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Stockton Community Responds to “Sandy’s” Devastation

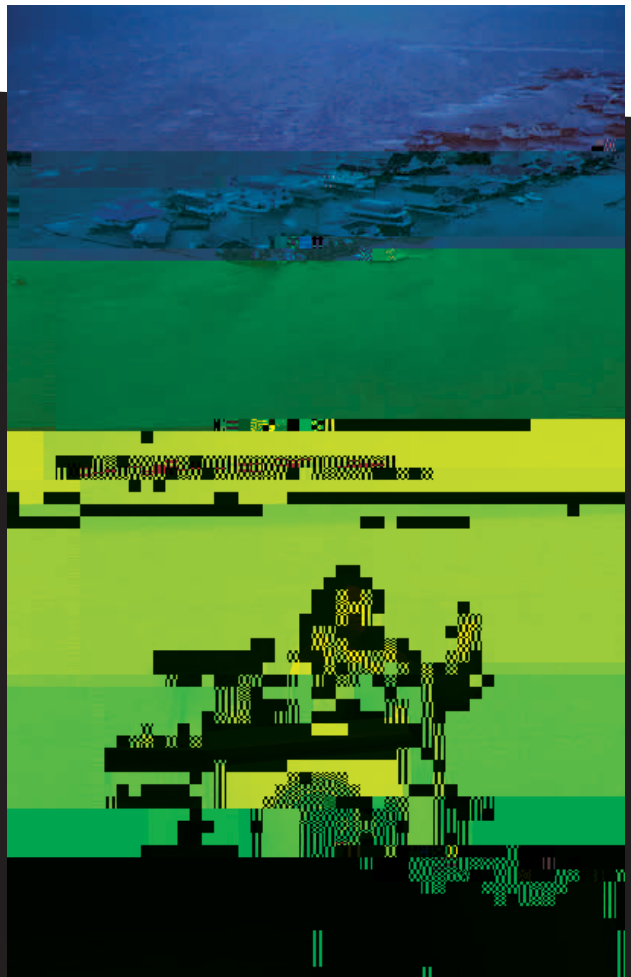
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Stockton’s engaged and concerned community came through in typical fashion following the recent Superstorm Sandy.

Both officially as an institution, and informally, through the hard work and dedication of its people, Stockton did itself proud.

“The teaching-learning process was minimally disrupted, despite the storm’s devastation,” said Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. Harvey Kesselman. “All aspects of communication were up and running to keep people informed as to what was available during this time of need. Information regarding closings and openings, evacuations were disseminated and everyone responded well. Pre-registration for classes and all academic support unites were able to continue on, largely unabated. We used text messaging and web communications to keep everyone informed, and the response of our people truly rose to the occasion.”

The day following the storm, and prior to the College’s re-opening, Dean of



Associate Director of Counseling Services Laurie Dutton facilitating a discussion during the Wellness Center’s “Hurricane Sandy: Sharing Our Experiences” event.

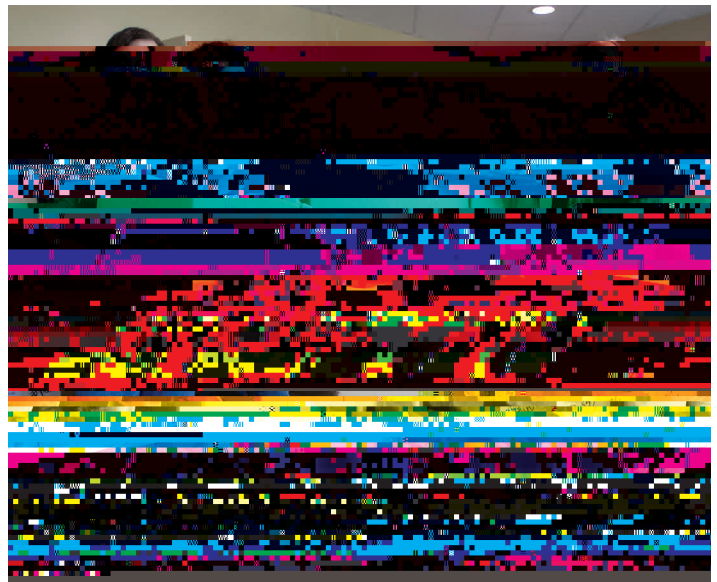


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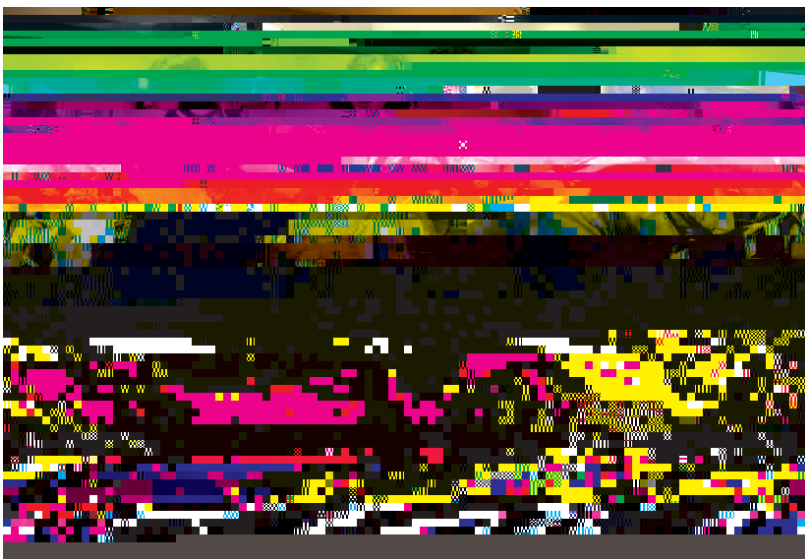
Students Pedro Santana and Associate Dean of Students Craig Stambaugh returned to campus and began answering the needs of students by returning literally hundreds of e-mails and phone calls.

According to Associate Vice-President for Student Affairs Dee McNeely-Greene, the College responded to more than 650 contacts. "These ranged from 'my baby sitter was flooded out and I can't make it to class' to 'I lost everything: my house and my cars.' Each case required separate attention and sometimes, creative solutions."

The College set aside funds to provide assistance ranging from buying textbooks to providing emergency loans. In addition, a student emergency relief fund and a faculty-staff relief fund were set up by the Office of Development to help ease financial burdens. The Employee Relief Fund raised more than \$10,000 in the first week and to-date raised \$11,578.00, with an addi-



From left, Haley Baum, assistant director in Student Development, Assistant Director of Student Development Lauren Wilson and Leonard Farber, director of Student Development, stack boxes of donations.

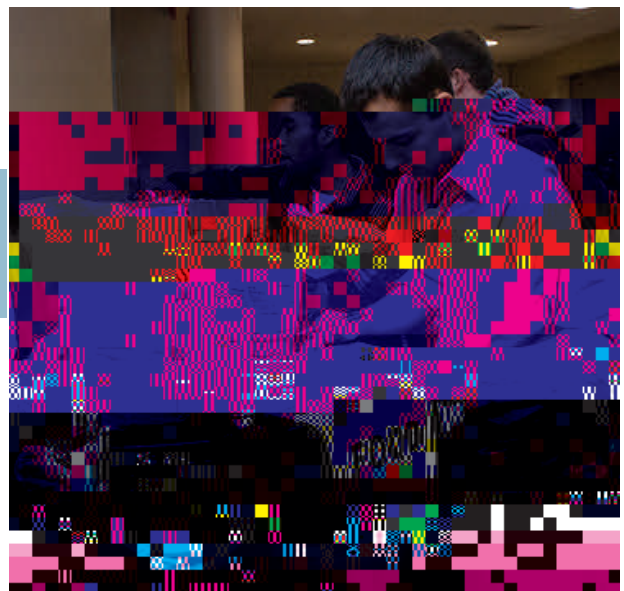


Above, Coordinator of Service Learning Daniel Tome, Service Learning's Clerk Typist Diana Strelczyk and Assistant Director of Student Development Lauren Wilson sort through donated items. At right, volunteers sort through donated food for Hurricane Sandy victims.

tional \$300 in pledges. The Student Relief Emergency Fund raised \$4,861.50.

Student housing efforts were critical in the storm's aftermath. Short-term housing was provided for students who needed a place to stay for a week or two, and those who needed housing for the remainder of the semester were placed on a pro-rated basis.

In addition to the students, Stockton



housed 160 electric utility workers at the Seaview Resort immediately following the storm.

Through the combined efforts of the Dean of Students, Office of Student Development and various campus clubs and organizations, more than 5,000 food, clothing and essential items were collected for victims.

Manahawkin Instructional Site Assists Storm Victims

Stockton's Manahawkin Instructional Site offered free use of computers and access to device charging for Ocean County residents impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

"There are still some areas of Ocean County without power," said Eileen Conran-Folks, manager of Stockton's Manahawkin Instructional Site, shortly after the storm. "In other areas where power has been restored, many homes remain too damaged to re-connect. We

Hurricane Sandy Relief Funds

In an effort to further help our students transition more smoothly back into college life, and to assist employees with difficulties resulting from Hurricane Sandy, a relief fund has been established. To make a contribution to this fund you can write a check made payable to the Stockton College Foundation and write "Student Relief Fund" or "Employee Relief Fund" in the memo line. You can also make a gift online at www.stockton.edu/give and enter "Student Relief Fund" or "Employee Relief Fund" in the Restricted Fund field.



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