Stockton University to Host Acclaimed Annual Conference on Diversity in Higher Education

October 29, 2018

Stockton University will host the American Conference on Diversity’s 2018 Diversity Issues in Higher Education Conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 16 in the Campus Center. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

This year’s theme is **Diversity and Inclusion: Life and Death Matters**. Keynote speaker is Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion at Hackensack Meridian Health, Wayne Boatwright. Mr. Boatwright leads the company’s diversity initiative for 16 hospitals.

After the keynote is delivered, there will be a keynote response panel with audience question and answer: The five panelists will be the State of New Jersey’s first Chief Diversity Officer Hester Agudosi, Atlantic City Councilman Kaleem Shabazz, Safe Schools Coordinator at Garden State Equity Tyree Oredin, Founder of Emerging You Coaching and Healing Suzy Domenick, and Stockton Associate Professor of Health Science Amee Shah.

Welcoming remarks will be made by Stockton President Harvey Kesselman, President & CEO of the American Conference on Diversity Elizabeth Williams-Riley and Stockton Chief Officer for Institutional Diversity and Equity Valerie Hayes.

Four workshops will be presented. They are:

**Safe Spaces: Hate Crimes and Violence:** Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life at Berkeley College Dr. Dallas Reed, and Chief Administrative Officer of Student Development and Campus Life at Berkeley College Ashante S. Connor will moderate. The four panelists are Director of the Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Center at Stockton Laurie Dutton, Chairman of Atlantic County Coalition for a Safe Community Perry Mays, Vice President of Campus Life and Student Affairs & Dean of Students at Drew University Frank C. Merckx, II, and Stockton Director of Campus Public Safety Adrian J. Wiggins.

**Political Landscape Shaping Diversity & Inclusion Engagement:** Helen Higginbotham and Julian Gomez will moderate. The three panelists include Chair of Garden State Equity
Action Fund Luanne Peterpaul, Atlantic City, Councilman Kaleem Shabazz, and Stockton Assistant Professor of Social Work Jennifer Dunkle.

**Business Case for Diversity & Inclusion:** Associate Professor of the School of Business at St. Peter’s University Marilu Marcillo will moderate. Panelists are Stockton Assistant Professor of Social Work Jack Lewis, Manager of Diversity and Inclusion at Atlanticare Enilda Mahrer, and Founder of Emerging You Coaching and Healing, Suzy Domenick.

**Call and Respond: Dealing with Social Issues on Campus:** Special Assistant to the President at Saint Peter’s College Eileen Poiani will moderate. The three panelists are Assistant Professor of the School of Business at saint Peter’s University Brigid D’Souza, Immigrant Rights Attorney Jason C. Hernandez, and Sustainability Manager for Sodexo Universities in the U.S. and Canada Leila Costa.

**Student Panel Discussion: Stories Worth Telling:** Forrest Prichett will moderate the student panel. This session provides a forum for students to provide narratives of “lived” experiences on and off campus and their experiences as college students.

The cost is $65, or $35 for students. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. Conference materials and lunch are included in the registration cost. For more information or to register, visit [Stockton.edu/acod](http://Stockton.edu/acod) or email [ide@stockton.edu](mailto:ide@stockton.edu).