

Founding Faculty Member William Daly Tells Graduates: Stockton Is ‘Different and Better’

Over 700 Take Part in Commencement Ceremony

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Galloway Township, NJ - Graduates of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey have distinctive educational advantages that will help them “navigate successfully in this change-dominated era,” said William T. Daly, Distinguished Professor of Political Science in his Commencement address here today.

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Stockton purchased the former casino Showboat Atlantic City for \$18 million on Friday, and will open a residential campus with a full schedule of classes beginning in fall 2015.

“It is appropriate today to celebrate both your achievement

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world,” Archut said. “In all that you do, please remember to believe in yourself. BE YOU. It is with authenticity that each of you will conquer any obstacle placed in your path; turning dreams into a reality.”

Archut is a junior Liberal Studies major with concentrations in Leadership and Hospitality Management. He is active in the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, the Stockton Entertainment Team (SET) and the Hospitality Society, and works as a Resident Assistant and student worker in the Office of the Dean of Students.

Dr. Betsy McShea, associate professor of Developmental Mathematics, was the faculty grand marshal.

Kennis Bero, who graduated today with a bachelor’s degree in Health Science, led the singing of Stockton’s alma mater, “Our Stockton.” Its lyrics are by Dr. Stephen Dunn, winner of the Pulitzer Prize in poetry and a Stockton Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing. The music was composed by Ellen Grolman, a cellist, educator and music reviewer.

A special moment in the ceremony came when Trustee Raymond Ciccone conferred upon Professor Daly the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. President Saatkamp and Dr. Harvey Kesselman, provost and executive vice president of the college, presented Dr. Daly with his hood, the special attire worn to confer graduate degrees.

Daly has received three Outstanding Achievement Awards from the NJ Department of Higher Education, nine appointments by Stockton Student Senate as Social and Behavioral Sciences Professor of the Year, and he was the first recipient of the Stockton Alumni Association’s award for outstanding service to Stockton students.

He is the winner of the Academy for Educational Development’s national prize for educational innovation. He was instrumental in the development of Stockton’s Educational Opportunity Fund, the Basic Studies program and the General Studies program, and he chaired the institutional self-study which led to Stockton’s initial accreditation.

Daly, who will be retiring at the end of the school year, has had an enormous impact on students over the years. One look at [Stockton’s Facebook](#) page shows hundreds of people weighing in, including over 100 comments such as these:

Kelly Bertonazzi: “He is the most devoted, intelligent, altruistic, and sincere person I have ever met. Professor Daly has made a tremendous impact on me as a person.”

Sage Stuart: “He’s a Stockton legend! He taught my father in the 70’s and myself last year. So lucky to know him!”

Sean Havern: “There is no one whose words I remember more from my time at Stockton. Bill Daly is an inspiration to every student fortunate enough to meet him.”

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Editor’s Note: It is recommended that the following language be published with the list of graduates:

The names in this list are those of degree candidates as of Nov. 12, 2014, not those who have been graduated officially. Not every individual who is listed has received a degree from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, and there may be omissions of graduates, as well.