

Stockton Council of Black Faculty and Staff To Honor Nine at Nov. 5 Scholarship Dinner

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Galloway NJ -The Council of Black Faculty and Staff of Stockton University will honor eight members of the community and one student group with awards at its annual dinner dance on **Thursday, Nov. 5.**

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Completion Program at Stanley S. Holmes Village in Atlantic City, in collaboration with the Atlantic City Police Department and the Atlantic City Housing Authority and Urban Development Agency. She also initiated two programs for English Learners in the community, among other projects.

Albert B. Kelly president/CEO and founder of Gateway Community Action Partnership, Inc., will also receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. Gateway is one of the largest community agencies in New Jersey with an annual budget of over \$50 million. It serves over 56,000 low-income to moderate-income people through more than 40 programs at sites in Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties and employs over 700 people.

Kelly, the mayor of Bridgeton, has served on many boards including the Bridgeton Board of Education, the Cumberland County College Board of Trustees, as a former City Council president, and former president of the Bridgeton Police Athletic League.

He currently serves a member of the Bridgeton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Cumberland County Improvement Authority, the County Workforce Investment Board; the Cumberland County Black Hall Of Fame; Cumberland County Empowerment Zone, Cumberland Development Corporation, and on the advisory board for PNC Bank and the board of directors of Inspira Health Network. He helped start the Sunday Soup Kitchen Program, which has served over 25,000 meals in eight years.

Kelly is also currently a member of the Walter Rand Institute Advisory Board, the Code Blue Homeless Shelter Team, second vice president of the New Jersey League of Municipalities and a board member of the NJ Conference of Mayors, New Jersey vice president of the Urban Mayors Association and Adelante Tres!, Hispanic Heritage and Multicultural Celebration group.

The Bridgeton native is a graduate of Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) and has worked in the state and municipal court systems. He has received recognition and awards at local, state and national levels for his dedication to community services.

Arnaldo Cordero-Roman, and Stockton **Trustee Madeleine Deininger** are t

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has developed a highly successful national marketing and sales program for California and European fine wines. She is a general partner at Bedrock Vineyards and has also worked as a freelance photographer, writer and editor.

She and her husband, Joel Peterson, sponsor the annual Ravenswood Poetry Reading Series at Stockton.

She also holds M.A. in Liberal Studies from Dartmouth College and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Stockton.

The Distinguished Stockton Alumni honorees are: **Rick Epps-Kearney, Marion McClary, Jr. and Stacey Smith.**

Epps-Kearney is a teacher at Atlantic City High School, where he teaches Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition and African American Literature. He is the adviser to the National Honor Society and o

In 2014, he was selected Teacher of the Year for Atlantic City High School and District Teacher of the Year for Atlantic City Public Schools in 2014, and was named as one of the 10 most inspiring teachers in 2007 by the Atlantic City High School graduating class.

He holds bachelor degrees in Sociology and Literature from Stockton and is currently pursuing an M.A. in American Studies from Stockton.

He was the graduate student recipient of the 2014 Stockton Community Engagement Award and in 2012, he was the recipient of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated North

Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Atlantic City for his commitment to education with the

Marion McClary Jr. is a professor of Biology and co-director of the School of Natural Sciences on the Metropolitan campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU). McClary received his B.S. in Marine Science from Stockton and his Ph.D. in Zoology from Duke University. in Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. at Stockton prepared him to serve on the executive board of the Board of Trustees for the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) as secretary. As a member of Christ Church in Montclair and Rockaway, NJ, McClary was co-director and tutor in the Learning Center with his wife, Madlyn.

In the community service arm of Christ Church, Impact Community Development Corporation (ICDC), McClary served as academic director and tutor for the Youth Leadership Institute. At

Our Church Family Ministries.

At FDU, McClary is the faculty athletics representative and coordinator of the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), a grant sponsored by the National Science Foundation with the purpose of doubling the number of minorities earning B.S. degrees in STEM.

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Smith is an instructor at Rowan University, where she has taught Introduction to the Courts and Theories of Crime and Criminality. As a graduate assistant at Arizona State University, she assisted in teaching introductory courses on Criminal Justice and Criminology.

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Science from Stockton, and was in the inaugural group of students when Stockton began classes Student Personnel Services/Counseling from Rowan University, and his doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Widener University.

Since 1981, the Council of Black Faculty and Staff has provided over \$274,500 in scholarships to Stockton students and has awarded \$24,000 to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral recipients for fiscal year 2015-16.

Net proceeds from the dinner help support scholarships for minority students. Tickets are \$85 each or \$850 for a table, and may be purchased [online](#) by the Oct. 19 deadline.

ncial support through scholarships, which makes council president.

For more information about the CBFS or the awards dinner, to place a camera-ready ad in the program book or to make a donation, please email cbfs@stockton.edu by Oct. 19 or visit the [website](#).

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