

Speaker Biographies

Scott Huston, Chief Information Officer, Stockton University

Scott Huston, Chief Information Officer, at Stockton University, is responsible for providing leadership to the Division of Information Technology Services team at Stockton University for the continued development of an innovative, robust, and secure information technology environment to support ubiquitous, integrated, and fully engaging learning experiences throughout the University. Under his leadership, the Information technology team has taken a proactive and collaborative approach to deliver innovative, reliable, and sustainable technologies that optimize satisfaction and desired outcomes. Scott Huston has continued to develop an extremely talented management team who collaboratively approach, solve, and guide the technical staff within the division to meet the University's technology needs. While acting as Chief Information Officer, he has been extremely successful in continuing to implement the new strategic vision for Information Technology Services by focusing the adoption of software as a service offerings and cloud technologies to provide more robust and reliable IT infrastructure. Scott has also continued to make additions and alterations to the existing technology equipment replacement plans including a change of hardware vendors which afforded the University a massive financial savings over the past few years. The further adoption of cloud and hosted services University wide has greatly reduced keyperson risks at the University while improving information security and providing for better business continuity. Under his direction, Stockton's Division of Information Technology Services have continued to be a customer focused division with ongoing praise from throughout the Stockton community. His leadership has been a critical part of the University's operations during the covid-19 pandemic providing technology, resources, and support to continue University operations during a difficult time. However, this has not stopped him and his team from continuing to implement many new technologies at the University to make process improvements in many areas of the organization fostering more advanced pedagogical abilities and providing better information security for Stockton's users and institutional data. Finally, Scott has also helped inspire the growth of Stockton's top ranked esports program, is the Board Chair of the Esports Innovation Center, has also been appointed as a member of the NJEdge Board of Trustees.

<u>Bill Penders, Senior Advisor – Finance and Professional Services Sector Lead, New Jersey Economic</u> Development Authority

Bill is a highly accomplished senior business executive having spent the last 30 years in the private business sector. Bill served as COO and then President of NYSE listed Bowne & Company, a \$1.2 billion global finance and professional services firm with over 40 offices worldwide, where he worked for 25 years. He has lived and worked in Europe, Asia and the United States. He leads the Finance and Professional Services Sector within the New Jersey Office of Economic Transformation as well as other key innovation economy initiatives including the development of Sports Betting Technology Cluster and expanding New Jersey's engagement with the Cybersecurity and Fintech industries.

Andrew Weilgus, Executive Director of the Esports Innovation Center, Stockton University

Andrew Weilgus is the Executive Director of the newly normed Esports Innovation Center in Atlantic City. He is also co-founder and President of TheLiveNetwork.com and Atlantic City FC. Founded in 2017, Atlantic City FC is a minor league soccer and esports team sponsored by the Tropicana Hotel and Casino and Caesars Entertainment, the largest gaming company in the world. The Live Network.com produces events for venues around the country ranging from esports / fantasy sports to trivia and gaming. Mr. Weilgus received his Master's Degree in Technology Management from the Wharton School of Business and The School of Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to being a producer on NFL's Sunday Ticket, Mr. Weilgus has a 20-year history as an executive in the sports and entertainment industry.