



Andy Dolce to Chair Advisory Board of Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality & Tourism

Industry Leader Joined by New Board Members From Media, Casinos

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Galloway Township, NJ- Andy Dolce, founder of Dolce Hotels and Resorts, which manages 26 conference centers, hotels and resorts including Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club, has been named chairman of the advisory board of the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism (LIGHT.)

Dolce took over as board chairman of the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey at a Jan. 8 meeting. LIGHT provides research, professional training and a forum for public policy discussions regarding the gaming, hospitality and tourism industries, which are vital to New Jersey's economy. It hosts the annual Jersey Shorecast, a conference on the outlook for each tourism season, and provides industry reports and newsletters.

Dolce is joined by three new board members: Mark Blum, publisher of The Press of Atlantic City, Scott Kreeger, president and COO of Revel Casino Hotel, and Rick Mazer, regional president and general manager of Caesars Entertainment's Harrah's Atlantic City.

"Andy Dolce is recognized for his industry leadership in the corporate meeting industry," said Dr. Israel Posner, executive director of LIGHT. "He is the founder of one of the premium corporate meeting/hospitality companies, Dolce Hotels and Resorts, with properties in North America and Europe that focus on the core values of 'nourishment', 'connectivity,' and 'community.' in providing hospitality services for both conference and leisure guests.

Dolce succeeds George Lynn as chairman. Lynn, retired CEO of AtlantiCare, served as the first chairman and remains a member of the board, which provides direction for LIGHT's research and educational programs.

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Dolce founded Dolce International, now Dolce Hotels and Resorts, in 1981 and turned the company into one of the world's leading conference center companies in the hospitality industry, with 26 properties throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe, according to Hotel Business Review. His firm manages the hotel operations at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Galloway. The company has about 4,000 employees and manages some 5,000 rooms in North America and Europe.

Dolce has been cited one of the "25 Most Influential Executives" in the meetings and travel industries by both Meeting News and Business Travel News magazines.

Dolce studied Economics at Iona College, earning a B.A. degree, and later earned a Master's Degree from Cornell University in Applied Economic Management.

He is also on the advisory board of New York University's Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Travel administration and serves on Iona College's Legal Board of Trustees and is a retired captain in the United States Marine Corps.

Three new members also joined the LIGHT board:

Mark Blum of Galloway became publisher of The Press of Atlantic City in August. He is also a member of the steering committee for the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton.

Blum served in several media companies including Knight Ridder, Gannett, BH Media and was controller at The Press under previous owners from 1989-1993.

Originally from Ohio, Blum earned a Bachelor of Science of Arts degree in Accounting from the University of Akron. He obtained a Master of Business Administration from Monmouth University in New Jersey and is also a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Scott Kreeger, president and COO of Revel, was previously interim chief operating officer there. Kreeger has served in various operational and senior leadership roles within Station Casinos and Fertitta Entertainment. Earlier, Kreeger had a long tenure as a gaming executive within the MGM Mirage organization.

Rick Mazer is regional president and general manager of Harrah's Atlantic City, the flagship of Caesars Entertainment's Atlantic City casino properties.

Mazer, who started his career as a craps dealer in Atlantic City, is overseeing construction of a \$126 million conference center at Harrah's. The project is designed to increase Harrah's share of the \$16 billion conventions market in the Northeast.

Mazer earlier served as president of the Harrah's, Flamingo, Quad and Bill's casinos owned by Caesars Entertainment on the Las Vegas Strip and oversaw integration of the \$500M Linq project anchored by the world's largest observation wheel - The High Roller.

"Support of the college and LIGHT by these experienced industry leaders is vital to the success of our programs," said Dr. Posner.

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About the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism

The Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism (LIGHT) at www.stockton.edu/levenson in The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's School of Business, provides a forum for exploring major trends facing the tourism, hospitality and casino gaming industries. LIGHT collects, analyzes and disseminates reliable information and helps generate scientific knowledge in support of these vital New Jersey industries.

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