

Stockton University's 36th Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala Set for April 16 at Stockton Seaview

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Galloway Township, NJ - Stockton University's 36th Annual Scholarship Benefit Gala will be held on **Saturday, April 16** with an innovative format that allows guests to circulate and enjoy live entertainment and special menus in each of four spaces at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club.

Proceeds raised 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 hors d'oeuvres passed by wait staff, small plates and food stations with chefs in every room, along with delectable desserts. Entertainment will include the high-energy cover band, Carnivale, which is "back by popular demand." Seating will be available in each of the four rooms. A fifth room will be dedicated to the silent auction.

"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."

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 351 has signed on as a major sponsor of the event, which begins at 6:30 p.m. at Stockton Seaview, 401 South New York Road in Galloway. Other top sponsors include: Chartwells, a global food services network that services educational institutions including Stockton; Fox Rothschild, a nationwide law firm;

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Fulton Bank of New Jersey, Marathon Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., Dean and Zoe Pappas, Pennoni Associates, consulting engineers; Pepsi Beverage Company, Resorts Casino Hotel, South Jersey Industries and Steve & Cookie's By the Bay.

Other sponsorships and tickets are still 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, please visit Stockton.edu/give and select "Gala" in the dropdown box.

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