## Stockton to resume walking tours of Atlantic City and beyond

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On July 8 2022, at the Stockton University Atlantic City Campus, Veteran's Heritage walking tours of local war and veteran's memorials were resumed.

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ATLANTIC CITY (April 2, 2024) — Stockton University's walking tours of the city will resume in May and will expand into the towns around the resort, the college said Tuesday.

Spring tours will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays in May. Summer tours will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on consecutive Fridays in July. Fall tours will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on consecutive Saturdays in October. All are sponsored by Stockton's Office of Continuing Studies and Adult Education.

"These fun adventures across the greater Atlantic City area provide interactive experiences in a two-hour guided tour," OCSAE Assistant Director Diane Strelczyk said in a statement. "Our tours are designed to highlight the beauty, history and humanity of Atlantic City. Each neighborhood features a rich history and a present-day vibe. Our goal is to showcase all the interesting people, places and events Atlantic City has held, currently features and hopes to achieve."

The tours are led by Levi Fox, an assistant professor of history at Immaculata University in Pennsylvania and a former adjunct professor at Stockton.

The spring lineup begins May 4 with the city's Lower Chelsea neighborhood, followed by "Nucky's Empire" on May 11, Margate's "Lucy Loop" on May 18 and historic Somers Point on May 25.

The summer lineup focuses on Atlantic City neighborhoods, starting July 5 in Chelsea Heights, followed by Ducktown on July 12, the Northeast Inlet and Bungalow Park on July 19, and the South Inlet on July 26.

The fall lineup starts in downtown Ocean City on Oct. 5 and then moves to Atlantic City for Northside Heritage on Oct. 12, Louisa Mack's LGBTQ+ tour Oct. 19 and the History of Gaming on Oct. 26.

For the "Nucky's Empire" tour, Fox will dress in character as Atlantic City political boss Enoch "Nucky" Johnson — the inspiration for the HBO series "Boardwalk Empire."

"As we integrate these new tours with standard favorites, such as the Lower Chelsea and Ducktown Revitalization tours, we know everyone will get their steps in this year," Strelczyk said.

All tours are \$15 per person, per tour. Participants are encouraged to bring their walking shoes, sunscreen and a water bottle, as each tour will cover two to three miles of parks, city streets and boardwalks. Select tours will include popular local attractions like Lucy

the Elephant, the Absecon Lighthouse, the Noyes Arts Garage, the Margate Historical Society and the 4th Street Life Saving Station in Ocean City.

The Ducktown Community Development Corp., Chelsea Economic Development Corp. and Lucy the Elephant are co-sponsors of the tours.

For more information and to register, visit **stockton.edu/continuing- studies/ac walkingtours.html**.

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