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The Richard Stockton College's Council of Black Faculty and Staff Announces Annual Honorees

Awards Dinner and Dance Set for Nov. 10

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Council of Black Faculty and Staff at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host its 29th Annual Awards Dinner and Dance on **Wednesday, November 10, 2010** at the Carriage House in Galloway. The itinerary begins at **5:30 p.m.** and the awards presentation begins at **8:00 p.m.**

Since its inception more than a quarter of a century ago, the Council of Black Faculty and Staff has worked to expand the opportunities available to Stockton's diverse community. The Council has awarded more than \$220,000 in scholarship money to deserving Stockton students since 1981.

This year's honorary chairperson is Stockton's Provost and Executive Vice President, Dr. Harvey Kesselman, of Mays Landing. The following award recipients will be honored for their contributions, which are making a difference both locally and internationally.

- Lifetime-Achievement Recipient—Dr. David Carr, Galloway, NJ
- Merit Award Recipient—Ms. Yuberky Peña, Galloway, NJ
- Distinguished Stockton Alumna—Dr. Agathe Franck, M.D., '02, Fords, NJ

Stockton's men's basketball Coach Gerry Matthews, Distinguished Professor of Art Wendel White and Mr. Kenneth O'Reggio '92, a member of the Richard Stockton College Foundation Board of Directors, will also be recognized for their dedicated service to the College and community.

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Honorary Chairperson Dr. Harvey Kesselman, a member of Stockton's first graduating class, held numerous leadership positions at Stockton before being selected from a pool of nationwide applicants for the position of provost and executive vice president. His past leadership positions at the College include director of the Educational Opportunity Fund Program (EOF), director of Institutional Research, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of the School of Education. Dr. Kesselman has played a pivotal role as the representative for the senior public colleges and universities on the Governor's Task Force for the NJ Stars program and was one of the primary authors of legislation adopted by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor to improve the program. He also advocated for the establishment of the Stockton Center for Community Schools in conjunction with the University of Pennsylvania Netter Center.

Lifetime Achievement Recipient Dr. David Carr, who held the position of provost and executive vice president prior to Dr. Kesselman, came to Stockton in 1992 as dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. In 2011, Dr. Carr will return to the faculty as professor of political science and senior fellow for the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. He helped to write the College's graduate mission statement and greatly expanded the College's graduate programs. In addition, he expanded the College's regional impact through support of numerous initiatives including service learning; the development of several Centers for applied research and programming; the establishment of the South Jersey Economic Review; and developing and implementing the operational plan for The Carnegie Library site as an instructional center and resource for the Atlantic City community. Dr. Carr is also an avid nature photographer.

Merit Award Recipient Yuberky "Yubi" Peña came to Stockton in 2000. Ms. Peña has worked for Stockton's administration offices and is currently working for the Development and Alumni Affairs Office supporting the chief development officer and executive director of the College Foundation. Ms. Peña has served as the secretary and events coordinator of the Council of Black Faculty and Staff for the past six years and was co-chair of the Council's 2009 Awards Dinner and Dance. She also served as coordinator for the State of New Jersey Stockton College Employee Charitable Campaign for more than eight years.

Distinguished Stockton Alumna Dr. Agathe Franck, a native of Haiti, excelled in her studies and worked as a residential coordinator and as an English and math tutor for Stockton's Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program. She completed her residency in family practice medicine at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, and while there, she blossomed into the full fledged physician she is today. After working at the outpatient Monmouth Hospital Family Medical Center last year, she continued her career at South Jersey Family Medical Center in Burlington. Aside from giving to her local community, she found time to lend her career to those in need on an international level. Dr. Franck joined Operation Smile in 2008 for a volunteer mission to Nicaragua, assisting in the surgical care of children with facial deformities. She continued her international volunteer efforts in St. Lucia the following year. Having seen the massive devastation caused by the earthquake that struck Haiti earlier this year, Dr. Franck took it upon herself to fly to her homeland in order to bring supplies and provide care to many orphans that were left homeless.

Proceeds from the event support the Council's Scholarship Endowment for Stockton Students. For more information, please contact Yubi Peña at 652-4382 or Trish Collins at 652-4523.

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