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Dear Colleagues/Friends:

Welcome to our comprehensive E-newsletter, called *NJASCU News and Notes*. The communication includes not only the compilation of media clips, but also a selection of feature stories highlighting NJASCU-member initiatives, alumni, and state legislative priorities.

Please check www.njascu.org for the most up-to-date information about the New Jersey public colleges and universities, as well as the AASCU "Daily Headlines" service for the national higher education news.

State College/University Alumni Profiles

Each month, NJASCU features an alumni member of one of our institutions. Check them out at www.njascu.org/alumni-profiles.html. This month is:

Dr. Kenneth Lacovara, Class of 1984, Rowan University



The world-renowned paleontologist Dr. Lacovara joined Rowan's faculty one year ago to become the founding dean of Rowan's School of Earth and Environment. He also serves as director of the Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Park of Rowan University, where he has conducted globally significant scientific research at the location - a former sand-mining pit only four miles from Rowan's main campus. Read Dr. Lacovara's profile, [here](#).

Events/Activities

**"The Power of Lifting Up Others"
Speaker Broadcast with Leigh Anne Tuohy
October 18, 2016
7 p.m.
Skyline Room at NJCU School of Business**

The New Jersey City University (NJCU) Center for the Arts and the National Society of Leadership and Success invite the community to a live speaker broadcast on Tuesday, October 18 with Leigh Anne Tuohy, the inspiration behind the *New York Times* number one best-seller and Academy Award nominated film, *The Blind Side*.

Ms. Tuohy's lecture on "The Power of Lifting Up Others" will be held at 7 p.m. in The Skyline Room at the NJCU School of Business, which is located in Harborside 2 at 200 Hudson Street in Jersey City. [Register here](#)

**Stockton Art Gallery Exhibits International Artist
Manfred Bockelmann's Portraits of Children Murdered in the Holocaust
through November 13, 2016**

Distant memories and faded photographs are now more vivid and permanent for seven South Jersey Holocaust survivors whose siblings, murdered by the Nazis, were artistically rendered as 5-foot charcoal portraits drawn by international artist Manfred Brockelmann.

He drew the survivors' siblings from photographs provided by the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center to give faces to some of the 1.5 million children murdered during the Holocaust.

His drawings are on display through Sunday, November 13, 2016 in the Stockton University Art Gallery as part of a larger exhibit, Drawing Against Oblivion, which is being exhibited for the first time in the United States.

On **Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.** the Stockton Art Gallery is hosting an exhibition panel discussion that is free and open to the public in the Art Gallery. The panelists are Manfred Brockelmann, Marion Hussong, Andrea Heymann, a Stockton graduate of the Master of Arts in

Holocaust and Genocide Studies program whose capstone project focused on art curation and research for the exhibit, Carol Rittner, Distinguished Professor Emerita of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, and Elisa von Joeden-Forgey, associate professor of Holocaust and Genocide Studies. The discussion will be moderated by Kate Ogden, professor of Art History.

At 7 p.m. the documentary "Drawing Against Oblivion," produced by Final Frame, an international film crew based in Munich, Germany, will be shown in the Campus Center Meeting Room 5. Following the screening, there will be a streamed panel discussion in the same room with Bockelmann, David Kunac, producer, Barbel Jacks, director, Marion Hussong and Adrienne Parvin, a graduate student in the Master of Arts in Holocaust and Genocide Studies program. The film documents the artist's project and includes his visit to Stockton in 2014 where he presents survivor Murray Kohn with his sister's portrait. The film won "Best International Documentary" at the Garden State Film Festival in April 2016 among numerous international awards.

For gallery hours, directions and parking information visit Stockton.edu/artgallery.

Don't Watch What Happens ... Make It Happen!"

Speaker Broadcast by Andy Cohen

November 9, 2016

7 p.m.

The Skyline Room at the NJCU School of Business

Don't Watch What Happens ... Make It Happen! will be the topic of a live speaker broadcast by *New York Times* best-selling author Andy Cohen.

Admission is free with registration. [Register here!](#)

The live speaker broadcasts are produced in conjunction with The National Society of Leadership and Success, which is the nation's largest leadership honor society with over half a million members on more than 500 college campuses.

News/Notes

Employment and Starting Salaries Rise Sharply for Humanities Grads

[Wall Street Journal](#)

October 25, 2016

Heads up, business majors: Employers are newly hot on the trail of hires with liberal arts and humanities degrees.

Class of 2015 graduates from those disciplines are employed at higher rates than their cohorts in the class of 2014, and starting salaries rose significantly, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers' annual first-destination survey of recent graduates in the workforce.

William Paterson University Team's Discovery Offers Hope Amid Bat Crisis

www.northjersey.com

October 17, 2016

In the face of a potent fungus that has wiped out 90 percent of New Jersey's hibernating bat

population in recent years, a William Paterson University biology professor and his student netted a glimmer of hope recently. As part of their research, William Paterson biology professor Lance Risley and senior Julia MacDonald were able to track the bats using radio transmitters to determine the kinds of trees they preferred to roost in. Such information can be used to protect and enhance the bats' preferred habitat, thus help the species survive.

Kean University Launches New Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Program

www.Kean.edu

October 11, 2016

Kean University will launch three new graduate programs in the upcoming academic year, including a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies. The program will be housed in Kean's School of Physician Assistant Studies, which will be located in the new North Avenue Academic Building.

Senators Booker, Menendez, US Education Secretary King Host Education Roundtable at Montclair State

www.Montclair.edu

October 9, 2016

U.S. Senators Cory Booker and Bob Menendez (both D-NJ), with U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr., hosted a roundtable at Montclair State on October 6, discussing with students, educators, and community leaders New Jersey's implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA takes steps to ensure that every student in the U.S. has access to a high-quality public education.

Moderated by College of Education and Human Services Dean Tamara Lucas, the panel participants included Provost Willard Gingerich and educators and thought leaders - two of whom are Montclair State alumni - from throughout the state who weighed in on issues of concern related to their respective districts and student populations.

"Every single student deserves access to a high-quality education to open doors and help them reach their full potential," said Sen. Booker. "I was proud to write provisions included in this law that establish meaningful ways to support homeless and foster youth, protect our most vulnerable students, and invest in our dedicated teachers. ESSA reaffirms the federal government's commitment to supporting student, teacher and school success while moving us away from the broken No Child Left Behind era, and I am pleased to join Secretary King and Sen. Menendez in highlighting its importance in New Jersey."

Murphy's Move: Outsider to Likely Democratic Candidate for Governor

NJSpotlight.com

October 7, 2016

Still, Murphy is likely not going to be entirely without competition in his quest for the nomination in June. At least two other Democrats - state Sen. Ray Lesniak (D-Union) and Assembly Transportation Chair John Wisniewski (D-Middlesex) - are expected to announce plans for a campaign in the next couple of weeks, with Lesniak's coming as early as today. In an email to NJ Spotlight yesterday, the Democrat said Sweeney's decision not to run makes him "more determined as ever."

Lesniak, a progressive standard bearer in the state, has been working hard this week to drum up opposition in Trenton to a bipartisan deal to replenish a depleted Transportation

Trust Fund, which is likely to pass during the Legislature's voting sessions today.

"A head-to-head [versus] Murphy will focus on his buying support and the army of voters supporting me," Lesniak said.

There's also former chairman of the state Democratic Party Tom Byrne, who first expressed at the Democratic National Convention in August that he was seriously considering a run for governor. The son of former Gov. Brendan Byrne and a Gov. Chris Christie-appointed chairman of the New Jersey State Investment Council, Byrne has some name recognition and might have an opportunity to distinguish himself as a moderate against a field of more progressive candidates. That's especially true now that Sweeney, who had previously been considered the token centrist in the race, has backed away.

Contacted by phone yesterday, Byrne told NJ Spotlight that he's still considering his options but won't make a final decision until after November 8. He expresses some frustration at the timing of this week's developments, which take place several months before the June gubernatorial primary and weeks before this year's presidential election.

Thirty-Five New Americans from Ten Countries Take Citizen Oath at Paterson's Great Falls

News from the Campuses
October 7, 2016

Thirty-five new Americans from 10 countries - Bangladesh, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, and Venezuela - took their citizenship oath at the Great Falls Historical National Park on October 7, 2016.

Sweeney Announces He Will Not Run for Governor, Report Says

www.njbiz.com
October 6, 2016

State Senate President Stephen Sweeney will not be running for governor, he told supporters Thursday, according to a published report.

The Record newspaper said Sweeney (D-West Deptford) emailed the announcement on the same day the lone declared Democratic candidate, former U.S. Ambassador to Germany Phil Murphy, is apparently going to receive a number of endorsements from prominent New Jersey political figures.

Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop announced last week that he, too, would not be entering the gubernatorial race.

"It is no secret that I seriously considered running and I believe I would have been able to win the general election," Sen. Sweeney was quoted as saying. "However, in the last few days it has become clear that Phil Murphy has been able to secure substantial support from Democratic and community leaders that would make my bid all but impossible."

Sweeney said he will run for re-election to the state Senate, and seek another term as president, according to the report.

He did not endorse Murphy in his statement, the Record added.

Sweeney Decision Could Sap SJ's Clout

www.CourierPostOnline.com

October 6, 2016

South Jersey's Democratic machine is likely to lose political clout now that Stephen M. Sweeney has passed on a run for governor, political experts said Thursday. But the extent of that loss depends on a question still looming for the West Deptford Democrat: Will Sweeney keep his powerful post as Senate president? "If (Sweeney) stays as Senate president, he - and by extension, (South Jersey Democratic boss) George Norcross - still has a lot of power," said Matthew Hale, an associate professor of political science and public affairs at Seton Hall University. "They might not have the same power north of (Interstate) 195, but they will still be big players in Trenton politics," he predicted. But Brigid Harrison, who teaches political science at Montclair State University, suggested Sweeney's grip on the Senate post is uncertain. She said Democratic leaders in North Jersey had come together to kill Sweeney's gubernatorial hopes - in large part because they were unhappy with Norcross.

Christie Proposes Giving Top-Performing Charter Schools New Flexibility

www.NJSpotlight.com

October 6, 2016

On a pledge to provide more freedoms to New Jersey's charter schools, the Christie administration yesterday presented new regulations for the alternative schools that would include essentially waiving many of the state's certification rules for educators in the highest-performing ones. But as with anything else related to charter schools in New Jersey of late, the changes are sure to be hotly debated in the coming months, and parties from all sides yesterday predicted they are hardly a done deal.

Assemblyman Ciattarelli Declares for Governor, Claims State Is "On the Brink"

www.NJSpotlight.com

October 5, 2016

GOP candidate sees state "drowning in debt," puts school-funding reform and property-tax relief high on his list. With a promise to take the state in an "entirely new direction," Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli (R-Somerset) formally announced a campaign for the GOP nomination for governor on Tuesday in Manville. He said the state is "on the brink," facing a floundering economy and numerous budget crises, and unveiled a policy platform focused on issues like school-funded reform and property-tax relief that he said would create a "tide that lifts all boats."

Stockton Honors Three Alumni, One of Whom is a NJASCU Board Trustee

News on our Campus

October 5, 2016

Stockton University will recognize three trustees with Distinctive Alumni Awards: Madeleine Deininger, chair of the Stockton Board of Trustees; community activist and philanthropist Elijah Langford; and Associate Professor Marilyn Vito of the School of Business. Ms. Deininger, who also is a member of the board of trustees of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, started at Stockton as a 16-year-old and earned a B.A. in Liberal Studies in 1980. Ms. Deininger, who has served on the Stockton Board since 2007, is the founder and president of the Sonoma, California-based Kismet Wines, Inc. where she has developed a highly successful national marketing and sales program for California and European fine wines. Ms. Deininger also is a general partner at Bedrock Vineyards, which supplies premium grapes to Ravenswood, Bedrock Wine Company, Turley, Carlisle, Biale, Robert Mondavi, Franciscan and Simi wineries in Sonoma and Napa counties.

Financing of Stockton's Atlantic City Campus Passes Another Milestone

www.Stockton.edu

October 4, 2016

Stockton University's Atlantic City campus, a project contributing to the city's renaissance and student access to excellence in higher education, passed another milestone September 30. The Atlantic County Improvement Authority (ACIA) closed the sale of \$78,980,000 Lease Revenue Bonds and \$48,025,000 County Guaranteed Revenue Bonds that will be used to finance a portion of the project.

Are "Campus Towns" the Future of New Jersey Colleges?

1015.com

October 4, 2016

Dennis and Judy, 101.5 morning talk show hosts, took a tour through The College of New Jersey's Campus Town.

"You may be familiar with town centers throughout New Jersey that have numerous shops amongst residential properties such as Robbinsville and Plainsboro. It looks as if that trend is hitting college campuses, too!

After the show, we took a trip to a college campus near us to check out one of these new "campus towns" that are popping up left and right. The area featured a lot of great restaurants and shops, and is just a short walk away from the main campus.

We can see why it's a struggle to get college students to come home.

County College of Morris and Montclair State Agree to New Transfer Initiative

NewJerseyHills.com

October 3, 2016

In a move that will create a new path to affordable higher education for Northern New Jersey students, Montclair State University and the County College of Morris formalized an automatic transfer initiative allowing associate degree candidates at the county college to seamlessly transfer to the four-year, research doctoral university and pursue bachelor's degrees in selected programs on Thursday, September 29th.

The program formalizes a two-plus-two model designed to promote student success and ensures a guaranteed four-year path to an undergraduate degree from one of New Jersey's most affordable public universities.

"We're delighted to provide CCM students with this seamless pathway for earning their bachelor's degrees from Montclair State University," said CCM President Anthony J. Iacono. "By starting at CCM and then transferring to Montclair State, students can more affordably meet their goals of obtaining a higher education, while also establishing lasting relationships with two quality institutions."

Ramapo College Officially Declared "Stigma-Free" Campus

www.Ramapo.edu

October 3, 2016

Ramapo College of New Jersey welcomed former New Jersey Governor Richard Codey as a guest speaker to officially declare Ramapo a stigma-free campus.

During a special ceremony on September 28, Codey's declaration was part of an initiative focused on eliminating the stigma associated with an array of mental illnesses.

Ramapo College President Peter P. Mercer presided over the ceremony whose honored guests included Bergen County Executive James Tedesco, Mahwah Mayor William LaForet, Northvale Mayor Ed Piehler, Ramapo Board of Trustees Chairman George C. Ruotolo and Ramapo Trustee and Alumnus A.J. Sabath. Also in attendance was Tricia Baker, the founder of Attitudes in Reverse (AIR), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to raise awareness of mental health issues among young people.

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