Stockton Scholarship Gala Huge Success Despite Challenging Economic Climate

The Stockton College Foundation Annual Benefit Raises \$760,000

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Atlantic City, NJ- The 29th Annual Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala, held Saturday April 25 at Caesars Atlantic City, reached its ambitious \$750,000 goal in the face of the most challenging economic climate in event history. More than 800 people attended the Gala, enjoying a cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, silent auction and concert by legendary entertainer Art Garfunkel.

"To achieve such an ambitious goal is a remarkable accomplishment," President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. "It is heartening to see the continued support for student scholarships by our many friends and partners."

Many of the region's top civic, business and community leaders were on hand to join with Stockton students, administration, faculty and staff to take part in what has become one of the more eagerly anticipated events on the area social calendar.

Proceeds of the event benefit student scholarships that award academic excellence and help to maintain College affordability. As a result of the benefit and other fundraising efforts of the Stockton College Foundation, the College has been able to raise student financial assistance to record levels for its talented student scholars.

J. Carlos Tolosa, President of the Eastern Division for Harrah's Entertainment, served as the Honorary Chairman of the Gala for the second year in a row. "We are proud to partner with Stockton College on this important event. Harrah's is also pleased to announce that we have recently established a scholarship at Stockton, created specifically for Harrah's Entertainment employees." Lisette McFarland is the first Harrah's Employee Scholarship recipient, which was announced on Saturday at the Gala.

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The Gala Chairman, Lloyd D. Levenson, Esq.,