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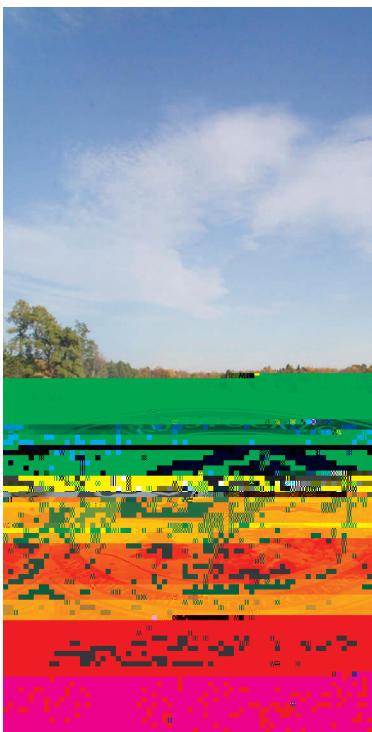
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From its humble beginning as a rented space in Brigantine, to a state-of-the-art research facility equipped with marine technology and a fleet of vessels, Stockton's Marine Science and Environmental Field Station celebrates 20 years of academic service this month.

"The Marine Science program has always had a field space," said Steve Evert, field station manager, but in the last 20 years it has grown from "a staging area for equipment and a launch

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In addition to the typical dip nets, dredges, water- quality sampling devices

Author Mary Roach Speaks at Largest Freshman Convocation

This year's Freshman Convocation on Sept. 26 was Stockton's largest ever, with author Mary Roach speaking, answering questions and signing copies of her book, "Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife."

Her book exemplified the Freshman Year Experience (FYE) academic theme, "Believe It or Not," in which students examine the nature of belief, and understand the difference between belief and knowledge.

Dr. GT Lenard, coordinator of Freshman Seminars, said, "Tom Grites did a great job of getting Ms. Roach to campus. She is a well-known and respected science writer who has done TED talks, appeared on numerous TV shows, and written three other books and countless articles for publications like The Smithsonian. It was our best-attended Convocation and a huge success for our freshmen."

Dr. Thomas Grites, the assistant provost for Academic Support Services, organized the event, now in its seventh year. Dr. Grites is director of the First Year Ex-

perience, which includes ordering

Dr. Michael Busler to be Regular Columnist for Two Websites



Dr. Michael Busler

Dr. Michael Busler, associate professor of Finance, has signed on to be a regular columnist for two websites regarding finance and the economy.

Dr. Busler will have a weekly or bi-weekly column on "[The Project to Restore America](#)," which aims to restructure the governance of the country in a non-partisan way.

Dr. Busler's second column, "Funding Democracy: The economics of freedom," will appear on the Washington Times Online, located [here](#).

Dr. Busler teaches Finance, Financial Institutions, Introduction to Financial Management, Game Theory, Graduate Managerial Economics and Graduate Financial Management.

Dr. Hallock-Waters Raising Funds for Brain Cancer at NYC Marathon



Dr. Kristen Hallock-Waters

Dr. Kristen Hallock-Waters, assistant professor of Chemistry, will be running her third New York City Marathon on Sunday, Nov. 3 to support the Tug McGraw Foundation. Hallock-Waters runs marathons in memory of her late husband Jeffrey Waters who fought a four-year battle with an aggressive stage IV brain tumor.

"Ironically, Jeff's diagnosis came the same day the baseball great, Tug McGraw, lost his own life to the same disease. Jeff's initial prognosis was grim, but we sought help at The Duke University Brain Tumor Center and Jeff survived nearly 4 years with good quality of life," Dr. Hallock-Waters said.

Those interested in donating to Hallock-Waters' fundraising efforts may do so online at her Tug McGraw fundraising page available [here](#). "Or if you prefer, you may write a check to The Tug McGraw Foundation and send to my NAMS mailbox in the Unified Science Center," Dr. Hallock-Waters said.

"As always, I am thankful for the support I have received from the Stockton community in doing these races for charity," she said,

Office of E-Learning Announces Monthly Newsletter 'E-Luminate'

The Office of E-Learning is Stockton's latest addition, aiming to provide institution-wide leadership in the development of technology-enhanced programs.

Dr. Susan Davenport, vice provost for E-Learning, has announced a monthly online newsletter, E-Luminate, that will include information on upcoming training dates, stories that show how technology can improve student learning, and other information that is pertinent to incorporating technology into the classroom. The first issue is available [here](#).



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