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Madeleine Deininger Confirmed as Richard Stockton College of NJ Trustee; Installation Set for Wednesday, May 2

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GALLOWAY TWP., NJ – Madeleine Deininger was confirmed by the New Jersey legislature as the newest Trustee of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and was officially installed at the Board of Trustees' May meeting held in the Townsend Residential Life Center on the College campus.

Ms. Deininger was appointed to a 6-year term until June of 2012. She replaces Celeste Carpiano who retired from the Board in June of 2006.

Ms. Deininger maintains a home in Margate, Atlantic County and has long been a supporter of higher education. She and her husband, Joel Peterson, began an endowment for the Visiting Writers' Series at the College.

Madeleine Deininger is the founder and President of the Sonoma, California-based Kismet Wines, Inc. where she has developed a highly successful national marketing and sales program for Californian and European fine wines. Madeleine is a 1980 alumna of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, where she received her baccalaureate in Liberal Studies. Upon graduating from Dartmouth College in 1985 with a Master's Degree in Liberal Studies, she founded Kismet Wines, Inc.

Ms. Deininger is also a general partner at Bedrock Vineyard, which supplies premium grapes for Ravenswood, Sebastiani and Simi wineries in Sonoma County. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Directors for the prestigious Blue Oak 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. She also helps sponsor The Schoolhouse Stomp Steppers Drill Team in Pleasantville, New Jersey and has helped sponsor the Margate Mother's Club July 4th Beach Fireworks program.

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