

PRESS RELEASE

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Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Woodbine is a participant in a major grant written for Stockton State College by Woodbine educational liaison Dena Hartigan. Woodbine, with six teachers participating, will be the only Cape May County partner in this endeavor.

Stockton College's Southern Regional Institute/Educational Technology Training Center (SRI/ETTC) has received a New Jersey Department of Education grant totaling \$2 million over the course of three years to help teachers improve the math and science standardized test scores of students who are currently struggling in those areas. Stockton received a renewable New Jersey Department of Education Title II Math Science Partnership Grant for \$675,000 for three years to launch the initiative.

The formation of the South Jersey Coastal Consortium (SJCC) was established to provide a framework for partnerships with schools through activities such as summer institutes, workshops, in-class mentoring, and infusion of technology into the classroom to enhance instruction and learning.

The grant enables the SJCC to advance its partnerships with the Federal Aviation Administration's William J. Hughes Technical Center, Salem County Community College, the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, and DuPont's "Partners in Science" program based in Wilmington, Delaware.

The three-year cycle of the grant will guide motivated teachers through training and coursework to enrich their knowledge and understanding of math and science educational content and enhance their teaching skills. In addition to using its partnerships and collaborative abilities, the SJCC will draw from the professional development successes of the SRI as well as the vast expertise of Stockton faculty in Teacher Education and the Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

"Woodbine and the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage have built a relationship with Stockton as the designated Cape May County Holocaust teaching center for the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education and have shared guest lecturers, and now will be continuing collaboration with this latest endeavor," noted Mayor Pikolycky. "Jane Stark, Executive Director of the Sam Azeez Museum was recently honored with The Honey and Maurice Axelrod Award, which recognizes outstanding educational and community leaders in New Jersey who lead the fight against bias, prejudice, and discrimination about the Holocaust and genocide. A founding member of the Holocaust Resource Center at Stockton, serving as its Advisory Board Chair for seven years, Jane supervised the taping of more than 68 oral histories of local Holocaust survivors. We look forward to Woodbine's strong relationship with Stockton continuing to grow."