

Stockton 35th Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala Offers Innovative, Fun Ways to Help Students

Event Set for April 25 at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club

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Galloway Township, NJ - You could help a Stockton University student and end up with a chef preparing a meal for eight in your home, all by attending the 35th Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala on **Saturday, April 25**.

This year the event will feature an innovative format that enables guests to circulate and enjoy live entertainment and special menus in each of four spaces at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club.

There will be dueling pianos in one room, an acoustic duo in another, a string quartet playing everything from classics to classic rock, and a high-energy cover band for dancing. Seating will be available in each of the four rooms.

A fifth room will be dedicated to the silent auction, where for the first time, a mobile bidding option will enable bidders to use their smartphones to place bids if desired.

Among the auction items this year are:

- A 'Chef in Your Home' experience provided by Steve & Cookie's By the Bay, which included dinner planning with Stockton alumna Cookie Till, and dinner prepared for up to eight guests in the winner's home (restrictions apply).
- A \$1,000 gift card toward a two-week session at Camp Cody on Lake Ossipee in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Campers range in age from 7-14 and the experience includes sports, creative and performing arts and waterfront activities. Session dates are: June 21-July 4; July 5-18; July 19-Aug 1; Aug. 2-15. Only available to first-time families to Camp Cody.
- An associate membership for the 2015 golf season at Stockton Seaview, where the

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- newly renovated Pines Course offers 18 holes of challenging play in the scenic pinelands, while the Bay Course offers stunning views of the bay and Atlantic City skyline. World-class LPGA professionals relish the Bay Course's challenges, while residents and visitors can enjoy multi-season play.

Rick Walker, Chair of the Stockton Foundation and a scholarship donor said, "My wife, Millie, and I believe in the power of education and in higher education. Stockton University plays an important role in the community and provides opportunities for our students so they can do better things in the world. We want to be a part of that for Stockton students."

The Foundation, which hosts the annual Gala, was able to award over \$700,000 in scholarships this past year, Walker noted.

This year the Gala's Chair's Circle sponsors are: Avalon Flooring, Dolce Hotels & Resorts, IBEW Local 351, Marathon Engineering & Environmental Services and SOSH Architects.

Dr. Howard and Gayle Gross and the Cooper Levenson law firm are the Summa Cum Laude sponsors, while Magna Cum Laude sponsors include: the Azeez Foundation, Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, Chartwells, Dr. Jo Frances Stow, the Follett Higher Education Group, the Gomes Family and UA Local Union 322 of southern New Jersey, which represents plumbers, pipefitters and HVAC service technicians.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. at Stockton Seaview, 401 South New York Road in Galloway.

Sponsorships and tickets are available. Tickets are \$225 per person and may be obtained at Stockton.edu/gala or by calling Dawn Hans at 609-652-4830. For those who can't attend but would like to make a donation, visit Stockton.edu/give and select "Gala" in the dropdown box.

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