



## SCCECOMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

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Since 2014, the Atlantic City Housing Authority has been partnered with Stockton University and the Atlantic City Police Dept. (ACPD) in conducting a Homework Completion program for the young residents of Stanley Holmes Village and Buzby Village. The program is held in our community rooms, right after school every day that school is in session.

The program has been tremendously valuable for these boys and girls in ways we could not have imagined when we first began the program. Initially, we wanted to lend academic assistance in a safe, secure environment. The partnership with ACPD was meant to establish police officers as positive role models for the youth living in Public Housing. The relationships which have formed between the participants, the Stockton tutors and the police otherwise recognized in their home life, now have a sense of confidence and achievement which will take them a long way, beyond what is learned in books and lesson plans.

Each year, the number of participants at each site grows larger and larger. Parents have come to learn, through word of mouth, that the Homework Completion Program is a valuable resource and partner to help educate and mentor their children. The Program periodically reaches out to these parents and invites them in, so they can

# SCCE SNAPSHOTS

## Quick Notes from our Work

Please visit our completely revamped website, [www.stockton.edu/scce](http://www.stockton.edu/scce) to learn about all of our projects, meet our team, learn how to become a Student Fellow, and how to use the SCCE to develop your community-based project.

The SCCE is pleased to say that we are working with 13 undergraduate Student Fellows, 1 Alumna Fellow, 1 MSW intern and 1 BSW intern. This represents the largest staff we have ever had and the results are evident in our ability to manage consistent, evidence-based, and mutually beneficial programs in our community.

On Saturday, October 21st, SCCE Executive Director, Merydawilda Colón received the Secondary Education Award from the NAACP Mainland/Pleasantville Branch

Faculty Development videos on Scholarship of Engagement and, working with the SCCE and Office of Service Learning, are in their final stage of production.

The SCCE held two “Pop Pants Shop” events in Atlantic City over the summer. At Buzby Village and at Stanley Holmes Village, students and their parents were invited to “shop” for school uniform pants which had been donated by the community. Parents came to register their students for the Homework Completion Program and free backpacks and school supplies were distributed.

The SCCE’s World Food Day screening of “Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story” featured speakers from Chartwell Student Affairs and the Community Food Bank of South Jersey.

The SCCE has participated in several disaster relief efforts this fall. We connected with our sister center at the University of Texas at Austin to create a list of supplies needed after Hurricane Harvey. Stockton’s community sent cases of adult and baby diapers and hygiene kits to the school which distributed the items to displaced students.

Dr. Merydawilda Colón worked with colleagues to plan ¡Manos a

la Obra a musical fundraiser supporting Unidos por Puerto Rico, an organization providing aid and support to those affected in Puerto Rico by the passage of Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Dr. Colón also picked up and arranged to ship Puerto Rico the feminine products and supplies from the “My Choice” drive which was held by the Social Work Program and Social Work Club.

The Center’s Community Resource Collaborative has been working with the Food Insecurity Committee to operate the Food Program on campus. This semester XX students have been served.

The Center’s monthly third Thursday food drives have seen a decrease in participation due in part, we believe, to the number of natural disasters which have occurred since the semester began.

How can you join us and Make Your Mark?



I saw the outreach that took place during the environment; Dr. Merydawilda Colon is the best delivery shifts. In other words, this program did not one could ask for, and the rest of the office staff only provide people with temporary solution, is always supportive and extremely helpful. Also, in it made sure that those individuals were provided in my view, this is one of the most diverse offices at the contact information of community resources at Stockton University, that engages with the outside long-term solution, which could help their community daily.

situation. The fact that through this program, we were providing people with more long-term solutions to their problems was the thing that attracted me the most.

What's your favorite part about working here? I am excited to see the Stockton Center for Community Engagement grow and bring more programs to Atlantic City and surrounding communities. Also, I look forward to this center creating more culturally competent and well

My favorite part about working here is the office

# SCCE PROGRAMS IN REVIEW

## What We ~~He~~ Been Doing This Semester

### HOMEWORK COMPLETION PROGRAMS

After a strong registration period, ~~kick~~ ~~ed~~ ~~two~~ ~~Pop-Up~~ Pants Shop events, The Homework Completion Programs at Stanley Holmes Village and Buzby Village are as successful as ever.

At the request of the Pleasantville Police Department and in collaboration with the City of Pleasantville, the SCCE has created a new ~~Homework~~ Homework Completion Program at the Pleasantville Public Library