## Stockton Master's in Communication Disorders Program Earns Five -Year Accreditation

Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton's Master of Science program in Communication Disorders has received accreditation from the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

"We are extremely proud of Dean Theresa Bartolotta's team in the School of Health Sciences,"

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"The program's unique achievements include: presentation of student research at state, national, and international venues; collaboration with students and health care workers in Colombia, South America; providing speech-language services through telepractice; and student leadership in organizations at the state and national levels," said Amy Hadley, associate professor of Communication Disorders. "Graduates of the program have been successfully employed in schools, health care settings and private practices."

At the conclusion of the site visit by representatives of the Council on Academic Accreditation, they commented that they could not believe how much Stockton's Communication Disorders Program had accomplished within five years, Hadley added.

"We foster a learning atmosphere that promotes collaboration and caring rather than competition -- and because of this, our graduates now working in the profession have earned the highest of praise for not only their level of expertise, but for their compassion," said Stacy Cassel, assistant professor of Communication Disorders.

Mikael D.Z. Kimelman, chair of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, wrote to Hadley in announcing the five-year accreditation, "Congratulations to you, the faculty, and staff in the program, as well as the administration, on this national distinction."

"The extraordinary efforts of the faculty have led us to where we are today," said Dean Bartolotta. "The Audio"ilTJ 2s6(o"(pr67(i)o .1.152 Td ("3 )11.3(t)-6.6(oda)10.en80h21.217 pr67(i)o .1.152 T(nare4