

Richard Kathrins of Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation Earns Stockton Leadership Award

School of Health Sciences Cites Bacharach President and CEO

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Galloway, NJ – Dr. Richard Kathrins, president and CEO of the Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation, Wednesday was awarded the 2015 School of Health Sciences Leadership Award by the Stockton University Board of Trustees.

The School of Health Sciences Leadership Award was established in 2010 to honor individuals who have made important and enduring contributions to health sciences. The individual can be from academia or the community, must have a relationship with Stockton University, and a history of promoting health sciences in the community, mentoring others and demonstrating a high level of professionalism.

“Dr. Richard Kathrins truly embodies the spirit of the award,” said Dean Theresa Bartolotta of the School of Health Sciences. “Dr. Kathrins’ relationship with Stockton is long and multifaceted. Dr. Kathrins has been directly responsible for garnering significant resources to support Stockton’s Physical Therapy program in its early years and his support has been continuous since then. He has lent his expertise as an adjunct instructor and directly collaborated in collaborative research projects with Stockton faculty and colleagues from the Rothman Institute and Bacharach.”

Interim President Harvey Kesselman said Kathrins was instrumental in helping Stockton establish the admissions process for the Physical Therapy program, which grew to include Stockton’s first doctoral program in 2006. He said Kathrins and Bacharach also helped provide opportunities for students and faculty in what has become “one of the transformative programs at Stockton.”

“Rich, thank you for everything you’ve done,” Kesselman said.

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Under his leadership, Bacharach has grown from a small rehab hospital in Galloway to a thriving multi-county health care system with 17 therapy centers. Dr. Kathrins' efforts resulted in the facility being recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of the nation's "Best Nursing Homes." In 2010, he was the recipient of the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association's national leadership award, the Inspired, Notable, Dedicated Effort (INDE) Award.

"Bacharach and Stockton have forged many bridges that have resulted in clinical research, education and the efficient use of resources," Kathrins said. "Our combined work has had a positive impact on the community and the patients that we serve."

He also credited his wife, Professor of Physical Therapy Bess Kathrins, who established the bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs in PT at Stockton and was the first recipient of the school's leadership award in 2010.

"I stand here because of one person," he said, adding - "not too many husbands and wives have gotten this award."

Kathrins serves as a trustee for the Bacharach Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees and plays a leadership role in management of the Pauline Hollander Scholarship Fund for Registered Nurses, which this year awarded \$50,000 in scholarships to students in Stockton's Nursing program.

"Dr. Kathrins' leadership extends beyond the campus shared by our two institutions. He is known both regionally and nationally for his health advocacy efforts," Bartolotta said. "He currently serves as the vice chair of the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMPRA). He was also a trustee of the New Jersey Hospital Association from 2005 to 2011.

"We look forward to many more years of collaboration and shared leadership," said Bartolotta.

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Richard Kathrins, president and CEO of the Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation, receives the School of Health Sciences Leadership Award from Dean Theresa Bartolotta on Sept. 16 at the Stockton University Board of Trustees meeting.