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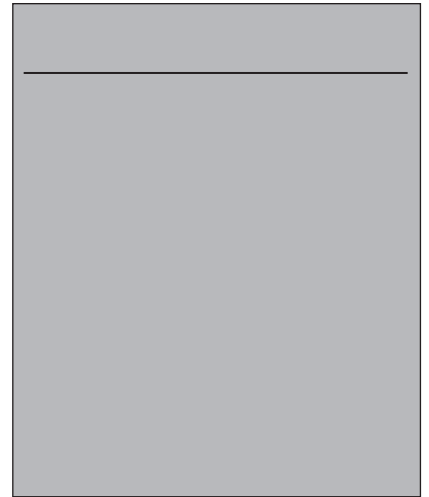
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About 1,500 graduates, Stockton's largest class in history, participated in three cer-

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Davenport told the history of hooding and presented the candidates to the president for conferral of their degrees. She also introduced Stockton's First Lady Lynne Kesselman to the gathering.

Beverly Vaughn, professor of Music, played piano during the National Anthem, and Joseph Sramaty of the Office of Student Affairs, led the singing of the alma mater, "Ospreys on Parade."

Stockton faculty members also awarded emeritus status this spring included: **Shelby Broughton**, associate professor of Chemistry; **Michael Hozik**, professor of Geology; **Evonne Kruger**, associate professor of Business Studies, Management; **Carol Rittner**, Distinguished Professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Dr. Marsha Raticoff Grossman Professor of Holocaust Studies; and **Francis C. Thomas**, professor of Business Studies, Accounting.

The University awarded two posthumous degrees: one to the family of George Lees, who died in April before he could receive his Master of Science in Computational Science degree, and another to the family of Nikita Cross, who was killed tragically in April before she could receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work.

The graduating class presented a student lounge in the I-Wing gallery as its parting gift. Several faculty and staff members received their degrees this spring.

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Stockton University commissioned its new research vessel, the R/V Petrel, on the Bass River in New Gretna, N.J. on May 11, with fe.h20 322h Vnewer in New Gre New Re (and s/Span BDC BT



Jim Gwathney, coordinator of Intramurals and Recreation, and Kenny Jones, student president of Stockton's Intramural Recreational Council, recently presented awards to three distinctive Stockton staff members.

Each year, Gwathney presents the awards to Stockton employees who "go above and beyond in the Stockton way."

Gwathney presented the Shannon Newberry Award to Tom Grites, (pictured top), assistant provost for academic support services, for his commitment to students and student athletes.

"Tom is an active supporter of students and student athletes. He is very knowledgeable academically about what students need or don't need to fulfill requirements, and he supports student activities," Gwathney said.

The Shannon Newberry award is named for a former intramural student officer and Physical Therapy major who passed away in a car accident her senior year at Stockton, Gwathney explained.

Melvin Gregory (pictured center), assistant director of Admissions, received the G. Larry James Award.

"Mel has been a part of the Stockton community for a long time. This award is long overdue," Gwathney said. "He is a hard worker and is always willing to point you in the right direction. Mel is a person who has enjoyed his profession and always steps up to the plate to help others."

The award is named for the late G. Larry James, a longtime administrator at Stockton and an Olympic gold and silver medalist.

Gwathney presented Brian Jackson (pictured bottom), chief of staff, with the Dr. Vera King Farris award, named for the former president of Stockton, who was also Jackson's mentor.

"Brian has worked under three different presidents, has always been a hard worker, and has always been active in the community," Gwathney

We want to know about things going on in the Stockton community. Do you have an unusual hobby? Did one of your co-workers win an award or perform outstanding public service?

Births, weddings, graduations and the like are all good things to submit to The Stockton Times. Contact the editor at 609-626-5521 (ext. 5521) or via email at [StocktonTimes@stockton.edu](mailto:StocktonTimes@stockton.edu).

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