Galloway Township, NJ- Andy Dolce, founder and chairman of Dolce Hotels and Resorts, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism (LIGHT) at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

The Institute collaborates with Stockton’s Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies (HTMS) program, housed in the College’s School of Business. LIGHT was established in 2010 with financial support of Lloyd D. Levenson, an Atlantic City, N.J., attorney, to support research, education and management development related to gaming, hospitality and tourism.

Dolce, a native of Valley Cottage, N.Y., founded Dolce Hotels and Resorts in 1981 and is credited with developing it into a leading hospitality organization that specializes in delivering an exceptional meetings experience. He began his career in the meetings and hospitality industry at the American Management Association and subsequently served Harrison Conference Centers as executive vice president. Dolce also was a founder and chief development and operating officer of the Houstonian.

Dolce is past president of the International Association of Conference Centers, which awarded him the Mel Hosansky Award for Distinguished Service in 1997 and its first annual Global Distinguished Service Award in 2009.

He serves on the board of New York University’s Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Travel administration and the Legal Board of Trustees of Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y. He also serves as Executive in Residence at Cornell University Hotel School, Ithaca, N.Y.

Dolce studied economics at Iona College and later earned a master’s degree from Cornell University, where he wrote and published a book on economics for the food industry.

Dolce Hotels and Resorts, operator of 27 upscale hotels, resorts and conference hotels in North America and Europe, is majority-owned by Broadreach Capital Partners and headquartered in Montvale, N.J. The company employs more than 4,000 worldwide. Additional information is available at www.dolce.com.

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Dolce’s portfolio includes properties in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Georgia, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado, California, Ontario, Texas, Nevada, Belgium, France, Spain and Germany.

As a leader in the meetings industry, Dolce hosts some 30,000 events and 4 million group clients globally every year. The company’s vision is to create inspiring environments that bring people together, and its mission is to delight its guests, challenge its associates, reward its owners and serve as a role model in its communities.

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