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Stockton to Present “The Journey: The Greek American Dream” on Oct. 7

***Annual Event to Feature Film, Keynote Speech by Senator Paul S.
Sarbanes (D- MD, 1977-2007)***

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Galloway Township, NJ - The Friends of Hellenic Studies of Richard Stockton College and the Stockton College Office of Development will celebrate the Greek-American immigration story as part of their annual fundraising event on **Sunday, October 7, 2007**. The proceeds of the event will go to benefit student scholarships.

The inspirational film *The Journey: The Greek American Dream* will be shown at the Stockton Performing Arts Center and will be accompanied by a keynote speech by longtime Maryland Senator Paul S. Sarbanes. Senator Sarbanes is featured in the film and will speak about the immigrant experiences of his family and of his life as a Greek-American in public service.

The event will take place beginning at 1:30 PM with a buffet luncheon followed by the film at 3:00 PM at the Stockton Performing Arts Center in K-wing.

A donation of \$40 for adults and \$15 for students is requested to support the Hellenic Studies' scholarship program. For reservations, please call Bev Pagano in The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (609) 652-4830.

About the Keynote Speaker and Film Producers: Paul S. Sarbanes was born on Maryland's Eastern Shore to Greek immigrants. His parents, Spyros P. Sarbanes and Matina Tsigounis, were immigrants from Laconia, Greece and owned a Salisbury, MD restaurant. Educated at Princeton University, Oxford University and Harvard Law School, the former United States Senator served from 1977 until 2007, the longest-serving senator in Maryland history. He was the Ranking Member of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and the Senior Member of the Foreign Relations Committee. Known most recently for the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, he called for the reform of accounting and reporting practices in response to major corporate scandals. His support for Greek and Cypriot issues and Greek-American affairs has been longstanding and is marked by his receiving The Leadership 100 Award for Excellence from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and the Athenagoras Human Rights Award by the Archon Order of St. Andrew the Apostle.

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Featured in the film, the Honorable Paul Sarbanes (retired Democratic Senator from Maryland 1977-2007) will discuss the experiences of his family members as immigrants and his life as a Greek-American in public service.

The film, "The Journey: The Greek American Dream," was written, directed and produced by Maria Iliou in collaboration with Haverford College historian Professor Alexander Kitroeff. This film has been shown at the Benaki Museum in Athens and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. This presentation will be the first showing of the film at any college or university in the United States.

Iliou, along with Prof. Alexander Kitroeff, a historian from Haverford College, narrates "The Journey" which tells the story of the Greek immigration to America from 1890 to 1980. Interviews with prominent Greek Americans including Senator Sarbanes, writers George Pelecanos and Elias Kulkundis, poet Olga Broumas, film critic/historian Dan Georgakas, Ellis Island Archivist George Tselos, Hellenic Studies professors Martha Klironomos and Artemis Leontis, and Father Bob Stephanopoulos complement the photographic and filmic archival footage.

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