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Former Senator Paul Sarbanes to Speak at Stockton's Commencement Ceremony

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Sarbanes is married, has three children and six grandchildren. He is a member of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Baltimore. His son, John Sarbanes, won the general election for Maryland's 3rd congressional district in 2006, the district that Paul Sarbanes represented prior to his election as senator.

Madeleine Deininger is a 1980 alumna of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, where she received her baccalaureate in Liberal Studies (concentrating in science and creative writing), then went on to graduate from Dartmouth College in 1985 with a Master's Degree in Liberal Studies (with studies in comparative literature and history).

After working for a few years as a freelance writer and photographer, she and her 2 business partners started a fine wine marketing and import company. Years later she moved to Northern California to found Kismet Wines, Inc., where she helped to develop a highly successful national marketing and sales programs for Californian and European fine wines.

Currently, Ms. Deininger is a general partner at Bedrock Vineyards, which supplies premium grapes for Ravenswood, Sebastiani and Simi wineries in Sonoma County. In addition, she is a managing partner of Sunbreak Vineyard Services, L.L.C., which provides environmentally sustainable vineyard management for vineyards in Sonoma Valley.

In May of 2007, she was appointed to The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Board of Trustees by Governor Jon Corzine. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Directors for Blue Oak School, a progressive independent day school in Napa County.

In her spare time Madeleine is a freelance writer and poet. She and her husband Joel Peterson sponsor the annual Ravenswood Poetry Reading Series at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Madeleine and her family reside in Northern California and Southern New Jersey. Her interests include real estate investments, home design and restoration in Vermont, Northern California and New Jersey.

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