

Stockton College Golf Classic Increases Support for Student Scholarships

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Foundation recently hosted the Sixth Annual Stockton College Golf Classic, bringing the community together in support of student scholarships. The event brought in more than \$117,000 in gross proceeds.

“We are very pleased our Golf Classic has been embraced by the community,” said Stockton President Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. “What began as a small golf outing has evolved into an eagerly anticipated annual event and a great source of support to aid deserving students.” Dr. Saatkamp said that for the first time, a morning session had been added to the Golf Classic to help accommodate all who wished to play the beautiful Hidden Creek Golf Club layout.

Hidden Creek, in Egg Harbor Twp., hosted the event for the third consecutive year, with more than 137 taking part. The event included breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets, a silent auction, longest drive and closest to the pin competitions, in addition to the actual tournament. This year’s outing was marked by increased participation for the morning and afternoon tee, surpassing last year’s large turnout.

Overall winners included the lowest gross team: Jim Bannach, Tom Bradley, Stan Lane, and Jim Mullins. The 1st Net team included: Lester Bailey, Emma Byrne, Bonnie Putterman and Pat Tuttle. The winners were presented with the tournament’s championship trophy, the Corona Cup.

“The Classic’s committee and our Office of Development staff worked very hard to elevate the event to this level,” said Marilyn DiGiacobbe, Stockton’s Chief Development Officer. “It’s gratifying to see the commitment our community leaders and supporters have invested in the College, including the leadership of event co-chairs Tony Coppola and Robin Stoloff.”

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Presenting Sponsor for the event was Wachovia Bank. Sponsors and event supporters included Kramer Beverage; Ole Hanson & Sons, Inc.; *Press of Atlantic City*; Tony Coppola, Possessor of Historic Towne of Smithville; Robin Stoloff, Health Reporter at NBC 40; The Kramer Family Foundation; Stockton Golf Classic Committee; contributors to the silent auction, Coach Val Julien; Brian Krueger and the staff at Carrabba's Italian Grill; The Gibson Tarquini Group; KSS Architects; Pennsylvania Trust; Chartwells; Follett Higher Education Group; Shore Memorial; Skanska USA; Source One Furniture and Hidden Creek Golf Club and Roger and Edwina Hansen for hosting. Additional sponsors included: Tony and Fran Coppola, Cooper Levenson, Galaxy Technology, Remington, Vernick and Walberg Engineers, and Tropicana Casino and Resort

Former Philadelphia Flyers great Brian Propp presided over the popular "beat the Propper" long drive contest, and former heavyweight boxing championship contender Gerry Cooney was on hand to participate and greet the other golfers. Members of the Stockton College softball team volunteered on the course.

Stockton College, nestled in 1,600 acres of New Jersey's Pinelands, is the largest college campus in the state. It is a short drive to popular beach resorts. The College offers many of the educational benefits found in private colleges that cost much more than Stockton, as well as the cultural benefits of a public university. It has the added benefit of one of the lowest tuition costs in the state.

The Stockton College Foundation was established in 1972 by friends of the College. Governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, the Foundation enables alumni, friends and the community to help financially support Stockton programs, student scholarships, and initiatives for growth.

The Stockton College Scholarship Program provides merit awards to outstanding freshmen, upperclassmen, and transfer and graduate students. The program is supported by private gifts to the Richard Stockton College Foundation and institutional funds made available by the College. Students may apply to the Scholarship Program on an annual basis. Successful applicants exhibit high academic achievement as well as leadership and service to the College and community. Award recipients maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and are fully matriculated students.

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