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**Alcove Founder Patricia D. Smith of Linwood Selected as  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Stockton Psychology Distinguished Alumni  
Award Recipient**

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**Galloway Township, N.J.** – The Psychology Program at the Richard Stockton College of NJ has recently announced the selection of Patricia Smith, MSS, LCSW, class of 1986 and Linwood resident as the recipient of their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Distinguished Psychology Alumni Award. Smith recently retired as Co-Director of the Alcove Center for Grieving Children and Families, an organization that she founded with colleague Mindy Shemtov in 2001. Pat will be honored at the Program's annual event on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 pm -6:30 pm, which will also feature thesis presentations by current students, and a buffet style dinner reception.

The award is designed to acknowledge the many program graduates who have excelled in their careers, in their community service efforts and in other meaningful ways. This recognition also shows current students the variety of career paths chosen and activities undertaken by psychology majors and graduates. Past recipients have included Michael Westerveld, Ph.D. ('84) Yale University School of Medicine; David Metzger, Ph.D. ('75), University of Pennsylvania Medical School; Lisa Doherty Benaroch ('85), Vice President for Global Operations, Merrill Lynch Corporation; and Roy Earnest ('77), Co-Director, "Surfing for Life" and Regional Director, Corporation for National Service, San Francisco, CA.

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