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Stockton College Golf Classic Increases Support for Student Scholarships

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Foundation recently hosted the Fifth Annual Stockton College Golf Classic, bringing the community together in support of student scholarships. The event brought in more than \$100,000, representing a 25 percent increase in net proceeds from the previous year.

The event, held for the second consecutive year at Hidden Creek Golf Club in Egg Harbor Twp., has evolved in just five years from a small social event into one of the College's major fundraisers to benefit scholarships for deserving students.

"The Classic's committee and our Office of Development staff worked very hard to elevate the event to this level," Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. "It is a remarkable feat to double our proceeds in just two years. It's gratifying to see the commitment our community leaders and supporters have invested in the College."

Presenting Sponsor for the event was The Azeez Foundation. Sponsors included Kramer Beverage, Ole Hanson & Sons, Inc., *Press of Atlantic City*, Commerce Bank, Gibson Tarquini Group, Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling, KSS Architects, Chartwells, AtlantiCare, and the *Burlington County Times*. Foundation Board member Tony Coppola and Bethany Gorny served as Chairpersons for the event.

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Beautiful weather with low humidity prevailed as 156 golfers participated in the day's activities, which included lunch, dinner and numerous special holes during the shotgun start, scramble format tournament: closest to the pin, longest drive and opportunities to win cars with a hole-in-one. There was also a separate putting contest. "Hidden Creek's contribution was significant to the success of this event," Dr. Saatkamp noted. "Edwina and Roger Hanson's generous hosting of the event on this beautiful course, and the superb operations of lan Dalzell and his entire staff certainly made a memorable day for all of the participants."

The low gross team of Bob Miller, Jeff Miller, Dave Myers and Brian Dix representing Kline Construction; and the low net team of Tim Glenn, Todd Gordon, Judd McLaughlin and Dave Bishop of Glenn Insurance were awarded. They will have their names engraved on the permanent Classic trophy, the Corona Cup.

Members of the Stockton College golf team served as officials for a putting contest and the Stockton softball team volunteered on the course.

Stockton College, nestled in 1,600 acres of New Jersey's Pinelands, is the largest college campus in the state. It is a short drive to popular beach resorts. The College offers many of the educational benefits found in private colleges that cost much more than Stockton, as well as the cultural benefits of a public university. It has the added the benefit of one of the lowest tuition costs in the state.

The Stockton College Foundation was established in 1972 by friends of the College. Governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors, the Foundation enables alumni, friends and the community to help financially support Stockton programs, student scholarships, and initiatives for growth.