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  - CARE Program Holds Orientation for Faculty, Staff Mentors
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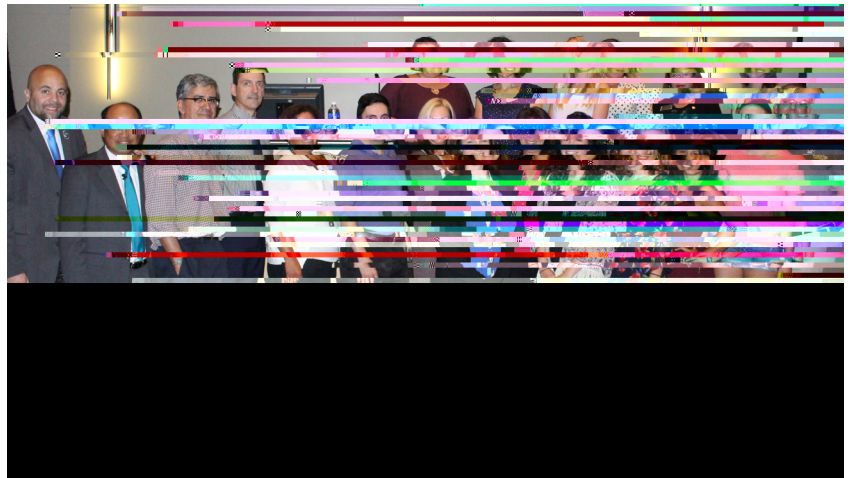
Stockton also has a total of 321 full-time faculty members this year, up from 304 last year, with over 90 percent of the faculty holding the highest degree available in their field.

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Stockton has launched a Men of Color Retention Initiative (MCRI) under the auspices of the Office of the Dean of Students to help these students improve their

Faculty and staff members kicked off this semester's Coordinated Actions to Retain and Educate (CARE) Program at the mentor and mentee orientation held in the Campus Center Event Room on Sept. 9.

Tomas Itaas, assistant director of Student Retention & Assessment, led the orientation for the CARE program, which was designed to assist students with overall academic and extra-curricular experiences at Stockton. About 100 students are participating in the CARE program this semester, he explained.



Thomasa Gonzalez, vice president for Student Affairs, welcomed about 20 of the 59 participating faculty and staff mentors, thanking the mentors for their dedication and commitment to students.

Faculty, staff and student mentors in the CARE program met in the Campus Center Event Room for orientation on Sept. 9.

“Students are the most important part of our mission here at Stockton,” she said. “This program has no budget, but because of your dedication, it is one of our most effective programs. I appreciate what you do.”

Lauren Wilson of Student Development; Cynthia McCloskey of Academic Advising; Christy Cunningham of the Career Center; and Lauren Fonseca of the Tutoring Center informed mentors of initiatives and services within their respective departments.

First-time mentor Juana Zegarra, an adjunct instructor in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, looks forward to learning more about the entire student experience at Stockton.

Lisa Warnock, coordinator of Event Services, is mentoring again for the second year.

“I’m eager to meet my student mentee,” she said. “He’s been responding instantly to everything I send, but he’s been busy in class so we haven’t actually met yet. I worked in Residential Life before Event Services, so this is a great way for me to interact with students again.”

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Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Deeanna Button was selected as the 2015 recipient of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences’ (ACJS) Victimology Section’s New Scholar Award.

The award recognizes a member of the Victimology Section who shows outstanding merit at the beginning of their career. Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice Janice Joseph nominated Button for the award.

In a letter addressed to Button, the awards committee wrote it was “impressed with the breadth of the scholarship record you have built in such a short time-frame since earning your Ph.D. We were even more impressed in how you have found ways to bridge your research on LGBQ victims with your service at your college, as well as in the community, thereby making your research accessible to a broader audience and ultimately to have helped change policy regarding LGBQ youth.”

Button will receive the honorary plaque at this year’s Victimology Section general membership meeting which will be held during the ACJS annual meeting in Denver in March.

“I’m very honored to have been selected for such a wonderful award,” Button said. “Many thanks to my colleague Janice Joseph for nominating me and the awards committee for recognizing my work.”



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.