intern](#) to apply.

**Support the PT Club** by coming out to cheer on the [Magee Eagles](#), a wheelchair quad rugby team, who will play in the I-wing gym on 11/7 at 7pm.



## Resources & Opportunities for Teachers and Principals

**Delta Kappa Gamma Xi Chapter** Teachers Helping Teachers Classroom Grants are now available. [Apply today](#).

**Annual Kristallnacht Lecture** from the Sara and Sam Holocaust Resource Center is free and open to the public on 11/10 at 7pm in the

Stockton Campus Center. Carries 2 PD hours.

A new **Teacher Workshop** at the Noyes Museum in Oceanville: [Portraits in the Classroom](#) 11/5 for 3 SRI&ETTC hours or \$55 class and materials fee.

[Habitat the Game](#) is looking for teachers with students between the ag-

es of 7-12, with access to smart phones, to collect baseline data on the impact their game has on changing kids' behaviors.

**AAUW Summer Tech Trek** for 8th Grade Girls is seeking math and science teachers July 19-25. Email [AAUW](#) to inquire.





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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.



**Happy Halloween from the School of Education!**

### From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends of our School, The winds of change continue to blow across the education landscape, and some of these carry words of encouragement about the future. Earlier this week, NEA, AFT, CTQ, NSBA and several other national groups endorsed "[A New Social Compact for American Education](#)," a call to replace "test and punish" accountability built around high-stakes exams to a "support and improve" paradigm. The coalition calls for building up schools' capacity to meet the needs of all students and engaging parents and the broader community in the mission

of educating youth. We at the School of Education also endorse this shift to engaging broader partnerships. We believe in accountability and measurement for the valuable formative information we get about important directions for improvement, especially when those directions lead to more and better collaborations. Recently, [USDE and the President](#) published similar sentiments as well, calling for more transparency and judicious decisions about standardized testing as one of many measures that educators consider as they plan to work together to strengthen education.

Once again we thank our many partners for strengthening education. We hope to see you at NJEA, booth 1517 in the Exhibit Hall.

Have you won an award in education? A grant or prize? Gotten a promotion or an entirely new job? Drop us a line and let us share your good news with our faculty, alumni, staff, current students and friends.

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

Best wishes,  
Dr. "ClauDean" Keenan

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