

Stockton's Council of Black Faculty and Staff to Honor Jacobson, Harris, Curry and Cranmer

30th Annual Event Takes Place Nov. 10

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Galloway Township, NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Council of Black Faculty and Staff (CBFS) will honor four outstanding individuals on Thursday Nov. 10, 2011, when the organization celebrates its 30th Anniversary of the Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner

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Merit Award. The Distinguished Stockton Alumnus honor is being presented to Mr. Eugene "Gene" Cranmer, a member of Stockton's graduating class of 1993 and a Professional Services Specialist at the College.

Tickets for the event are still available and donations to the Council's Scholarship Fund are gratefully accepted. Tickets are \$85 per person, or a table of 10 for \$850. Checks should be made payable to the RSC Foundation (please write CBFS on the check memo line) or purchase tickets on-line at www.stockton.edu (type key words black council into the search engine).

Honorary Chair for the event is Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Provost and Executive Vice President of the College. The awards dinner Planning Committee is co-chaired by Patricia W. Collins and Yubi Pena; members include Diane L. Epps, Lonnie Folks, Peg Fiore, Mel Gregory, Denise S. Green, Jessica Grullon, Dr. Laurie Sanderson and De Mozelle-Wright.

About the honorees:

Michael Jacobson, Esq., is the longest-serving member of Stockton's Board of Trustees, having served for more than a quarter century. He joined the Board in 1985 and was Chair twice, from 2001 to 2004 and from 1994 to 1996. One of the region's most prominent attorneys, he is senior partner in the Cooper Levenson firm in Atlantic City and a member of the Bar Associations of New Jersey, Atlantic County and Texas. An active supporter of community organizations, he is former president of Temple Emeth Shalom, Exchange Club of Atlantic City and the Atlantic City Jaycees. He is a graduate of Atlantic City High School, Temple University, attended American University's Graduate School of Government and graduated from Baylor University's School of Law.

Patti Harris is Executive Director and Founder of Atlantic City Dance Theatre Center of Cultural

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support for programming at the Atlantic City Boys and Girls Club, establishment of urban gardens at multiple sites in Atlantic City and the design of anti-bullying programs at area schools are just a few examples of her work.

A specialist in the Office of Computer and Telecommunications at Stockton for 31 years, Eugene "Gene" Cranmer began his Stockton career in the Library in 1979 and his career with the State of New Jersey two years earlier as an employee of the Division of Youth and Family Services. Having first earned an A.A. degree from Ocean County College, he completed his B.A. in Sociology at Stockton in 1993. He is co-founder and sponsor of the Stockton Employees Memorial Scholarship Fund, member of the Council of Black Faculty and Staff, Stockton Alumni Association, the Stockton Christian Fellowship and a volunteer at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and at College graduations. A strong advocate for students' rights he is co-advisor of the student club Students Aiming for Excellence and has mentored numerous successful Stockton students over the years.

"This year's honorees symbolize what the Council's fundraising efforts are all about," Collins said. "We are looking forward to having a lot of fun on Nov. 10 to celebrate their contributions and the positive effect they have had on our students and community."

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