



## **Stockton Council of Black Faculty and Staff To Honor Five at Nov. 6 Dinner Ceremony**

### ***For Immediate Release***

Thursday, October 23, 2014

**Contact: Maryjane Briant  
News and Media Relations Director  
Galloway Township, NJ 08205  
Maryjane.Briant@stockton.edu  
(609) 652-4593**

**Galloway Township, NJ** -The Council of Black Faculty and Staff of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will honor five members of the community with awards at its annual dinner dance on **Thursday, Nov. 6.**

The event, which is open to the public, will be held beginning at 6 p.m. at the Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club in Galloway.

The council acts to foster communication among the Stockton community and the state concerning the voice and position of African-American personnel and students at Stockton. It provides scholarships and supports the recruitment, hiring and well-being of African-American faculty, staff and other under-represented student groups. Since 1981, the council has provided over \$254,000 in scholarships to Stockton students.

The honorees this year are:

**Tony Bethel**, assistant director of the Educational Opportunity Fund Program at Stockton, who will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award. Bethel holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Stockton, a master's in Student Personnel Services from Rowan University and is a state-certified school psychologist.

Bethel is also an adjunct instructor at Stockton's School of General Studies, teaching a course on working with adolescents. He volunteers as a coach for girls' basketball at the Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT) in Mays Landing, NJ.

**Dr. Linda Williamson Nelson**, professor emerita of Anthropology and Africana Studies, who will receive the council's Merit Award. Dr. Nelson is a founding member of the Africana Studies program at Stockton. Her research in linguistic anthropology focuses on the analysis of life stories. She analyzes the way the speakers' style of speech reinforces and embellishes

**-more-**

**-continued from page 1-**

cultural themes in their narratives.

Dr. Nelson has shared her research at conferences across the United States, as well as in France and Jamaica, and authored a book, *Telling our Lives, Conversations on Solidarity and Difference*, with Frida Furman and Elizabeth Kelly, both of DePaul University in Chicago. She holds a Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

**Dr. La'Quetta Small**, principal of the Pennsylvania Avenue School in Atlantic City, who will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. She is a 1999 graduate of Stockton with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health with a minor in Social Science. She holds a master's degree in Educational Administration from Kean University and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Rowan University.

Special recognition awards will be presented to Ellen D. Bailey, Esq. of the Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellot, LLC law firm of Philadelphia, and Councilman-at-Large Frank M. Gilliam Jr. of Atlantic City.

Net proceeds from the dinner help support scholarships for minority students. Tickets are \$85 each and may be purchased [online](#).

For more information about the Council of Black Faculty and Staff or the awards dinner, please contact Delores Mozelle-Wright, second vice president and event co-chair, at [Delores.Mozelle-Wright@stockton.edu](mailto:Delores.Mozelle-Wright@stockton.edu) or Patricia Collins, co-chair, at [Patricia.Collins@stockton.edu](mailto:Patricia.Collins@stockton.edu), or visit the council's [website](#).

# # #