

## Stockton College Formally Dedicated its Kramer Hall Instructional Site in Hammonton

Building Named in Honor of Lynn and Charles Kramer for their Continued Support of Stockton College

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Stockton College's roots extended a little deeper on Thursday, January 31, 2013, after Stockton President Herman Saatkamp and the Board of Trustees cut the ribbon to dedicate its Hammonton instructional site, Kramer Hall.

Students, faculty, staff, and community members gathered at 30 Front Street in front of the 13,620-square-foot building that was built in the early 1900s and become the Bertino/National Garment Factory in the 1950s. Today marked the "assimilation of two great legacies," said Harvey Kesselman, Provost and Executive Vice President.

He noted that the mighty pillars of the garment factory hold a rich history that students and faculty will feel immediately when they enter the now modern facility. There are limitless academic and cultural pursuits in the near future for the Stockton community and Hammonton.

The building was named after Lynn and Charles Kramer for their many years of service and philanthropic support of Stockton, including a significant new Leadership Gift. "None of this would be possible without the Kramer family, and we are delighted that Stockton is a part of Hammonton," said President Herman Saatkamp.

The Honorable Steve DiDonato, Mayor of Hammonton, called the site a tremendous reuse and an anchor for the downtown.

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Anne Liberto, whose grandmother purchased the building and owned and operated the former factory, shared her childhood memories. "I grew up in this building. As a kid, I played with scraps of fabric, and as a teenager, I worked in the building," she recalled.

Each day she learned a different job and was taught the importance of hard work. "If you work hard enough, the dream can be yours," she said. "Students who walk through these doors need the desire to work hard."

Inside the building are display cases and photos that reveal the history of the building, which includes a 24-station computer lab, two 30-seat multipurpose classrooms, three 43-seat classrooms, a 16-seat seminar room, four 12-seat seminar rooms, administrative and support offices, and an art gallery that will showcase work by local artists.

To learn more about Kramer Hall, visit <u>www.stockton.edu/hammonton</u>.

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