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sityøs mission of developing engaged and effective citizens.ö he said. õI am so very broud of the work they do every single day.ö

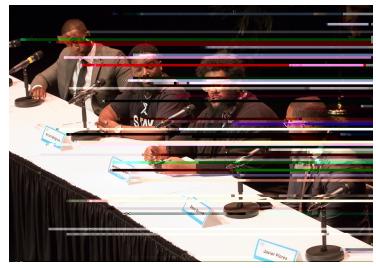
The award recognizes the wide-ranging series of programs at Stockton, including vot er registration, feeding struggling families, and teaching students how to make under water robots. Read more.

### Dean of Students Office Hosts Change the World Youth Conference

On Oct. 24, about 300 middle school and high school boys from Atlantic City, N.J. attended Stocktonøs inaugural Change the World Youth Conference. The conference was designed to create pathways of success and increase the re tention of young men of color.

õThe decline in men attending colleges and universities is a real thing. The decline of African American and Latino men attending the University and graduating is a very real thing. You have a community around you that cares about you and supports you and wants you to succeed,ö Dean of Students Pedro Santana told the of audience of young men.

õWe work hard to provide our students with an exceptional environment where they can grow and learn and challenge themselves. Our goal is to impart on our students that they can do anything,ö he continued.



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Santana shared his own experiences growing up in Washington Heights, a Dominican-American community that borders Harlem.  $\tilde{o}$ When I was growing up, it was the height of the crack epidemic in New York City. There were drugs and gang violence. They were a lot of things that were all around me. Through good fortune and good faith and the wonderful support of my family, friends and the community, I was able to choose a path for myself. My mother had a third grade education and she didnøt even know how to read. My father graduated high school. They didnøt know what a higher education was, but they knew that they wanted that for me.ö

Santana continued, õWhat motivated me and pushed me to this present day was that I saw in my community the need for leadership. I saw within my community the need to do more. I saw within my community the need for hope.ö

The conference featured the debut of the documentary, õFrom Boys to Men: Rising to Success in Atlantic City,ö which cap tures local stories of the success of youth from the Atlantic City area.

Santana said the conference was developed in partnership with several University leaders representing the best amongst

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## Pretty (Handsome) in Pink

# Wendel White Speaks at Photography Lecture at Bradley University

Wendel White, Distinguished Professor of Art, recently had his work, õHaunted Places: The Veil of Race in the American Landscape,ö displayed in the Heuser Art Gallery of Bradley University from Aug. 28 - Oct. 16. He was invited to speak at the institutionøs annual Bunn Lectureship in Photography as a special closing of the exhibit.

õIt was particularly a good opportunity this year, because the lecture was scheduled to coincide with a regional conference of photographic educators,ö White explained.

Because of this, a wide range of students, faculty, staff, art ists and community members from across the region were in attendance. Both the conference and the lecture focused on deŁning place and what place means in different areas of the world.

Whiteøs exhibit included works from two of his projects: õSchools for the Colored,ö a project he started around a decade ago, composed of ar chitectural photographs of currently unused institutions that were prominent in African-American history, and, õRed Summer,ö a more recent project, which focuses on both the 1919 race riots as well as other events that took place between 1917 and 1923.

One of his favorite pieces is a photograph from, õSchools for the Col oredö ó the Bordentown School, or the New Jersey Manual Training and Industrial School for Colored Youth, a once segregated boarding school that operated until 1955. He emphasized the irony of this piece; the building now acts as a juvenile detention center.

His projects are inspired by these cultural memories that have in luenced the issues and behaviors of society today.

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