

Stockton University Graduates to Receive Degrees at Dec. 18 Commencement Ceremony

Sonia Gonsalves, Leader in Diversity and Assessment, Is Keynote Speaker

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With list of graduates attached and editor's note at bottom;
photo of Sonia Gonsalves attached.***

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Galloway, N.J. - President Harvey Kesselman will preside over a Baccalaureate Commencement ceremony at Stockton University on **Sunday, Dec. 18**, which will include a keynote address by Sonia Gonsalves, director of Academic Assessment and professor of Psychology, who has been a mentor to many faculty and students in her 25 years at Stockton and a leader in diversity and assessment work. The ceremony will highlight Stockton's commitment to excellence in education and research. For more information, contact the Office of News and Media Relations, Personnel, Pro

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She is the chair of the college-wide assessment committee and has presented her scholarly work on assessment and faculty development at regional, national and international conferences.

In collaboration with Stockton colleagues, Gonsalves has been instrumental in securing diversity and assessment grants, including the multi-year Bildner Campus Diversity Initiative, the Pleasantville Afterschool community grant, and a Teagle Foundation assessment grant. Gonsalves helped to design and introduce the "Diversity Issues" freshman seminar with its cultural apprenticeship component and the follow-up course "Transcending Differences," for more advanced