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Richard Stockton College Benefit Gala Raises Record Sum for Scholarships

Event brings in more than \$900,000

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Atlantic City, NJ – The 28th Annual Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala, held Saturday April 12 at Caesars Atlantic City shattered all previous records associated with the event. The Gala was attended by nearly 1,000 people and raised more than \$900,000. The Gala had exceeded its \$750,000 goal in advance of the event. The Stockton College Foundation estimates this year's proceeds will yield more than a 30% increase over last year in dollars to be dedicated to Stockton's scholarship endowment.

"The Annual Scholarship Gala has become one of the most eagerly anticipated events in the region," said Stockton President Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., "The spectacular success of this year's gala is gratifying for the support of our community and for the opportunity it provides deserving students."

Some of the region's top civic business and community leaders joined Stockton students, administration, faculty and staff for an evening of cocktails, fine dining, silent and live auctions and a performance by television personality and comedian Howie Mandel.

The event proceeds support the Stockton College Foundation's Scholarship Fund. As a result of the benefit and other fundraising efforts, the College is able to offer scholarships to talented student scholars.

Dr. Saatkamp also singled out Honorary Chairman for the event, J. Carlos Tolosa, President of the Eastern Division of Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., and the event's major sponsors: Harrah's Entertainment, Galaxy Technology, L.L.C., Avalon Carpet Tile & Flooring, Borgata Heart and Soul Foundation, Claire & Melvin Levine, The Press of Atlantic City, AtlantiCare, Commerce Bancorp, Inc., Trump Entertainment Resorts, WorkflowOne, AC Coin & Slot, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld, The Azeez Foundation, Chartwells, the Courier Post, Deutsche Bank Alex. Brown, Follett Higher Education Group, Friedmutter Group, Giovanetti- Shulman Associates, Horizon Eye Care, Interstate Outdoor Advertising, Kramer Beverage Company Inc., NBC 40, The John F. Scarpa Foundation, TN Ward Company, Vertis Communications and WESTAR Architectural Group.

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President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. lauded the Gala Committee, particularly Chairman Dr. James Yoh of Medford, President and CEO of Galaxy Technology and Vice Chair of The Richard Stockton College Board of Trustees. Dr. Yoh helped set the tone for the success of the 2008 Gala by making a personal contribution of \$50,000.

“Every year we are challenged to reach new heights with the Gala,” Dr. Saatkamp said. “I am very pleased we did so in remarkable fashion, thanks to the leadership of our Foundation Board, event committee and volunteers, our chair and honorary chairman, and of course, the generosity of our community.”

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