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Stockton Raises \$1.8 Million for Year; Doubles Scholarship Support to Deserving Students

College Reports Successful Giving Year Despite Challenging Economy

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey recently completed one of the most successful years of giving in its history. Despite the challenges of the nationwide recession, the College has reported gifts totaling in excess of \$1.8 million for the 2009 fiscal year. Additionally, the College reported the doubling of support to student scholarships over the past year.

"It is gratifying to have completed such a successful 'giving year' in the face of challenging economic times," College President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. "These numbers speak highly of the commitment to higher education by our generous community members. Our Stockton Foundation Board of Directors played a critical role as well. Such support is critical as we continue to maintain affordability and access to a quality Stockton education."

Dr. Saatkamp said that in addition to direct scholarship gifts, the community continued to support its major fundraising events, the Stockton Golf Classic, which raised in excess of \$100,000 and the Annual Scholarship Gala, which achieved its \$750,000 goal.

Gifts to Stockton's Annual Fund also increased, including a growth of nearly 12% in alumni donors from the previous year. The College's Board of Trustees, the Foundation's Board of Directors, and the College Cabinet set the example with 100% participation. The College's dedicated faculty and staff also responded to the needs of our students with a 22% participation rate. Some additional highlights of the year include:

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- The Harrah's Entertainment Endowed Scholarship was established with a \$175,000 fund, and Lisette McFarland was selected as the first Harrah's employee to receive this award for studies in the 2009-10 academic year.
- \$200,000 in gifts were made to establish the Adele and Joseph Dancyger Memorial Scholarship Endowment and support the Max Mincer Memorial Endowed Scholarship, and three additional newly endowed scholarships:
 - Antonio Palladino Endowed Scholarship (\$10,000 gift),
 - John Bockelmann Memorial Endowed Scholarship to honor the father of faculty member Marion Hussong (\$10,000 gift), and the
 - Friends of Encore Learning Endowed Scholarship (\$25,000 pledge over five years). The Friends of Encore Learning is a group of dedicated senior community members who work with Stockton faculty to promote lifelong learning.
- A total of four new term scholarships established with gifts/pledges of \$10,000:
 - Achieve Physical Therapy and Fitness Scholarship,
 - Col. Kenneth Stow Scholarship,
 - Friends of Encore Learning of Stockton Scholarship, and the
 - Estate of Lucille Lupton.
- An outpouring of support in memory of alumnus Stacy Moore Hagan, '92, an accomplished marine biologist who died after a courageous battle with cancer brought \$55,000 in gifts to the Stacy Hagan Memorial Endowed Scholarship bringing the fund to \$75,000 in support of student internship in Marine Science.
- In conjunction with the dedication of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center, a matching gift challenge made by loyal donor Jack Koopman of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, raised \$100,000 for student scholarships and faculty research in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Mr. Koopman had pledged to match, dollar-for-dollar, all funds donated for this cause.
- Two planned gifts of \$100,000 secured with recognition through the Judge Gerald & Claire Weinstein Professorship in Jewish Studies and the Marsha Grossman Professorship in Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

While the results of the recently completed fiscal year are encouraging, Stockton does not plan to rest on its laurels.

"The results we have achieved this past year are remarkable, and the bar has been set for even greater things in our development effort," Dr. Saatkamp concluded.

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