

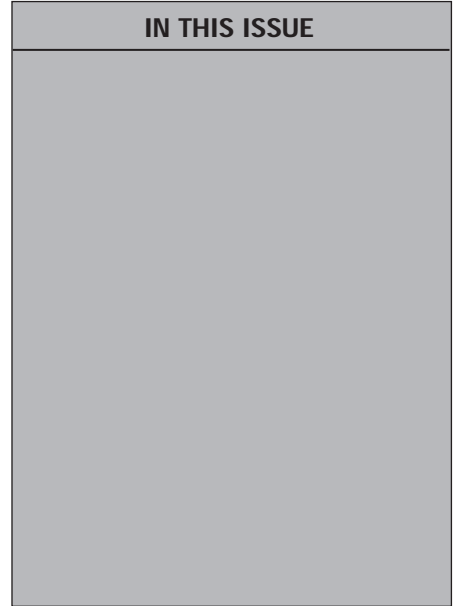
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CBFS Hosts 35th Annual Awards Dinner

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James became pastor of the House of Prayer International in 2012, after being ordained and licensed at Jamieson Theological Seminary as an evangelist in 2001. She and her late husband came to Stockton in 1972 and she “is as much an institution here at Stockton as Larry,” said Jackson, in presenting James’ award.

Donnetrice C. Allison, associate professor of Communications and Africana Studies, and Arleen C. Gonzalez, Esq., associate professor of Criminal Justice, received Merit Awards.

Allison serves as coordinator of Africana Studies and has served as president of the CBFS. She is the vice president of the Faculty Senate. She was cited by alternate student trustee Ike Ejikeme as an inspiration. She has authored articles and presented at national and international conferences on hip hop culture and media portrayals of African Americans.



Gonzalez earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology at Stockton and was an active member of Los Latinos Unidos, a student group she later served as faculty adviser. She earned her law degree at Rutgers University, where she was the only Puerto Rican member of the graduating class. Her love of teaching led her back to Stockton, where she has taught for nearly 30 years.

Jessica Grullón, graduate enrollment counselor and events coordinator, and Alexander C. Marino, assistant to the provost for Atlantic City instructional sites, were recognized with Distinguished Alumni Awards presented by Sara Faurot, director of Alumni Relations.

Grullón, a 2009 Stockton alumna, is a CARE mentor and designated school official for the Student and Exchange Visitor Program for international students and serves as the primary liaison to English Language Centers (ELS) and the Office of Global Engagement. Marino, a 1991 Stockton alumnus, provides operational leadership for the Carnegie Center, Dante Hall Theater and the Noyes Arts Garage.

Dianne Stalling, assistant director of Student Development, presented the Outstanding Stockton Club or Organization Award to the Graduate Student Council.

Susan Davenport, executive vice president and chief of staff, received special recognition. She oversees the Offices of Development & Alumni Relations, University Relations & Marketing, Policy & Procedures, and the operations of the Office of the President. Sonia V. Gonsalves, who was mistress of ceremonies, said Davenport “has always zeroed in on what action she can take to help the most under-represented people.”

Gonsalves, who is professor of Psychology and director of Academic Assessment, was surprised with an award presented by President Harvey Kesselman, recognizing her as she nears retirement. “She always represents the best of faculty,” he said. “I’m not sure there will ever be anyone who can fill your shoes.”

The invocation was given by Sandra Leone of the Office of Development & Alumni Affairs.

Since 1981, the CBFS has awarded \$294,000 to Stockton students, which includes \$19,000 for 21 students in the 2016-2017 academic year. Proceeds from the event support the Council’s Scholarship Endowment for Stockton undergraduate and graduate students.

Patricia W. Collins, president of CBFS, said, “This year marks a historic year. The council was the first organization formed at the institution — in September 1971. We are so excited to celebrate our 45th anniversary as a group, and 35th year of awarding scholarship dollars to Stockton students.”

Stockton Poll Compared Well to Actual Results of Election 2016

Results of two Stockton polls among New Jersey residents were impressively close to the actual results of the Nov. 8 Presidential and Congressional elections, as depicted in percentage points in the chart to the left. The polls were conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center this fall.

“We did very well on the Presidential and Congressional District races.

Spotlight On NJECC Raffle Winner: Geoffrey Pettifer

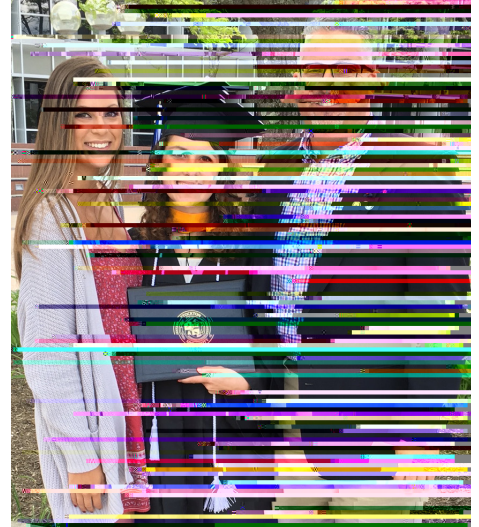
Editor's Note: The annual NJECC runs through Dec. 31. Faculty and staff who donate to the campaign are entered into a weekly raffle. We will feature a winner each week of the campaign.

Geoffrey Pettifer, executive director of University Relations & Marketing, was selected as last week's raffle winner of Stockton's New Jersey Employees Charitable Campaign (NJECC). Pettifer, a 1992 Stockton alumnus, has been employed at Stockton since 2011.

Pettifer was influenced by the "energy of the roll-out" of the NJECC and wanted to do his part to contribute to the success of the initiative. He donates to the Stockton University Foundation, which he says is both "rewarding" and "easy through payroll deduction."

Pettifer, who has donated in previous years, encourages his colleagues to contribute to the campaign "because it feels good," he said. "It's gratifying knowing that my donation eases the financial burden for someone to attend Stockton, benefit from the experience and, hopefully, have a successful career. I firmly believe that any donation will make an impact."

When asked what else the Stockton community should know, he said: "Believe it or not, in less than two years, I will reach 25 years of service as a higher-ed employee in New Jersey. The time has flown! I also have an amazingly talented staff that inspires me each and every day!"



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