

Stockton College Gala on April 27 Features

Students Who Benefit from Scholarships

Entertainment, Auction, Dinner and Dancing at Revel in Atlantic City

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Galloway Township, NJ- Students who benefit from the funds raised will be among more than 670 guests celebrating at the 33rd Annual Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Revel in Atlantic City.

Emily Heerema, a candidate for a Master's of Science in Occupational Therapy, credits donors to the college's scholarship fund with helping her achieve her goals.

"The day I started graduate school at Stockton, my mother (Patricia Heerema) was diagnosed with breast cancer," Heerema explained recently. "Throughout all of this, she has inspired me to keep going. She's been fighting and is now recovered from breast cancer. Because of scholarship donors, I am able to continue with graduate school and become an occupational therapist." Heerema, of Bricktown in Ocean County, is also a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Development. Her mother will be joining her at the gala.

About 20 students who benefit from scholarships will be volunteering Saturday night. "It's a way to feel like they're giving back and showing appreciation for the scholarships they receive," said President Herman Saatkamp.

About 30 students from the college's Hospitality and Tourism Management program

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Quantum Capital Management, L.L.C, Ravenswood Winery, Resorts Casino Hotel, Shore Medical Center, SOSH Architects, South Jersey Industries, Steve & Cookie's By the Bay, Stockton Seaview Hotel & Golf Club, Tropicana Casino and Resort, Trump Entertainment Resorts, U.A. Local Union 322 and the Yoh Foundation.

The foundation is seeking additional sponsorships and donations to the silent auction. To donate or become a sponsor, visit <u>www.stockton.edu/gala</u>.

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