

# The Stockton

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## College Partners to Help Develop Arts District

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) and the Noyes Museum of Art of the Richard Stockton College formalized their partnership on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, in their effort to create an Arts District in Atlantic City. Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, CRDA Executive Director John Palmieri, and Noyes Museum of Art Executive Director Michael Cagno were in attendance along with many other board members, trustees and local dignitaries.

The CRDA and Stockton College have executed a lease for the 16,000-square-feet of arts retail space

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This year marks the 150th anniversary of African American soldiers legally being able to enlist in the Civil War, a result of the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln. Stockton is hosting a ceremony to introduce a semester-long series of events honoring the service of these heroic veterans.

The ceremony is Tuesday, January 29, at 4:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Theater. The event includes a presentation of colors, readings of Civil War letters, songs and hymns, a performance by African American Civil War re-enactors, and a display of Civil War images.

At 5:45 p.m., the event will move from the Campus Center to the Stockton College Richard E. Bjork Library for the opening of an exhibit titled "Galloway's Graveyard: Unearthing the History of the Boling Settlement." The exhibit was curated by two graduate students in the Master of Arts in American Studies ([MAAS](#)) program, Kevin Konrad and Jesse Kraft, and overseen by Professor of British Literature Thomas Kinsella.

Kraft and Konrad analyzed selected documents from archived materials, such as deeds and requests from Civil War widows for pensions to tell the story of the Boling family, an African American family who settled in Port Republic before the Civil War. Members of the Boling family fought in the Civil War and are buried at the cemetery located at the intersection of Pomona and Moss Mill Roads. The documents were originally scanned and archived by Wendel White, who began researching the Boling family more than twenty years ago, and the [Egg Harbor City Historical Society](#).

"The pivotal figure is Wendel White. When he came to Stockton, he was interested in the historical black communities that once existed. He brought attention to the Boling settlement," Kinsella explained. "There is very little left of the Boling cemetery, and from archival evidenceWar.

The Stockton Community bears a heavy heart following the sudden passing of Nancy Ashton, associate professor of psychology.

Ashton, a longtime member of the Psychology faculty and a dynamic force behind the Women's Studies program, came to Stockton in 1977. Ashton was a dedicated educator, a mother, a role model to new faculty and to her students, and a deeply engaged citizen.

An endowed scholarship fund has been set up in her name. The scholarship will be awarded to students minoring in Women's Studies who give evidence of a strong commitment to gender equality and social justice. To make an online donation to the fund in her memory, please visit the [Foundation site](#) and write "Nancy Ashton Scholarship" in the "Previously established Restricted Fund" field.

Our sincerest condolences go out to her daughter, Hilarie, her family and friends for their loss.



## Send Us Your News!

We want to know about things going on in the Stockton community. Do you have an unusual hobby? Did one of your co-workers win an award or perform outstanding public service? Births, weddings, graduations and the like are all good things to submit to the *Stockton Times*.

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