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Stockton Student Trustee Names College as Life Insurance Beneficiary for \$100,000

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Galloway Twp., NJ – Andrew Klimkowski, Student member of The Richard Stockton College Board of Trustees, has named the College as beneficiary for \$100,000 in life insurance proceeds payable at the time of his passing.

"I was inspired by Leo Schoffer's donation of \$500,000 to name Stockton's Holocaust Resource Center in honor of his parents (Holocaust Survivors Sara and Sam Schoffer.) It struck me that this was something I could easily do," said the 27-year-old Klimkowski, a resident of Sea Bright, Monmouth County. He said he would like to endow a scholarship to a deserving student in one of Stockton's allied health fields in honor of his mother, Kathleen V. Klimkowski, who passed away in August of 2000 after a valiant battle with breast cancer.

"This is a wonderful gesture by a remarkable young man," Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. "Andy's level of commitment to Stockton is on par with anyone's. It is a pleasure working with him." President Saatkamp said. Stockton's policy of matching such donations would apply, making the total initial value of the scholarship \$200,000.

In addition to honoring the memory of his mother, who worked for many years helping others at the Samuel Miller Retirement Center in Mount Holly, Klimkowski said he hoped to inspire others, particularly members of his generation to follow his lead.

"I believe the 20 to 30-somethings are among the most philanthropic and most involved generations and I wanted to be a part of that. I want to help Stockton and help future students," he said.

Klimkowski, an Air National Guard Senior Airman and veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Oman and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Spain and Portugal, is a political science major. He is the son and stepson of John Klimkowski and Shirley Klimkowski of Egg Harbor City.

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