

Stockton Trustees Accept New Scholarship, Act on Fees and Real Estate at Board Meeting

Atlantic City Fire Department 'Sand Pipers' Pipe Band Donates \$60,000;
Council of Black Faculty and Staff Contributes \$19,000 to Scholarships

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Galloway, N.J. - A new \$60,000 scholarship was established today by the Atlantic City Fire Department 'Sand Pipers' Pipe Band with a gift signing at a meeting of the Stockton University Board of Trustees.

The Atlantic City Fire Department 'Sand Pipers' Pipe Band Scholarship was donated to the Stockton University Foundation and will benefit active or retired public safety professionals or their children from Atlantic County or Ocean City.

The band was formed by Capt. Norman Wilson and Capt. John Mistler in 1997, honoring those in public safety and the military whose lives were lost in the line of duty by playing the pipes at memorial services. The group held its first fundraiser to benefit the families of fallen police, firefighters and EMS professionals in 2003, and later made it an annual event. To date, the band has awarded over \$130,000 to graduating high school seniors to help defray the costs of furthering their educations.

The Fire Department decided to transition its scholarships program to the collegiate level by creating an endowment with the Stockton University Foundation, said founder Wilson, now retired, who signed the gift agreement along with President Harvey Kesselman and Foundation Chair Richard Dovey.

Stockton is grateful for the generosity and vision of the Atlantic City Fire Department 'Sand Pipers' Pipe Band in establishing this fund, which will help generations of devoted public safety professionals and their children to advance their educations," said Kesselman. -more -

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Stockton's Campus Police Department was recognized by Harry Delgado of the N.J. Association of Chiefs of Police for achieving reaccreditation. Of 470 eligible agencies in New