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Richard Stockton College Hosting 19th Annual “Bringing Caregivers Closer” Conference

Event Set for Dec. 11

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Galloway Township, NJ- On December 11, local public health professionals will trade in their stethoscopes for pens and paper to join writers and poets in a unique opportunity to investigate the art of caring from a different perspective. The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, in collaboration with AtlantiCare Health Engagement, AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, the NJ Council for the Humanities, the Southern Jersey Ethics Alliance, and the South Jersey Cultural Alliance, will host the 19th annual “Bringing Caregivers Closer: Nurturing the Humanity and Art of Primary Healthcare” on Friday, December 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Elizabeth Alton Auditorium on the main Galloway Township campus.

The keynote speakers include Danielle Ofri, MD, FACP, editor of the *Bellevue Literary Review*, and Mack Lipkin, MD, FACP. Ofri will present “Sustaining the Humanities and the Art of Primary Care in Transition,” and Lipkin will present “Primary Care at the Crossroads: A Survivor’s Guide to the Transition.” Panelists and breakout leaders, to be facilitated by Peter Murphy, include the following poets and writers: Renée Ashley, Hubert F. Babinski, Rodger Jackson, Emari DiGiorgio, Penny Harter, Diane Kaufman, MD, Charles Lynch, Elinor Mattern, Mimi Schwartz, Pamela Curtis Swallow, and J.C. Todd.

The conference, designed for physicians, residents, nurses, health professionals, poets, writers, and students of the humanities and public health, will explore the role of the humanities and the arts in achieving the highest standards of ethics and compassion in the delivery of medical service to patients.

At the conclusion of the program, participants should be able to:

- Utilize a variety of approaches including lecture, panel, small group discussions, review of literature, and personal writing to explore the importance and meaning of primary care.
- Define primary care past, present, and future to understand primary care as the guiding influence providing humanistic care to patients.
- Analyze poems, short fiction and non-fiction, to identify the relationship between caregivers, patients, and their families and communities.

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The cost for the conference is \$15, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. CMEs, nursing contact hours, and CEs for social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, and NJ public health professionals will be provided at a cost of \$25.

For more information and to register online, please visit <http://www.atlanticare.org/events/caregivers/index.php>. To register by phone, call 1-888-569-1000.

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