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### **Stockton University President to Resign**

Stockton University President Herman Saatkamp on April 22 announced his intention to resign after 12 years as the leader of an institution of higher learning that has metamorphosed from the "college in the Pines" to a highly ranked university during his tenure.

Dean Pappas, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stated, "Dr. Saatkamp has been visionary and an impassioned advocate for Stockton on a local, regional, state and national level. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we accept his resignation and we respect his decision. President Saatkamp has earned the right to return to his scholarship as well as enjoy time with his wife, Dot, and family, and we respect

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# Dr. Allison Brings Hip Hop Summit to Campus, Local Community

Dr. Donnetrice Allison, associate professor of Communications and Africana Studies, organized Stockton University's third "Hip Hop Summit," which discussed and

students in her *GAH*: 2184 Hip Hop Culture class to organize a scholars and artists panel, student panel, keynote address, open mic and special performances for the daylong event.

"I love to talk about all aspects of hip hop, the good the bad, the ugly - and bring that to the campus and wider community. I grew up with it, I remember life before it hit the radio, and I remember life after," Dr. Allison said.

Abiodun Oyewole, an original member of The Last Poets, a revolutionary group of poets borne by the Black Arts Movement, gave the keynote address.

"One of the topics I always discuss in the *Hip Hop Culture* class is The Last Poets

## SOBL, Psychology Program Dedicate Lending Library to Dr. Lester



Photo from L-R: Dr. Dave Burdick, Dr. Justin Ostrofsky, Dr. Connie Tang, Dr. Rob Foels, Dr. John Bulevich, Dr. Christine Ferri, Dr. David Lester, Dr. Elizabeth Shobe, Dr. John White and Dr. Jessica Fleck.

The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the Psychology program recently unveiled the David Lester Lending Library in honor of Distinguished Professor of Psychology Dr. David Lester.

"As the founding member of the Psychology and Criminology programs at Stockton, David has touched the lives of every faculty member that has passed through the program and has provided wonderful mentorship and guidance for thousands of faculty, staff and students," said Dr. Elizabeth Shobe, associate professor of Psychology.

Faculty, staff and students are welcome to borrow, return, or add to the library located in Upper G-Wing.

"While we had the idea, it was the dedicated folks in Social and Behavioral Sciences that actually brought the concept

and efforts of Dean Cheryl Kaus [of SOBL] and Cynthia McClure [supervisor of Accounts in SOBL]. It's this cooperative spirit that captures what it means to be part of the Stockton community, and so a lending library dedicated to a founding member seemed apropos," Dr. Shobe said.

#### **Stockton University Welcomes Staff Members in Various Departments**

**Julie Fulton** was named evening library assistant in the Richard E. Bjork Library. She helps students locate materials, checks materials in and out and assists with general stack maintenance. Fulton previously served as a library assistant in circulation and outreach services for homebound patrons at Cape May County Library. She graduated from Stockton with a degree in Literature in 2011.

Patrice Jacuk was named night hours library assistant for the information desk in the Richard E. Bjork Library. She answers

of the library's online catalogue. Jacuk previously worked at Atlantic Cape Community College, Worthington Campus in a similar capacity at the college's Learning Commons. She has a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management. Jacuk loves spending time with her two rescue pups, Cleo and Nellie.

Greg Ruttler was named head men's soccer coach in the Athletics Department. Ruttler previously served as an assistant head coach at Stockton, his alma mater, for nine seasons. He is a 2001 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Third Team All-American and member of the Stockton Athletics Hall of Fame (2013). Ruttler graduated with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 2003. As a student, he was a three-time New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) All-Conference First Team honoree and the leading scorer on Stockton's 2001 NCAA championship team. He played in two NCAA Final Fours in his career at Stockton (1999, 2001).

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