

## Support Students at Stockton's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala on Saturday, April 16

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**Galloway, N.J.** - Stockton University's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala will be held on **Saturday, April 16** at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Galloway, N.J.

Proceeds from the event support the Stockton Foundation's Benefit Gala Endowed Scholarship Fund, which last year provided over \$100,000 in scholarships to more than 70 students. Since 2007 the Benefit Gala has added more than \$3 million to the endowment in support of student scholarships.

Instead of a sit-down dinner, the event will feature an innovative format that allows guests to circulate and enjoy live entertainment and special menus in each of four spaces. Seating will be available in each of the four rooms. A fifth room will be dedicated to the silent auction.

Hors d'oeuvres will be passed by wait staff, small plates and food stations with chefs in every room, along with delectable desserts. Ravenswood wine will be donated for the event by Mady Deininger, chair of the Stockton Board of Trustees and a general partner at Bedrock Vineyards, which supplies premium grapes to Ravenswood and other wineries in California's Sonoma and Napa counties.

Entertainment will include: Carnivale, a 12-piece big band that covers almost every genre of music; Bianco Martinis, a jazz quartet that will perform with professional dancers; and the Marty Mitchell Trio who will perform today's hits and invite others to be the lead singer in their band for a song or two.

"Students come first at Stockton, and helping to make higher education affordable is a major commitment of the foundation and the university community as a whole," said President Harvey Kesselman. "About 85 percent of our students receive some form of financial aid, and through the generosity of donors, including proceeds from the Gala, they are able to complete their educations and go on to future success."

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Dolce Hotels and Resorts and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 351 are the Chairs' Circle sponsors of the event, which begins at 6:30 p.m. at Stockton Seaview, 401 South New York Road in Galloway.

Other top sponsors include: the Cooper Levenson law firm, Dr. Howard and Gayle Gross, SOSH Architects, the Azeez Foundation, the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, Chartwells, Follett Higher Education Group, the Saul Ewing LLP law firm, the Atlantic County Utilities Authority, AtlantiCare, Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, the D'Amato Law Firm, Eckert Seamans, the Forza Insurance Group, the Fox Rothschild LLP law firm; Fulton Bank of New Jersey, Kramer Beverage Co., Marathon Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, Dean and Zoe Pappas, Pennoni, consulting engineers, Pennsylvania Trust, Pepsi Beverage Company, Quantum Capital Management L.L.C., Resorts Casino Hotel, the Rothman Institute, Shore Medical Center, South Jersey Industries, Steel Pier, Steve & Cookie's By the Bay, U.A. Local Union 322 and Walt's Original Primo Pizza.

Tickets are still available for \$225 per person and may be obtained at [Stockton.edu/gala](http://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, please visit [Stockton.edu/give](http://Stockton.edu/give) and select "Gala" in the dropdown box.

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