

Stockton Council of Black Faculty and Staff

To Honor Five at Nov. 6 Dinner Ceremony

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Galloway Township, **NJ** -The Council of Black Faculty and Staff of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will honor five members of the community with awards at its annual dinner dance on **Thursday**, **Nov. 6**.

The event, which is open to the public, will be held beginning at 6 p.m. at the Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club in Galloway.

The council acts to foster communication among the Stockton community and the state concerning the voice and position of African-American personnel and students at Stockton. It provides scholarships and supports the recruitment, hiring and well-being of African-American faculty, staff and other under-represented student groups. Since 1981, the council has provided over \$254,000 in scholarships to Stockton students.

The honorees this year are:

Tony Bethel, assistant director of the Educational Opportunity Fund Program at Stockton, who will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award. Bethel holds an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Stockton, a master's in Student Personnel Services from Rowan University and is a state-certified school psychologist.

Bethel is also an adjunct instructor at Stockton's School of General Studies, teaching a course on working with adolescents. He volunteers as a coach for girls' basketball at the Atlantic County Institute of Technology (ACIT) in Mays Landing, NJ.

Dr. Linda Williamson Nelson, professor emerita of Anthropology and Africana Studies, who will receive the council's Merit Award. Dr. Nelson is a founding member of the Africana Studies program at Stockton. Her research in linguistic anthropology focuses on the analysis of life stories. She analyzes the way the speakers' style of speech reinforces and embellishes

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