

Leo Schoffer Sworn in as Newest Member of Stockton College Board of Trustees

Area Businessman, Civic Leader Joins College Governing Body

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Galloway Township, NJ- Leo B. Schoffer, Esq., a resident of Margate City, NJ, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The founder of Schoffer Enterprises, which specializes in industrial and commercial real estate development, was sworn in yesterday at the Board's regular meeting.

"We are honored to have Leo Schoffer, who has been a longtime supporter of the College, representing us on the Board of Trustees," President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., said. "Leo brings a wealth of higher education knowledge and community partnerships to the Board."

In 2007, Schoffer and his family presented a \$500,000 gift to name the College's Holocaust Resource Center. The gift names the facility, one of the nation's first at a public college, the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center after Schoffer's parents, both Holocaust survivors.

Sam and the late Sara Schoffer, natives of Vilna, Poland, were married in a forest following their escape from a Jewish ghetto in their hometown. They immigrated to the United States in 1949 and raised their children Lynda and Leo, on the memories of their experiences. As a result, involvement and support of the Jewish community and Holocaust education efforts became a central theme in the Schoffer's lives.

The Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center is a joint project of the College and the Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May Counties. It serves as a resource for the study of the Holocaust and its significance for the past, present and future. The Center supports academic programs at the College.

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Projects by Schoffer Enterprises include more than one million square feet of space and have serviced many of the casino projects in Atlantic City. In addition to his business and educational support efforts, Schoffer has been active in numerous community organizations, including president and chairman of Congregation Beth Judah, chairman of the Margate City Citizens' Long Term Planning Committee, chairman of the Egg Harbor Twp. Economic Development Commission, president of the Atlantic City High School Athletic Hall of Fame Association and vice president and campaign chairman of the Jewish Federation of Atlantic County.

Schoffer was nominated for Stockton's Board by the Governor's Appointments Office, and the nomination was approved by the state legislature.

He is a graduate of Rutgers College and Hofstra University School of Law. He and his wife Patti have three children, Melissa, Daniel and Rebecca.

For a high resolution photograph of Leo Schoffer, please <u>click here</u>.

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