

# **Stockton University Honors Eight Alumni for Professional Achievements**

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decades and continues to teach as an adjunct for the School of Arts and Humanities at Stockton. He is the founder of Murphy Writing of Stockton University which offers programs for poets, writers and teachers in the U.S. and abroad. He is the author of "Stubborn Child," a finalist for the 2006 Paterson Poetry Prize, and three poetry chapbooks, "Thorough & Efficient," "Mr. Nobody" and "Atlantic City Lives" (the latter forthcoming in 2015). He has received awards and fellowships from the New Jersey Council on the Arts; The Atlantic Center for the Arts; Yaddo; The Folger Shakespeare Library and the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. The Ventnor, NJ resident received a degree in Literature from Stockton.

**Rick Ricciardi '75, '76**, the owner and president of Marathon Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. with offices in Atlantic City and Swedesboro, NJ. Ricciardi is a Principal Environmental Scientist and Licensed Professional Planner by the State of New Jersey. Since his graduation, Ricciardi has been assisting Stockton in the growth and development of the Galloway campus through various engineering and environmental related projects. He also assists the Stockton Foundation with the annual Scholarship Gala and the Golf Tournament. He is actively involved with Habitat for Humanity – Atlantic County. Ricciardi resides in Voorhees Township, NJ, with his wife, Cheryl Atkinson, who is employed as an engineer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He has three daughters, one of whom is currently enrolled at Stockton. He obtained degree8(t)-9.6(la)-3b66.7(oc)8.9(k)-12.9(t)led at

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