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Former Senator Paul Sarbanes to Speak at Stockton's Commencement Ceremony

Madeleine Deininger will also Provide a Keynote Speech

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Galloway Twp., NJ – Paul Spyros Sarbanes, Former U.S. Senator from Maryland will speak at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's morning commencement ceremony and will also be awarded an honorary degree from the College. Stockton Board of Trustees member Ms. Madeleine Deininger will give the keynote address at the afternoon ceremony.

Paul Spyros Sarbanes, a Democrat, was the longest-serving senator in Maryland history, having served from 1977 until 2007. He did not seek re-election in 2006 and often shunned the limelight over his 30-year Senate career.

Sarbanes attended Princeton University, earning a bachelor's degree in 1954. He was a Rhodes Scholar and studied at Balliol College of Oxford University, graduating in 1957. Sarbanes then attended Harvard Law School, and graduated in 1960. After graduation, he clerked for a federal judge before entering private practice.

In 1966, Sarbanes ran for the Maryland House of Delegates in Baltimore City and won. During his four years as a State delegate in Annapolis, he served on both the Judiciary and the Ways and Means Committees. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1970 from the fourth district of Maryland and was reelected in 1972 and 1974 from the third district. While in the House, Sarbanes served on the Judiciary Committee, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, and the Select Committee on House Reorganization. It was during his service in the House, in August 1974, that Sarbanes was selected by his Democratic colleagues on the House Watergate Committee to introduce the first Article of Impeachment, for obstruction of justice, against then-President Richard Nixon.

In 1976, Sarbanes was elected to the United States Senate and re-elected in 1982, 1988, 1994 and 2000. In 2002, Sarbanes was the Senate sponsor of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which reformed federal securities laws in the wake of the 2002 corporate accounting scandals. He served as a ranking or senior member on the following Senate committees: Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; Special Whitewater Committee; Foreign Relations Committee; Budget Committee and the Joint Economic Committee.

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Sarbanes is married, has three children and six grandchildren. He is a member of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Baltimore. His son, John Sarbanes, won the general election for Maryland's 3rd congressional district in 2006, the district that Paul Sarbanes represented prior to his election as senator.

Madeleine Deininger is a 1980 alumna of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, where she received her baccalaureate in Liberal Studies (concentrating in science and creative writing), then went on to graduate from Dartmouth College in 1985 with a Master's Degree in Liberal Studies (with studies in comparative literature and history).

After working for a few years as a freelance writer and photographer, she and her 2 business partners started a fine wine marketing and import company. Years later she moved to Northern California to found Kismet Wines, Inc., where she helped to develop a highly successful national marketing and sales programs for Californian and European fine wines.

Currently, Ms. Deininger is a general partner at Bedrock Vineyards, which supplies premium grapes for Ravenswood, Sebastiani and Simi wineries in Sonoma County. In addition, she is a managing partner of Sunbreak Vineyard Services, L.L.C., which provides environmentally sustainable vineyard management for vineyards in Sonoma Valley.

In May of 2007, she was appointed to The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Board of Trustees by Governor Jon Corzine. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Directors for Blue Oak School, a progressive independent day school in Napa County.

In her spare time Madeleine is a freelance writer and poet. She and her husband Joel Peterson sponsor the annual Ravenswood Poetry Reading Series at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

Madeleine and her family reside in Northern California and Southern New Jersey. Her interests include real estate investments, home design and restoration in Vermont, Northern California and New Jersey.

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