

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Tells Stockton Audience of Early Struggles, and Boosts Civics

Inaugural Presentation of The Pappas Visiting Scholar Series

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Galloway, NJ - Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (ret.), the first woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, told about 3,000 people attending her presentation on March 24, 2014 at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey that "we have to teach civics" so young people know how to be engaged citizens.

"Democracy is not a spectator sport," is one of her oft-quoted maxims. She said she started www.iCivics.org, a web site with lessons and games that teach young people how government works, to get them involved.

She said three people who write college entrance exams recently told her that they will be including civics questions on those exams. She wants elementary and high schools to start teaching it in all 50 states, as they did when she was a student, and if it's on college exams, that will provide an impetus, she said.

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“Tonight’s event is made possible through the generosity of Dean and Zoe Pappas,” President Saatkamp continued. “Dean Pappas, a member of the Stockton College Board of Trustees since 2006, and his wife, Zoe, established The Pappas Visiting Scholar Series to allow Stockton students, faculty, staff and community access to outstanding visiting scholars. It is important to note that the Stockton community is blessed with this extraordinary opportunity because of the generous, philanthropic support of Dean and Zoe Pappas. Their support is example of the amazing impact of philanthropy and we are pleased to recognize and thank them for making such an important difference on our campus.”

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