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## **Stockton Trustee Dean C. Pappas, Zoe S. Pappas Bestow Major Gift**

***\$1,150,000 Donated to Establish Visiting Scholar Endowment Fund,  
Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies Endowment***

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**Galloway Twp., NJ-** As an undergraduate college student at Dickinson College in 1961, Richard Stockton College of NJ Trustee Dean C. Pappas underwent “a transformational experience” when he heard the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speak to the student body.

“Until that point I was sort of drifting my way through college, but Dr. King’s message was very impressive. It made me start to think more seriously about my future. Basically, his message was to act responsibly. It was a moment that changed my life.”

Mr. Pappas, a member of the Stockton College Board of Trustees since 2006, wanted students at the College to have similar access to outstanding visiting scholars. To that end, Mr. Pappas and his wife, Zoe S. Pappas, have donated \$1 million to establish the Dean C. and Zoe S. Pappas Visiting Scholar Endowment Fund and \$150,000 to establish the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies (ICHS) Endowment Fund. The Pappas Visiting Scholar Fund will be used to bring noted scholars and thought leaders to the College for classes, workshops and public events. The ICHS Fund will help support faculty research, student educational opportunity, study abroad programs, among other initiatives, under the umbrella of the ICHS.

“Dean and Zoe Pappas’ generous gift is certain to provide our students with access to some of the great contemporary voices in education, culture and civic engagement,” Stockton President

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According to Dr. Saatkamp, a Pappas Visiting Scholars Program Committee will be initiated, consisting of at least five people, to help select each year's visiting scholar or scholar/artist. The committee will come from a cross-section of the College community.

Mr. Pappas said the desire to form the ICHS endowment dates back to his earliest involvement at Stockton. A member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, he enjoys a long association with Dr. Demetrios Constantelos, Stockton Distinguished Professor Emeritus, and a Greek Orthodox clergyman.

"I first became aware of all the great things happening at Stockton through Father Constantelos," he said. "The more I learned about the College, the more impressed I became, and that has continued to be the case throughout my years serving on the Board of Trustees," he said.

The Pappas gift provides a tremendous boost to the College's first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign known as *You Make the Difference: The Campaign for Stockton College*. "The campaign has a goal to raise \$20 million by the end of June 2014," said Dr. Ellmore. "This gift helps us towards that goal and we are honored that Dean and Zoe have made Stockton a significant part of their philanthropy."

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