Stockton University Receives Four Telly Awards

Stockton University has received four Telly awards for its video productions, including President Harvey Kesselman and First Lady Lynne Kesselman’s 2016 “Season’s Greetings from Stockton University,” which features a wide array of students, faculty and staff.

University Relations & Marketing (URM) earned a bronze Telly for the holiday greeting, while Production Services and URM collaborated on the “Choose Stockton” marketing campaign, which also won bronze.

In addition, Production Services took bronze for two public service videos, the first providing training in the event of an active shooter on campus, and the Resiliency Project, aimed at preventing suicide and erasing the stigma of confronting mental health issues. Six Stockton students shared their personal experiences with mental health during production of the documentary, directed by Kent Green, a professional services specialist in Production Services. Active Shooter was co-produced with Student Rights & Responsibilities, and the Resiliency Project was co-produced with The Wellness Center’s Counseling Services.

“One of the projects that brought me the greatest joy from this year’s Suicide Prevention Week were our Resiliency stories, that were shot, edited and directed by the amazingly talented Kent Green,” said Nathan Morell, assistant director of Counseling Services. “I am super excited that this project that is so near and dear to my heart is being recognized for the talent it showed and for the lifesaving potential it contains.”

The Telly Awards bills itself as the premier award honoring the best in TV and cable, digital and streaming, and non-broadcast productions.

The Choose Stockton campaign, which is ongoing, “showcases the true experiences of real students in their learning environments,” said URM Executive Director Geoffrey Pettifer. “We considered a variety of programs, going school by school. For example, we considered how a Marine Biology student learns. Well, they get their feet wet. So, let’s encourage prospective students to “choose” Stockton for that. It continued from there, with a Biology student getting ‘lost in the woods,’ a Sculpture student choosing to get his ‘hands dirty,’ and a History student choosing to ‘travel through time.’

“This campaign wouldn’t be successful without our outstanding students,” he continued. “We specifically researched and recruited some of Stockton’s best. We launched the campaign with a dance student and the tagline, “Choose to Soar.” I believe my team and our creative partners in Production Services have done exactly that with this campaign.”
**Donnetrice Allison Selected for AASCU Emerging Leaders Program**

Donnetrice Allison, associate professor and coordinator of Africana Studies and associate professor of Communication Studies, was selected by the Office of the Provost to participate in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ Emerging Leaders Program, held in Washington, D.C. from June 3 - 6.

The program is designed for early to mid-career professionals and faculty leaders who have an interest in and talent for higher education leadership and who want to advance their careers in administration.

During the three-day seminar, Allison engaged with experienced leaders and experts in higher education and interacted with colleagues from across the country.

“I learned about the good, the bad and the ugly of administration,” she said. “I met some great people from various institutions across the country and we heard fantastic speakers, including current and former university presidents and provosts. I am grateful to have been a part of this program.

“The experience did not make me want to jump into an administrative position,” Allison continued, “but it did inspire me to think of my future in higher education in ways that I had not before. It was very enlightening.”

**Tom O’Donnell Receives April Kauffman Veterans Award**

Tom O’Donnell, assistant dean of students and director of Veteran Affairs, received the April Kauffman Veterans Advocate Award at the fifth annual awards ceremony, held at the Clark Eliason American Legion in Somers Point, N.J. on June 10.

The award is named for the late April Kauffman, formerly of Linwood, N.J., for her work fighting for veterans’ health issues.

The last time O’Donnell worked with April Kauffman, only five days before she was murdered, she was helping with the silent auction for Stockton’s annual golf tournament.

“I am honored to receive this very special award,” O’Donnell said. “April was an inspiration to all who have the wonderful pleasure to work with our heroes. She was a huge influence in helping Stockton’s Veteran Affairs Program become a national model.”

He also received citations for his work on behalf of veterans from U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, and Assemblyman Chris Brown, and received a coin from Michael Francis, LoBiondo’s aide.

O’Donnell accepted the award just weeks before his upcoming retirement from Stockton on June 29. He has worked side-by-side with veterans for 46 years. O’Donnell has been instrumental in establishing Stockton as a Top 10 institution for veterans, as ranked by Military Times.
Mary Lou Galantino Advises on Care as Part of Commission on Cancer

Last fall, Distinguished Professor of Physical Therapy Mary Lou Galantino was selected to serve as the National American Physical Therapy Association’s representative on the Commission on Cancer through the American College of Surgeons.

As part of this role, Galantino recently traveled to Chicago to weigh in on cancer health care standards at the annual meeting of the Commission on Cancer, a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients.

At the meeting, Galantino spent time advocating alongside her colleague Dr. Lori L. Wilson, associate professor of Surgery, chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology and program director of the General Surgery Residency at Howard University Hospital & College of Medicine.

“Both of us are cancer survivors and we offer perspectives as clinicians and patients in the health care system during these meetings,” said Galantino of Wilson.

The members of the commission discussed an array of health topics, including state and legal affairs updates as well as current statistics and survivor care plans. “Needless to say, it is a true honor to be so politically involved in this uncertain terrain of health care coverage for my patients,” Galantino said.

Stocktonians Discuss Community Partnerships at Creative NJ

Several Stocktonians contributed to the Creative New Jersey’s Annual Convening, held at the FEA Conference Center in Monroe Township, N.J. on June 1. Creative New Jersey, a statewide initiative, promotes creativity, collaboration and inclusion from a multitude of stakeholders within specific communities to ensure dynamic communities and thriving economies.

The initiative is based in communities throughout the state, including Atlantic City, explained Alex Marino, assistant to the provost for Atlantic City instructional sites. The annual convening allowed community partners to highlight their collaborative, grassroots projects, which are at the heart of Creative New Jersey.

“It is impressive to see creative examples of community partners working together for the betterment of society,” said Michael Cagno, executive director of the Noyes Museum of Art, who discussed how Atlantic City’s grassroots collaborations have citizens leading change. Other topics included planning for an urban farm and community center collaboration to feed children of Camden as well as developing creative spaces in Orange, N.J.

“We could not have asked for better partners in Atlantic City or Hammonton, and are always excited to hear about the amazing work [Stockton is] doing to move communities forward,” said Kacy O’Brien, program manager at Creative New Jersey.
Charles Ingram to Retire, Michael Angulo Named Interim V.P. of Finance

Charles Ingram, vice president for Administration & Finance, will retire from Stockton effective Sept. 6, with his last day in the office on June 30. Ingram served at Stockton for five years, following 29 years of institutional administration in Arizona, his home state. Ingram will be returning to Arizona to be near family.

“Charles has been an extremely effective leader of Administration & Finance, and has overseen a number of significant achievements including the refinancing of our institutional debt and the enhancement of our facilities including the Quad Expansion and the Atlantic City Gateway Project,” said President Harvey Kesselman in an email to the Stockton community. “He also has been a wonderful colleague and friend, and has provided sage advice to many at Stockton. We will miss him.”

Following Ingram’s retirement announcement, Michael Angulo has been named interim vice president of finance. Angulo also serves as Stockton’s general counsel and director of government relations.

Before Stockton, Angulo served for seven years as the executive director of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, the organization responsible for administering more than $1 billion in financial aid. In addition to his law degree, Angulo has an MBA in Finance from Rutgers University, an Executive MBA Certificate from Rutgers, and an undergraduate degree in Financial Management from the Catholic University of America.

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

The Nursing program held its annual Nursing Pinning Ceremony, where newly graduated nurses are welcomed into the profession with a symbolic pinning by a loved one or faculty member. View photos of the Nursing Pinning Ceremony 2017.

Free to Be Art Show

Earlier this spring, Free to Be held the opening of its annual art show, which featured flat and 3-D pieces art from each child. Families and community members celebrated the artists’ work in the Art Gallery. View photos of the Free to Be Art Show 2017.

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