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THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Origami Showcase at Stockton

Professor Uses Ancient Craft of Folding Paper as Teaching Tool

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Norma Bakes, associate professor of education, has been holding the event as a way to teach mathematical concepts and art in a fun and entertaining way.

The event takes place from 2:00 to 2:20 p.m. on April 21, 2011 in the atrium of the main campus here.

Origami, the ancient Japanese art of folding paper to create three-dimensional art, allows Bakes to demonstrate principles of mathematics to her students while enjoying a creative process. The event is also a teaching opportunity for Bakes to discuss the rich cultural and historical ties Origami has to other countries. Presenting this past summer at the 5th International Conference on Origami in Science, Mathematics, and Education (5OSME) in Singapore, Bakes has found that such practices benefit students' visualization skills in math.