

Stockton Acting President Harvey Kesselman and Wife Lynne Establish New Scholarship

Both Are Stockton Alumni Dedicated to Helping Students

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Galloway Township, NJ - Stockton University Acting President Harvey Kesselman and his wife, Lynne, career educators and Stockton alumni, have committed \$25,000 to establish a new scholarship: The Lynne Kesselman '82, M.A. '05 and Harvey Kesselman '79 Endowed Scholarship Fund.

"It means so much to both of us to be able to help students further their distinctive Stockton University educations," said Acting President Kesselman. "Education has meant everything to us both personally and professionally, and we want to help others achieve success in life."

Mrs. Kesselman said, "Attending Stockton was one of the happiest and most exciting times of my life. Education truly is the key to a better society, and we must always encourage others to learn and grow."

"The Kesselmans have both contributed significantly to Stockton's growth and success," said Dr. Philip Ellmore, chief development officer and executive director of the Stockton Foundation.

During Dr. Kesselman's 35-year tenure at the University, he has served in many leadership roles including as provost and executive vice president; dean of the School of Education; interim vice president for Administration and Finance; CEO of the Southern Regional Institute (SRI) and Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC); and vice president for Student Affairs. He also serves on many national and state academic organizations.

Lynne Kesselman is serving as first lady at Stockton and plans to retire from her teaching position at Egg Harbor Township High School in December.

Her career highlights include being named an American Star of Teaching, a national award from the U.S. Department of Education.

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Mrs. Kesselman teaches web design, programming, financial literacy, workplace readiness and marketing. She also maintains the high school web site, leading her Web Design students to apply what they earned.

In addition to teaching and mentoring, Mrs. Kesselman has mastered thousands of hours of professional development in technology and provides ongoing formal and informal technical training for faculty and staff at the high school.

Lynne Kesselman earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business and a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology, both from Stockton. She earned the Stockton Professional Achievement Award for alumni in 2014-15.

Acting President Kesselman received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Stockton, a master's degree in Student Personnel Services/Counseling from Rowan University and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Widener University.

Proceeds totaling \$5,340 raised at an event earlier this year honoring Dr. Kesselman will be used to award the scholarship to deserving students over the next five years, beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year, Dr. Ellmore said. Annual awards of at least \$1,000 will be given to Stockton students in accordance with Foundation policy.

Once fully funded, the earnings of this permanently endowed scholarship will be used to provide ongoing scholarship awards.

"Endowed scholarship funds such as the one Dr. and Mrs. Kesselman have chosen to establish will significantly impact Stockton students in perpetuity," Dr. Ellmore said.

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Caption:

Seated from the left at the scholarship presentation are Madeleine Deininger, chair of the Stockton Board of Trustees, Acting President Harvey Kesselman, who will become interim president on Sept. 1, his wife, Lynne Kesselman, and Rick Walker, chair of the Stockton University Foundation. Standing are Jessica Kowal, director of Development and Special Projects, and Dr. Philip Ellmore, chief development officer and executive director of the Foundation.

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