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Community Engagement at Richard Stockton College Reaches Far Beyond Campus

Two Mays Landing Residents, One Bridgeton Resident are Community Engagement Award Recipients

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During the summer of 2010, Smith volunteered at Bayada Nurses in Millville, a home healthcare service. She gave 136 hours of her time to assist with office management and to help elderly clients.

During the fall of 2010, Smith volunteered at Tri County Community Action Partnership in Bridgeton, the federally-designated Community Action Program (CAP) for Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties, by assisting with community events.

Smith currently volunteers at Victory Assembly of God Church in Pittsgrove. At Stockton, Smith assists with the Stockton Christian Fellowship program, the Stockton Republican Club and Community of Scholars.

Holtzman said, "From having Esther Grace as a student in the management skills class I teach, I find her willingness to help others in class, and on campus, as well as her willingness to help members of her religious community, the civic community, and the local community, as excellent examples of a Stockton student engaged and helping others."

Smith's service reaches both the young and the elderly. "For example, she does home-visitations with elderly in the Millville/Bridgeton area, assists with childcare in the church she attends, assists with the Stockton Christian Ministry and, through this organization, aids students when needed," said Holtzman.

Diane Falk, professor of social work and a resident of Mays Landing, was nominated by John Searight, professor emeritus of social work.

In February of 2010, Falk spent a month in Lukaya, Uganda, where she provided social work services

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Santana visits veteran hospitals, including Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland, on a regular basis. He has also volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club of Atlantic City where he taught a number of youngsters how to cook during a cook-off event.

Sallis said, "Nick gives his time endlessly for veterans...[and] when family or friends are in need, Nick is the first in line. Nick has been instrumental in coaching youth sports [and he] is truly an engaged citizen."

Stockton's Student Veteran Organization (SVO) was nominated by Thomas O'Donnell, assistant dean of students.

In 2010, the SVO raised the fifth largest amount of money in the nation for homeless veterans during National Vet-Aid Day, and they raised \$12,000 for veteran student scholarships by hosting the first Stockton Student-Veteran Scholarship Golf Tournament.