

Stockton Confers 140 Master's and Doctoral Degrees in College Growing Program

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Stockton was Johana's first choice of colleges because of Stockton's accelerated and competitive dual-degree program in Criminal Justice. She hopes someday to work for the FBI or Drug Enforcement Agency but to get experience, she is "looking into police departments, prosecutor's offices or crime scene units."

The national anthem and the college's alma mater, "Our Stockton," were both sung by Stockton student Joseph Sramaty. The alma mater's words were written by Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing Stephen Dunn, who won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 2001; the music is by Ellen Grolman.

John G. Emge, executive director of the Atlantic and Cape May Counties United Way of Greater Philadelphia and South Jersey, was the keynote speaker on Friday.

President Saatkamp introduced Emge by noting that "under his leadership, the United Way has raised over \$33.5 million in support of local programs."

Emge also serves on advisory boards of the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) and the Stockton Center for Community Engagement, President Saatkamp said.

Emge told the graduates that his message could be expressed in two words: "Get engaged." He quickly pointed out that he didn't mean in the romantic sense, but "in your community, to help others improve the quality of life for all."

He said a big inspiration in his life was his father, who was "courteous, considerate and almost chivalrous" to everyone he met. "He was engaged" in trying to help others, he said.

Emge said his education at Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia provided the motto: "Let Your Light Shine," which is what Stockton students were doing this spring, he said, when they helped a record 413 members of the community with their income taxes under a SCOSA program.

He added that the United Way, where he is starting his 30th year of service, has developed its own motto for its engagement strategy: "Live United."

He told the gathering that "there's a debt to repay in your life," and the way to do it combines the influences he cited from the Jesuits and United Way: "Give of yourself. Live United. Let your light shine!"

Stockton Trustee Madeleine Deininger, Class of 1980, awarded Emge the college's Distinguished Service Award.

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