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## **Stockton Professor Norma Boakes Turns Flat Paper Into an Effective Teaching Tool**

Students' Origami Projects on Display April 29

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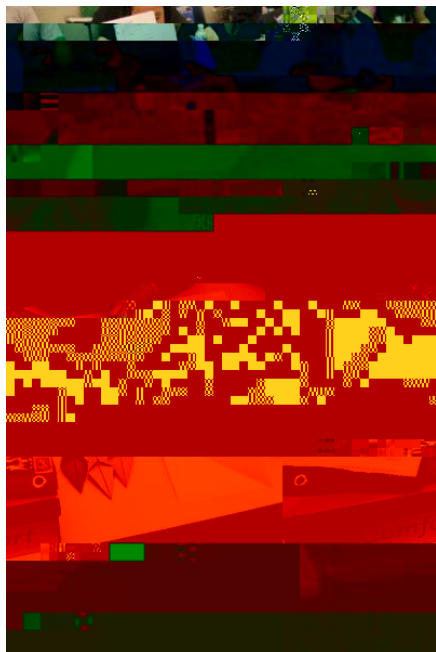
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## Origami Showcase/ page 2

The showcase will feature more than just paper animals. The Atlantic City Aquarium has agreed to join the event bringing animals found on our beaches and in our ocean in a portable touch tank. From sea stars to horseshoe crabs, this tank will help highlight one of the five main animal themes planned for this year's showcase.

Professor Boakes's research on origami as a tool for improving students' mathematical skills spurred the concept for her college course "The Art and Math of Origami." While the course focuses on mathematics, students find that the experience strengthens their communication skills, concentration and knowledge of cultures beyond their own. Professor Boakes said, "This rich experience proves to be beneficial to students across many majors. This year's origami showcase, as in previous years, is a chance for others to admire and learn about the ancient art of paper folding through this group of budding origamists."



A student in Professor Boakes's origami class prepares for the upcoming April 29 Origami Showcase.

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