

STOCKTON COLLEGE

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



Richard Stockton College's 31st Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala to Return to Borgata

Event Set for Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

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Atlantic City, NJ- The 31st Annual Stockton Scholarship Benefit Gala, hosted by the Stockton College Foundation, will return to Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in Atlantic City on **Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.**

Stockton President, Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., said, "Scholarship recipients are among the brightest and most deserving students. In this economy, our students need help more than ever."

The College community, area business and civic leaders, and scholarship recipients gather annually to enjoy an evening of fine dining, entertainment and community engagement in support of Stockton's students. Proceeds from the event benefit Stockton students.

Dr. Saatkamp said, "Gala contributions directly affect the lives of our students who have the potential to become the next generation of leaders in our communities. Today, we make a difference for our students, and tomorrow our students will make a difference for our region."

Cocktails and a silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. The silent auction will continue through dinner. The entertainment, to be announced at a later date, will begin at 9:30 p.m.

For the second consecutive year, Auggie Cipollini, senior vice president of operations at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, will serve as the honorary chairman for the event.

This year's gala chairs are Gayle and Dr. Howard Gross. Gayle Gross is the chair of the Stockton College Foundation, and Dr. Howard Gross is the founder of Horizon Eye Care.

Gayle Gross said, "Our goal is to raise \$700,000. Every contribution is rewarded tenfold in assisting students to pursue their academic dreams during their scholastic journey at Stockton."

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The College Foundation is actively pursuing corporate and individual event sponsorships and auction item donations. Sponsors and donors of auction items will help provide educational opportunities for deserving students.

To become a sponsor or to donate an auction item, please visit www.stockton.edu/benefitgala, or call the College's Office of Development at 609-652-4527.

About the Honorary Chairman: Mr. Auggie Cipollini is senior vice president of operations at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa. His current responsibilities comprise all non-gaming operations that include hotel and hotel related operations, food and beverage operations, retail operations, security, surveillance and casino credit. He has been with the company since January 2000, previously serving as senior vice president and chief administrative officer, vice president of finance and director of development. Prior to Borgata, he spent 16 years with Harrah's Entertainment in Atlantic City and Tunica, Mississippi in various financial positions. Mr. Cipollini is a certified public accountant and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Widener University. He is a member of the Shore Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

About the Chairs: Dr. Howard Gross, certified as a diplomat by the American Board of Ophthalmology, established Horizon Eye Care in 1994 and has since provided comprehensive eye care to patients of all ages, including the diagnosis and treatment of cataracts, glaucoma and diabetes. In addition to his more than 20 years of practice experience, Dr. Gross is also a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery and is a clinical research investigator for surgical product advancements seeking FDA approval.

Dr. Gross graduated from George Washington Medical School and completed his ophthalmology training at University of California, Davis. He served as an emergency room director at Kirkland Air Force Base before beginning his practice in South Jersey. He has performed thousands of cataract surgeries and refractive procedures and was the first physician bringing LASIK to the area.

Dr. Gross examines patients in the Margate, Galloway and Manahawkin offices, and he constructed the area's first nationally-accredited ambulatory eye surgery center to help patients achieve clear, healthy vision.

Gayle Gross has been a member of Stockton's Foundation Board for 11 years, serving as chair for the past year and a half, presiding over the entire Foundation and the executive committee of the Foundation, as well. She has previously chaired or co-chaired the gala three times.

Ms. Gross is an adjunct professor at Atlantic Cape Community College and a board member of Jewish Family Service of Atlantic County.

Gayle and Dr. Howard Gross are loyal supporters of Stockton, establishing and contributing to various scholarships and programs through the years.

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