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## **Hughes Center launches web page to showcase sponsored student research**

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy today debuted a web page designed to showcase Stockton University student research sponsored by the policy center.

In September 2019, the Hughes Center established a student research internship in which a different Stockton student each semester researches a public policy issue and produces a paper on the topic. The policy papers, and other student research sponsored by the Hughes Center, will be published on the new Hughes Center page (<https://stockton.edu/hughes-center/student-research.html>).

The first paper to be published, “The Effects of Climate Change in New Jersey,” was researched and written by Florence Hulbert and provides an overview of recent research on how climate change is changing or may affect the Garden State. “Florie” Hulbert is pursuing a dual-major undergraduate degree in mathematics and political science. She is president of the College Democrats of Stockton University and serves on Stockton’s Student Senate.

The Hughes Center’s student research intern in the spring 2020 semester is Daniel Tidcombe, a pre-law political science major and a senior. He is researching whether the number of federal judicial vacancies is affecting operations of the U.S. District Court in New Jersey.

Research internships represent one way in which the Hughes Center is creating opportunities for Stockton students, said Executive Director John Froomjian.

The center helped establish student internships in Atlantic County government last summer and has increased its support of the Washington Internship program at Stockton, Froomjian said.

The Hughes Center will help fund the Stockton Model U.N.’s participation in the National Model United Nations conference in April in New York, where the students will represent Russia. The Model U.N. students present policy briefs at the conference, which will also be published on the new research web page.