

Late Graduate's Family Endows Fund to Support Writing Center Tutors

Paul Staller served as a writing tutor while studying at Stockton, and he graduated with a degree in Communications Studies.

“Alan’s and Billie’s generosity will nurture the work that their son loved, providing financial support for tutors as they focus on enabling other students to sharpen their writing skills and go on to academic and career success,” said President Harvey Kesselman.

The University will permanently name Room J-105j, which houses the Writing Center, the “Paul D. Staller ’97 Writing Room,” in memory of Paul and in recognition of the Staller family’s generosity, explained Philip Ellmore, chief development officer and executive director of the University Foundation.

Alan and Billie Staller, President Kesselman and Foundation Chair Richard Dovey signed the agreement on Aug. 24.

“Paul Staller left an indelible mark on Stockton’s Writing Center,” said Pam Cross, coordinator of the Skills Center Writing Lab. “I remember Paul employing his many gifts as a tutor: a keen mind, a gentle spirit and his legendary ability to connect with others. Paul Staller made us laugh and learn, and he brought us together.”

Stockton Enjoys Long Tradition Exploring National Parks, Monuments

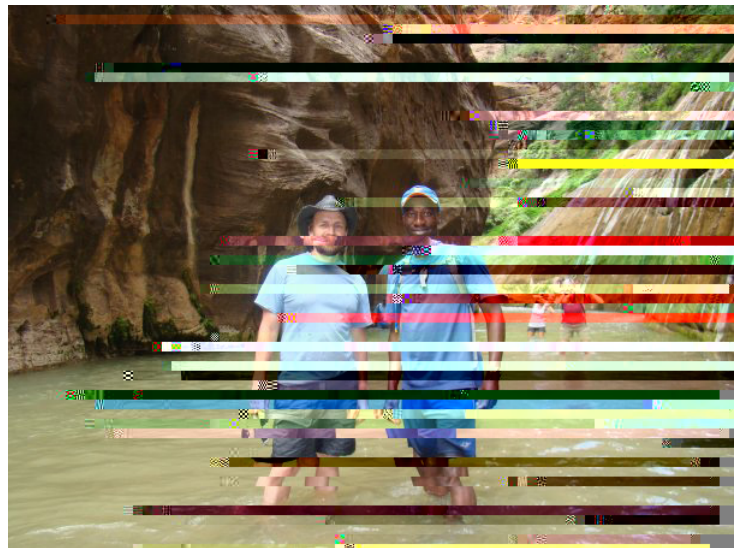
The National Park Service turned 100 today. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed an act that created the National Park Service, a federal bureau in the Department of the Interior, to maintain and protect our national parks and monuments for the continued benefit and enjoyment of all Americans.

For many Stockton students, the national parks and monuments have served as an outdoor classroom where the environmental issues from their textbooks become real.

Over the past 12 years, Stockton students have traveled to more than 20 national parks and monuments in 20 states with Tait Chirenje, associate professor of Environmental Studies, and Patrick Hossay, associate professor of Sustainability, to learn about and witness the water, energy and natural resource issues of the west.

Michael Hozik, professor emeritus of Geology, began taking Geology field trips to Rocky Mountain National Park in 1978, and by 1980, the trip evolved into a five-week field course which visited 10 parks and monuments.

“The Geology Program used to say that the world is our laboratory because we spent so much time in national parks and in China, Iceland and Canada,” said Hozik, who has also taken visiting Chinese students to a handful of U.S. parks.



Patrick Hossay, associate professor of Sustainability, and Tait Chirenje, associate professor of Environmental Studies, pictured at the Narrows in Zion National Park, Utah.

Reminder: Register for Stockton Parking by Sept. 6

Beginning Sept. 6, 2016, all vehicles must have a parking permit to park on the main Galloway campus. Register for your free Stockton Parking Permit now at stockton.edu/parking.

For information about faculty and staff parking, and to view a map of the parking lot, click on the [Faculty/Staff link](#) in the “Where Should I Park?” section of the website.



South Jersey Economic Review: AC Employment Continues to Decline

The South Jersey Economic Review, a biannual report released this week in conjunction with the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton, reports that total employment in the Atlantic City metropolitan area is declining with additional job losses coming this fall with the closure of the fifth Atlantic City casino - the Taj Mahal.

“Since the first quarter of 2014—which saw the closure of Atlantic Club in January, the first of the four casino closings that year—employment in the casino hotels industry has declined by 5,400 jobs, a 20 percent decline,” the report stated. Most recently, total employment in the metropolitan area declined 0.3 percent (350 jobs) year-over-year through the first half of 2016.



Oliver Cooke, associate professor of Economics, is the founder and editor of the South Jersey Economic Review, which has provided in-depth analyses of the regional economy’s health care, construction, retail trade and gaming industries for more than a decade.

“Atlantic City’s economy continues to struggle under the weight of the ongoing restructuring taking place in its gaming industry and the related spillover effects on the local economy including Atlantic City’s fiscal health. While most current gaming operators have benefited (in market share terms) from the industry’s recent consolidation, the report finds that the restructuring process remains incomplete,” said Cooke.

In the first six months of 2016, 2,400 jobs were lost in construction, accommodations and local government. During this time, job gains were recorded in the metropolitan area’s retail trade (+600), education and health services (+600), and restaurants and bars (+900) sectors.

The metropolitan area’s labor force continues to decline, a fact that has kept its official headline unemployment rate relatively low. Since the second quarter of 2013, the local labor force has declined by 13,000, a 9.4 percent contraction.

[Read more](#) about the South Jersey Economic Review.

Janice Joseph Teaches in Croatia, South Africa; Presents at UN

Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice Janice Joseph team-taught a post-graduate course, titled Victimology, Victim Assistance, and Criminal Justice at the University of Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa this month. Joseph also team-taught a similar course in Dubrovnik, Croatia in May.

Both courses were taught by a number of international professors and the students who participated in the course were from Europe, Africa, South America, the United States and Australia. These courses were organized in cooperation with the World Society of Victimology. During her visit to South Africa, Joseph participated in the meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Society of Victimology, to which she was elected last year.

Joseph also attended the 25th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, Austria in May. At that meeting, she made a presentation on female genital mutilation.

She was also elected to the Executive Board of International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (ISPAC) of Milan, Italy, for a two-year term. This is the fourth time she has been elected to the ISPAC board.

Stockton University Announces New Appointments in Various Roles

was named a professional services specialist in the Office of University Relations & Marketing. In his new role, Coopersmith will be responsible for University Relations & Marketing's budget and monthly report management, as well as providing administrative support services. Coopersmith previously served as a clerk typist for the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy and as a staff supervisor in the Stockton Polling Institute. He received a B.A. in Psychology in 2012 and a MBA in 2015, both degrees from Stockton. An avid fiction writer, Coopersmith is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Writing from Rowan University.

joins Stockton Athletics as an assistant cross country/track & field coach. Palmer trains professionally with the New Jersey-New York Track Club and is sponsored by Hoka One One. He competes primarily in the mile and 1500m, and he will help train the distance and mid-distance runners at Stockton. Palmer graduated from Absegami High School in 2009 and moved on to Monmouth University, where he won the Northeast Conference championship in the 1500m twice and mile once. Palmer also ran the 1500m at the U.S Olympic Trials and the mile at the Morton Games in Dublin, Ireland this year.

Sept. 23: Presidential Inauguration

Join the Stockton community for the Presidential Inauguration of Harvey Kesselman as the fifth president of Stockton University. The ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. on Sept. 23 in the Sports Center on the main Galloway campus. [RSVP today!](#)

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