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## **Richard Stockton College Scholarship Benefit Gala Exceeds Ambitious Goal**

**Record Amount of \$780,000 Raised in Advance of Event**

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**Atlantic City, NJ** – The 28th Annual Stockton Scholarship Benefit Gala was attended last Saturday by a sellout audience of more than 900. The region's top civic, business and community leaders, as well as Stockton students, faculty, staff and administration enjoyed the festivities, which included live and silent auctions and gourmet dining, in addition to live entertainment by national TV personality and comedian Howie Mandel.

The event raised a record total in excess of \$780,000, with proceeds supporting the College Foundation Scholarship Fund. As a result of the benefit and other fundraising efforts, the Foundation makes it possible to offer scholarships to talented student scholars. The figure is preliminary and is likely to rise as results of the silent and live auctions are tabulated.

President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. lauded the Gala Committee, particularly Chairman Dr. James Yoh of Medford, President of Galaxy Technology and Vice Chair of The Richard Stockton College Board of Trustees. Dr. Yoh helped set the tone for the success of the 2008 Gala by making a personal contribution of \$50,000.

Dr. Saatkamp also praised Honorary Chairman for the event, J. Carlos Tolosa, President of the Eastern Division of Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., and the event's major sponsors: Harrah's Atlantic City, Galaxy Technology, L.L.C., Borgata Heart and Soul Foundation, The *Press of Atlantic City*, AtlantiCare, Trump Entertainment Resorts, Commerce Bancorp, Inc., AC Coin & Slot, Chartwells, the *Courier Post*, Deutsche Bank Alex Brown, Follett Higher Education Group, Friedmutter Group, Horizon Eye Care, John F. Scarpa Foundation, Kramer Beverage Co., Inc., NBC 40, TN Ward Company, Vertis Communications, The Walker Group at Morgan Stanley and WESTAR Architectural Group.

"We continue to reach new heights annually with this event, and with the leadership of our committee, chair, honorary chairman, and the support of our community, this year's gala proved to be the most successful to date," Dr. Saatkamp added.

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