

Rona Whitehead, Activist-in-Residence, Creating Social Change at Stockton College

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Galloway Township, NJ – Rona Whitehead, activist-in-residence at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, has awarded four mini-grants to student organizations to help them create sustainable change within communities.

Awards were received by Women in S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Students Helping Students, Your Brain Bonanza, and Poetry Anthologies & Art Corner for the Homework Completion Program at Stanley S. Holmes Village.

This is one of many projects Whitehead has worked on during her first semester at Stockton.

As the resident activist, Whitehead works with Stockton's Service-Learning Office to implement awareness and social change within Stockton and its surrounding community. The intention is to create awareness about an issue, providing students with comprehensive knowledge on an issue. Ultimately, she believes awareness will lead students to social activism, allowing them to critically address an issue and be directly involved in providing a solution.

Whitehead, who resides in the Atco section of Waterford Township, Camden County, NJ 08081, is a professor of sociology, management, and facilitator of Pennsylvania in Sociology.

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For the upcoming spring 2015 semester, Whitehead will oversee

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Poetry Anthologies and Art Corner for the Homework Completion Program at Stanley S. Holmes Village \$150

Barbara Edelhauser, a second year Master of Social Work major from Toms River in Ocean County, NJ, said, "Atlantic City can be transformed through the arts." She plans to establish an art corner at the Stanley Holmes Village for students to express their creativity. This project follows her extensive volunteer work at the Police Athletic League where she has worked with students on poetry projects. The artist-poet was inspired by her mother, Shirley Lake, who was a poet, educator and Stockton graduate.

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