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Stockton College Awards Koopman-van de Kar and Ullman Family Fund Scholarships to Deserving Students

Recipients Include Students From New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Wisconsin

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Ms. Jeannine Cheli. The grandchild of Holocaust survivors, Ms. Cheli has a strong record of campus activism including her commitment to S.T.A.N.D. (Students Take Action Now: Darfur), Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. This dedication earned her the Koopman-Van de Kar Endowed Undergraduate Award.

Ms. Allison Good. A Biology major with a dual minor, one in Chemistry and the other in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Ms. Good became interested in studying the Holocaust during a tour of Poland last May when she participated in the March of Remembrance and Hope. Allison is slated to attend the "Lest We Forget Study Tour of Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic" this summer with other Stockton students as well as with Stockton Professor Marcia Littell. Ms. Good is entering her senior year at the College and is interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

Ms. Louise Griffiths. Ms. Griffiths majors in History and is pursuing a minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Also active in S.T.A.N.D. and Amnesty International, Ms. Griffiths has been interested in the study of history for as long as she can remember and in European history in particular, an interest she shares with one of her mentors, Professor Michael Hayse. Inspired by Professor Hayse and Distinguished Professor of Holocaust Studies Dr. Carol Rittner, her selection of Holocaust and Genocide Studies as a minor was a natural outgrowth of her lifelong curiosity regarding history. Ms. Griffiths plans to become a museum curator and her dedication, achievement and intellectual curiosity won the Koopman-Van de Kar Endowed Undergraduate Award.

Ms. Noa Margolin. Ms. Margolin is passionate about her schoolwork and her commitment to campus life. She is active in Stockton's Social Work Club, Hillel and her sorority. She was awarded the Koopman-Van de Kar Endowed Undergraduate Award.

Ms. Kirsten Pelton. Ms. Pelton's academic record, her efforts at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, her work in 2006 at the Goethe Institute, and her research on Modern Germany and the Holocaust garnered the attention of the Committee. She was awarded both the Koopman-Van de Kar Endowed Undergraduate Award and the Ullman Family Fund Scholarship.

Ms. Andrea Szkil. Ms. Szkil graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a B.A. in Museum Studies and a Concentration in the Holocaust, interned at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and currently works in Stockton's Event Services. Winner of a Koopman-Van de Kar Graduate Award, her goal after graduating from Stockton is to pursue a Ph.D. in Religious Studies with the aspiration of becoming a professor.

Ms. Dorene Sellarole-Bohadana. After graduating from Rutgers University with a B.S. in Environmental & Business Economics, Ms. Sellarole-Bohadana entered the U.S. Air Force in 1992 and served as a Squadron Section Commander, Supply Operations Officer, and Executive Officer. For outstanding service while in the Air Force, she was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. She was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain in December 1998. During her service in the Air Force, she earned an M.S. in Management from Troy State University while she was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. In May 2007, she graduated from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey with a B.A. in Geology and a minor in Jewish Studies. As an undergraduate at Stockton, she was the recipient of the Herbert Garr Award (Jewish War Veterans Scholarship) for the 2006-2007 academic year. Having recently begun to pursue an M.A. in Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Ms. Sellarole-Bohadana feels she owes a lot of her academic success to Dr. Carol Rittner and Dr. Maryann McLoughlin O'Donnell. She states that they have been wonderful mentors to her and are the motivational force behind her academic excellence. Ms. Sellarole-Bohadana was awarded the Koopman-Van de Kar Endowed Graduate Award.

Ms. Patricia Chiappine. Ms. Chiappine has recently participated in a Teach-In at Wildwood High School as a member of S.T.A.N.D. a student organization at Stockton. The organization's goals are targeted to ending the crisis in Darfur. In the course of her earning a B.A. in Sociology with a minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, she participated in the 2005 March of the Living, an internationally renowned educational program launched to teach students first-hand about the Holocaust. That program includes a 3-kilometer march tracing the path that Holocaust victims walked from the Auschwitz concentration camp to the gas chambers of Birkenau. Her academic achievement and extracurricular activities were among the considerations of the Committee when she was awarded the Koopman-Van de Kar Endowed Graduate Award. Ms. Chiappine intends to pursue a career in the nonprofit sector.

Ms. Karen Mills. Ms. Mills is a teacher at Toms River High School North who has already begun to make a difference as an educator in that district. Her academic performance, dedication and efforts earned the Koopman-Van de Kar Endowed Graduate Award.

Ms. Jodi Kelman. Before enrolling at Stockton, Ms. Kelman was Interim Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. She won the Koopman-Van de Kar Endowed Graduate Award.

Mr. Jack Koopman, a businessman from the Netherlands, generously supports the College with an annual gift of \$50,000 for student scholarship in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Earlier this year, Mr. Koopman also donated a gift of \$100,000 to the College's program in Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

The Ullman Family Fund Scholarship was established in honor of members of the Ullman family and in commemoration of those who perished under the Nazi regime. Emily Ullman and her husband Frank, went into hiding in their attic for three years during World War II. The risk of being discovered by the Nazis if they had taken their 3-year old son, Leo, into hiding with them was too great. So, they enlisted a policeman who was a member of the Dutch resistance movement to take young Leo, their son, as the policeman's visiting nephew. Reunited after the war, the Ullman family came to the United States. Leo's son, Frank is a successful businessman associated with Cedar Shopping Centers and the family reached out to the Holocaust Resource Center in support of Holocaust and Genocide Studies. In honor of their family and in memory of those who perished, the Ullman Family Fund Scholarship was created.

Since the program's founding just eight years ago, the M.A. program in Holocaust and Genocide Studies has more than 70 graduates. Stockton is home of the nation's first Master's program in Holocaust and Genocide Studies, a program that is attracting students from throughout the country. The students who were selected for these scholarships are all affiliated with this program and/or Stockton's undergraduate minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Stockton integrates Holocaust and Genocide Studies into its curriculum and provides teacher training in Holocaust and Genocide Education each year through its Holocaust Resource Center.

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