



# Welcome to The School of Education

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## Stockton at the NJEA Convention

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

Be sure to attend the many presentations and workshops offered by Stockton faculty, students, alumni, and staff. Here is your guide to those events throughout the Convention:

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*Tune-up Your Test Tools*  
 Friday: 3 - 4:30 p.m.  
 Room 401  
**Karen Simmons (MAIT '16), Dr. Amy Ackerman (MAIT faculty)**

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*Using Fitness (Zumba) to Stimulate Brain Power within Your Students*

Great Ideas Forum  
 Thursday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Table 11  
 Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Table 11

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**Carlotta H. Marini (TEDU '10), Aaydah L. Copprue-Howard**

*Culturally Responsive Teaching: Meeting the Needs of All Your Students*

Sponsor: NJ Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/ Bilingual Educators

Friday: 3 - 4:30 p.m.  
 Room 304

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**Dr. Lois N. Spitzer (MAED faculty)**

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*Choose Your Plate for Healthy Living*

Sponsor: Educators of Family & Consumer Sciences

Friday: 1 - 2:30 p.m.  
 Room 413

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**Susan Stinson (MAIT '14)**

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*Google Classroom Across the Curriculum*

High Tech Hall  
 Thursday: 9 - 9:50 a.m.  
 Table 2

Thursday: 10 - 10:50 a.m.  
 Table 2

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**Michelle A. Wendt (MAIT '13, SRI&ETTC Staff)**

Michelle (co-)presents **three more** High Tech Hall Workshop topics:

*Google Forms in the Classroom*

Friday: 9 - 9:50 a.m.  
 Table 3

Friday: 10 - 10:50 a.m.  
 Table 3

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**Michelle A. Wendt**

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*Getting Started with Edmodo*

Edmodo Theater  
 Thursday: 9 - 9:30 a.m.  
 Thursday: 12 - 12:30 p.m.  
 Thursday: 3 - 3:30 p.m.  
 Friday: 9 - 9:30 a.m.  
 Friday: 12 - 12:30 p.m.

Melissa A. Butler, Cindy A. Leatherwood, Ned Levy,  
**Michelle A. Wendt**

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*So You Think You Know Edmodo: What's New*

Edmodo Theater  
 Thursday: 10 - 10:30 a.m.  
 Thursday: 2 - 2:30 p.m.  
 Friday: 11 - 11:30 a.m.  
 Friday: 2 - 2:30 p.m.

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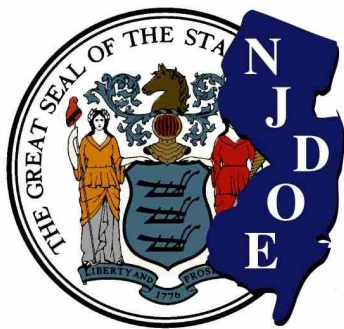
Christine Duane, Ned Levy, **Michelle A. Wendt**



Visit the newly-updated Stockton University booth at NJEA in the Atlantic City Convention Center. Alumni of Stockton College may take a souvenir photo set against the new University backdrop.



## NJDOE Update: PARCC Scores



The Department has updated and expanded the resources available on its [PARCC page](#) for educators and parents to include news about the forthcoming score reports.

As part of a comprehensive [roll-out campaign](#), the New Jersey Department of Education held a press event at the New Jersey Manufacturers headquarters in Trenton on October 20 to release the first statewide PARCC results from the 2014-15 school year.

Commissioner Hesse and others at the press event [noted challenges that lie ahead](#) for New

Jersey educators, students and parents, and the potential for more specific district, school, and student level results to help inform instruction. Overall, fewer than 50% of all New Jersey test takers met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts and Math on most grade levels. Variations by grade level showed the poorest scores in 8th-

11th grade math, where no more than 36% of test takers met or exceeded grade-level standards.

NJEA officials were not at the press event, but [released a statement](#) that noted “a deeply flawed” tool and process.

The State Board will adopt “cut scores” at its [November 4th meeting](#).

### Mark Your Calendars

“Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf is a flower.”

~ Albert Camus

11/3 Election Day: Classes in session, campus offices open

11/4 Precepting: No Classes before 3:35pm

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

11/12 Deadline to Withdraw

11/17-12/3 IDEA Paper Forms

11/20-12/3 IDEA Online

12/4-10 Sub-term B IDEAs

12/7 Graduate Showcase

12/10 Classes End

12/11 Reading Day

12/14-17 Finals Week

**12/18 Graduating Senior grades due by NOON**

12/20 Commencement

12/22 Grades due

12/25 - 1/3 Holiday Break; reopening 1/4



**Carlotta (Nortman) Marini** earned her LITT degree in 2008, and her TEDU in 2010. Now a 5th grade teacher in New Brunswick, Carlotta was nominated for the Stockton Professional Achievement award by **Dr. Norma Boakes (TEDU)**.

## Spotlight on Carlotta Marini, TEDU '10

**Carlotta Marini '08, '10**, teaches at the Paul Robeson Community School. Marini’s work in her school district drew the attention of the NJTV program [“Classroom Closeup,”](#) which features innovative projects in New Jersey public schools. Last year, a special program featured Carlotta’s Zumba program for the positive impact she has had on parents, col-

leagues, children, her school and surrounding community of New Brunswick. She received funding from the NJEA HIPP Foundation to offer dance classes and family fitness experiences with a focus on the school’s Latino community. She has since received a continuation grant in the amount of \$10,000 to continue her popular fitness program, which now

includes a nutrition education component. Carlotta’s engagement through her [HIPP grant](#) has allowed her to continue to develop as a professional. She is invited to speak at NJEA this November as a Great Ideas Forum Presenter and was recently a Donors Choose Grant Recipient. The Jackson, NJ resident received degrees in Literature and in Education from Stockton.

## SRI & ETTC

Have you ever thought about presenting a workshop for your peers? The SRI&ETTC is now accepting workshop proposals for the 19th annual "From My Classroom to Yours" Conference scheduled for March 16, 2016. [Click here for more information.](#)

A new workshop on [Hazing and Bullying in Athletics](#) with a team including the prosecutor's office and an athletic director is scheduled for November 18.

Register your classroom teachers and paraprofessionals for "[Maximizing the Teacher and Paraprofessional Experience](#)," on November 12.

Workshops on PARCC and Common Core Math and ELA topics are being offered on November 18 & 19. [Check our calendar for specific titles.](#)

We are excited to offer an [Evidence-Centered Leadership Seminar](#) with Dr.

Tracy Severns on December 10 & 11. Consider registering your admin team members for this instructional leader training.

Registration is now open for our [Social Studies Conference](#), "Connecting Yesterday and Today," on February 25, 2016.

Back by popular demand! [Google Educator Certification Boot Camp](#) with Rich Kiker on January 25 and January 26, 2016.



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

## Resources & Opportunities for Current Students and Recent Alumni

**NJSEA Members** invited to volunteer at Convention may [sign up online](#) for shifts and contact [Hannah Pawlak](#) for information.

**AAUW Career Development Grant** invites women who earned a bachelor's before 2011 to [apply for graduate scholarships](#), due December 15, 2015.

**Apply for a DKG Book Award** open to all female education students, deadline to [apply online](#) is on December 31, 2015.

**Relieve Poverty:** Consider a [VISTA](#) experience!

**IAAC in Pleasantville** is looking for substitute teachers. Contact [Natakie Chestnut](#) to apply today.

**AAUW** seeks volunteers and teachers for its second annual Summer STEM Teck Trek Camp at Stockton, July 17-23, 2016.

The **Library of Congress** offers several [collections of free materials](#) to promote reading and literacy.

**ED.gov:** Free [ELL Toolkit](#) available for download.



## Resources & Opportunities for Teachers and Principals

**CSTA** Southern New Jersey chapter of the [Computer Science Teachers Association](#) meets at Stockton November 9, 6:00pm.

**Stockton University PDK Chapter #1616** meets semi-monthly for professional development and networking. Visit the [web](#)

[site](#) for a full calendar of 2015-16 events.

**NSTA** invites [applications to its 2015-16 awards program](#) applications due November 30.

**Laura Bush Foundation** Library [Grant applications for up to \\$7,000](#) are due December 14, 2016.

**Delta Kappa Gamma Xi Chapter** Teachers Helping Teachers Classroom Grants due [April 1, 2016](#).

The **International Literacy Association (ILA)** invites applications for its Teacher as Researcher Grants of up to \$5,000 per teacher. [Apply online](#) by January 15, 2016.





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

We also offer a CAEP-TEAC-accredited [graduate program](#) for master teachers, supervisors, reading specialists, principals and a program for [instructional technologists](#). Many 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, and 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 enhance our commitment to excellence in community engagement.

## The Stockton School of Education CONNECTS.

### From the Dean's Desk

Dear Friends of our School,

As the amazingly beautiful foliage begins to fall from our south Jersey trees, we look forward to gathering with friends and colleagues at the annual NJEA Convention. Alumni are invited to a reunion luncheon from 12-2pm in the Sheraton on Thursday, November 5th. We hope to see you there!

This month's issue also contains updates about state test results, which have presented policy-makers and educators alike with a set of challenges for the future. As we continue to adapt instruction to a nationally shared core of standards, our best pathways forward

will be those we follow in partnership with one another. From initial teacher preparation to advanced in-service professional development, the work we do at the School of Education relies on the strength of our partnerships with our P-12 schools. As we review the challenges that initial test results present, our School is committed to continue working with all of yours on grants and programs that will continue to strengthen education in New Jersey.

This issue also celebrates our Professional Achievement Award Winner, Carlotta Marini, who has taken education beyond her classroom walls, into her community for

improving health outcomes overall. Carlotta reminds us that every time we think we have done all that we can, there is always something more we can do to help our students and families.

Finally, as always, we thank every donor to the School of Education. No gift is too small; you can give online: [www.stockton.edu/give](http://www.stockton.edu/give) making it *that easy*. Just pull down the Scholarships choice to Education!

As always, please drop us a line and let us share your good news; please email [keenanc@stockton.edu](mailto:keenanc@stockton.edu) with your feedback.

Best wishes,  
Dr. "ClauDean" Keenan

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