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## The Stockton Community Remembers Trustee Dean C. Pappas

The extraordinary contributions and legacy of Dean C. Pappas, the Stockton trustee and former board chair who lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, were recognized by the University community at the May 4 Board of Trustees meeting.

Pappas is remembered as an "extraordinary individual who was kind, gentle, humble and generous," said President Harvey Kesselman. He noted that Pappas was committed to improving the lives of others, and over nearly a decade of service, used his leadership, expertise and talent to help Stockton grow into one of the top public regional universities in the northern United States.

"Dean Pappas truly loved Stockton, and he contributed both his time and financial resources to enhance the quality of life at Stockton," Kesselman said. "Dean and his wife Zoe's gifts to Stockton have made a significant difference in the lives of so many of our campus community members, and his legacy will live on at Stockton forever."

The Pappases donated \$1 million to establish the Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Visiting Scholar Endowment Fund to bring noted scholars and thought leaders to the University for classes, workshops and public events. The <u>inaugural speaker</u> in 2014 was retired Associate Supreme Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Pappas had said he underwent "a transformational experience" as an undergraduate college student at Dickinson College in 1961, when he heard the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak. He wanted students at Stockton to have similar access to outstanding visiting scholars.

Dean and Zoe Pappas also committed \$250,000 in July 2015 to the University Foundation to establish a Greek Art and Architecture Fund to provide students with new learning experiences.

The Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies was renamed for them in 2015 to honor their generosity and commitment to scholarship. In 2012, they had donated \$150,000 to endow the work of the Interdisciplinary Center for

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Amy Hadley, associate professor of Communication Disorders, recently received The George Gens Volunteer of the Year Award by the New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NJSHA).

The George Gens Volunteer of the Year Award recipient is selected by the NJSHA Board of Directors and recognizes individuals or groups