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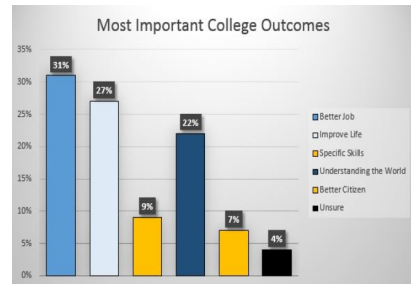
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The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy will recognize five outstanding New Jerseyans at the 2015 Hughes Center Honors on Friday, Feb. 6, 2015 at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Galloway, NJ. Former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean will accept the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award.



The honorees include:

- Retired Associate Justice John E. Wallace Jr., of the New Jersey Supreme Court, who will receive the Civility in Government and Politics Award;
- State Sen. Chris Connors of the 9th District, who will receive the Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award;
- Edward J. Graham, chairman and CEO of South Jersey Industries, who will receive the Excellence in Civic Engagement Award;
- and Carl Archut Jr., president of the Stockton Student Senate, who will receive the Distinctive Student Leadership Award.

The Honors are awarded for professional excellence and a commitment to public service, civility and bipartisanship which reflects the life and career of Ambassador William J. Hughes, who served as U.S. ambassador to Panama and as a U.S. congressman for 20 years.

The event begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by the awards program at 6:30 p.m.

THE HONOREES

Thomas H. Kean served as governor of New Jersey from 1982 to 1990. He promoted the State's identity through "The New Jersey and You - Perfect Together" campaign. He was known for innovation in education, higher education and private sector technology partnerships, expanded support for the arts, and protection of inland waterways and freshwater wetlands and other environmental resources. After leaving office, Governor Kean served as the president of Drew

University from 1990 to 2005. In December 2002, he was named by President George W. Bush as chair of the National Commission on Terrorism Attacks Upon the United States.

John E. Wallace, Jr. is a retired New Jersey Supreme Court Justice, and is Counsel to the firm of Brown and Connery. He concentrates his practice in mediation, arbitration and complex litigation. Appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1984, he was elevated to the Appellate Division in 1992 and nominated and confirmed to the Supreme Court in 2003. Mr. Wallace received his bachelor degree from the University of Delaware and his law degree from Harvard Law School.

Christopher J. Connors is a New Jersey State Senator from District 9 which includes Galloway Township. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Stockton College. He also earned his M.P.A. from Rutgers University and his J.D. from Rutgers School of Law-Camden. He practices law with the firm of Dasti, Murphy, McGuckin, Ulaky, Cherkos & Connors. Mr. Connors has also served in the General Assembly, on the Lacey Township Committee and as Mayor of Lacey Township.

Edward J. Graham is chairman and chief executive officer of South Jersey Industries. An alumnus of Rider University for his undergraduate degree, Graham holds a Master of Business Administration degree in finance and investment from Drexel University. He is a member of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and serves as a member of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Carl Archut, Jr. is president of the Stockton Student Senate and was selected as Student Senator of the Year in 2013-2014. Archut, of Paulsboro, NJ, is a junior pursuing a degree in Liberal Studies with concentrations in Leadership and Hospitality Management. He is also very active with the Xi-Rho chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Stockton. He is considering a career in Student Affairs and plans to pursue a Master's degree in higher education administration upon graduating in May 2016.

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Congress to Campus

As part of the Congress to Campus program, retired congressmen Robert Clement and Louis Frey met with students, faculty and staff on Oct. 13 and 14. Clement, a Democrat, represented Tennessee's 5th district from 1988-2003, and Frey, a Republican, served Florida's 9th district from 1973-1979, and Florida's 5th district from 1969-1973.



Congress to Campus, a program of the United States Association of Former Members of Congress of Washington, D.C., connects former representatives and senators with college students. The program is designed to increase civic engagement and encourage students to pursue careers in public service.

"The Hughes Center applied to host the program so that we could provide another opportunity to enhance their academic studies with practitioners of public policy and politics. We hope that students become more engaged in civic life," Douglas said.

The former congressmen spoke on a range of topics: grid-lock in Washington, D.C., their interactions with presidents, and the need for young people to vote, said John Froomjian, senior research associate for the Hughes Center.

Frey and Clement held a discussion on civic education with Dr. Claudine Keenan, dean of Education, Patricia Weeks, director of the Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center, and local educators.

The former congressmen also met with student veterans, the Student Senate, the Political Engagement Project, and classes taught by Dr. Michael Rodriguez, associate professor of Political Science, and Linda Wharton, associate professor of Political Science.

"This was a rare and valuable opportunity for my students to gain insights into the reality of life as a candidate and a member of Congress," Wharton said. "Former Members Frey and Clement shared their real life experiences with students and offered constructive ideas about how to move beyond the current partisan gridlock in Washington."

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Washington Internship Program Scholarship Awarded

Stockton senior Ariel Miles is spending her last semester at the nation's capital through the Washington Internship Program with help from a scholarship she received from the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.



Miles, a Political Science and Criminal Justice double major from Williamstown, NJ, is interning for The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, where she is researching expiring appropriations and bills passed in the last lame duck session to help the institution strategically plan its efforts.

She was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy during a recent celebration of the Washington Internship Program's 40th anniversary. The check was presented by Ambassador William J. Hughes, for whom the center is named.

"It was a great and much needed surprise," Miles said.

The Hughes Center scholarship program was established in 2011 with funds raised through the Center's Civility in Government and Politics awards dinner, and has since awarded \$6,000 to six deserving students. Scholarships are meant to help defray costs for students who are interning through the Washington Internship Program.

"This experience is the best thing I have ever done. I am getting to do work and research that is actually meaningful and I can see what my office is doing with it and where it is going. I just worked on a project for the president of The Heritage Foundation. You just can't beat that in my

book," Miles said of her experience so far.

After graduation, Miles hopes to work at the capital for a few years before going after her -more- Ariel Miles ultimate goal of becoming a campaign manager.

"I love elections and reading about them. Election night is like waking up on my birthday for me, but a thousand times better," she said.

With 2,000 phone calls, 20,000 door-knocks, 10,000 literature drops and 3,000 signs under her belt from working on a number of local campaigns, including those of Gov. Chris Christie, former Assemblyman John Amodeo and Assemblyman Chris Brown, she is well on her way.

"I have dreamed of going to Washington to intern since my first semester at Stockton when I found out about the Washington Center program, but I didn't think I could do it, get in and find an internship. I never thought I was good enough and it was my mom who made me apply," she said. She also credits the Mailroom staff for their encouragement, her County Republican Vice-Chair Phyllis Martin for believing in her and Dr. Michael Rodriguez, associate professor of Political Science, who coordinates the D.C. internship program.

Of Dr. Rodriguez, she said, "Without him I wouldn't be in D.C. He is one of the best professors that Stockton has and not just in the classroom, but outside of it and as a preceptor."

Before being accepted to the Washington Internship Program, Miles interned for Assemblyman Domenic DiCicco in Washington Township and served as a constituent relations intern for Gov. Christie. Miles also works as a student worker in the Stockton College Mailroom and founded a campus chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed community service fraternity. She was a 4-H volunteer for many years and enjoys serving the community.

More than 1,100 alumni have participated in the Washington Internship Program since its inception in 1975. The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is an independent, nonprofit organization serving hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. for academic credit.

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Higher Education Survey

A Stockton Polling Institute poll done for the HESIG project at Stockton found that an overwhelming 90 percent of New Jersey adults who have attended college say that higher education is worth the cost.



Residents link college opportunity directly to the ability to find jobs, develop careers, and to improve the quality of life for families, results from a poll of 800 New Jersey adults show. The Polling Institute, which is part of the Hughes Center, conducted the poll for the Higher Education Strategic Information and Governance (HESIG) project (www.stockton.edu/hughescenter/hesig).

"New Jerseyans see the state's colleges and universities as having high quality, as well as high

value, even with their consistent concerns about college affordability," said Dr. Darryl G. Greer, Senior Fellow for Higher Education Strategic Information and Governance.

"However, they have specific ideas about what students and colleges need to do to increase value - principally, to partner with business to create more practical in-college experiences, such as internships," said Dr. Greer.

Some poll highlights include:

- Quality: 77 percent say NJ colleges are good or excellent; 86 percent say four-year colleges are seen as having the highest quality, contrasted to two-year and online colleges.
- Value: 90 percent of those who attended college find that the value of college is worth the cost. Top college outcomes include: getting a better job (31 percent) and improving the quality of life (27 percent).
- Best way to increase college value: respondents' top answers were for colleges to provide more practical experiences, such as internships (33 percent); and for students to find more work and internship experiences (29 percent).
- Top responses for helping to reduce time to finish a degree include: easier credit transfer (34 percent), and more information about jobs and careers (25 percent).
- Need for change: 87 percent say that major or some change is needed in the way colleges do business, to increase value.
- Who should be responsible for changes: 50 percent of respondents say that colleges working with businesses should take responsibility for change in practices to increase value, favored over colleges in partnership with government (35 percent), or colleges alone (12 percent).
- Most important skills: problem solving (82 percent); writing (81 percent); and communicating (80 percent); are viewed as among the most important skills and abilities gained from college.

"This study confirms advice from two executive roundtables held earlier this year at Stockton and New Jersey City University, and tells us that we are on the right track in New Jersey, in listening to the public and serving educational and state needs," said Stockton College President Herman Saatkamp. "Citizens and business leaders are very clear on skills needed to compete and prosper in the 21st century. Creating more academic partnerships with schools and community colleges, and more practice-oriented experiences with business, will be the key to success on greater college access, affordability and completion."

Dr. Greer indicated that next steps will include making specific policy recommendations to colleges, Trenton policy makers, and business leaders about achieving the goals of greater college access, affordability, and completion, especially for New Jersey's emerging population; as well as increasing the state's participation in the national discussion of these issues.

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) Center for Advocacy and Philanthropy (www.ets.org) provided grant support of the roundtables and the poll.

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Spotlight on Frank Minor

Steering Committee member Frank W. Minor was first elected mayor of Logan Township in Gloucester County in 2003. He is serving his third consecutive term.

Mayor Minor served as president of the Gloucester County Minority Coalition from 2000-2003,

and in 2004, was elected President Emeritus.

In 2005, he was elected to the board of directors of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors. In 2008, he was selected as Floor Whip for the New Jersey Delegation at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado. In 2012, Mayor Minor was again elected as a district delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC.



In 2009, the mayor was appointed as deputy executive director of the Delaware River and Bay Authority. In 2011, he began The Minor Foundation, established to promote the advantages of academic achievement to economically disadvantaged students. The foundation awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors.

Mayor Minor has received numerous awards and honors, including the New Jersey State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs Outstanding Citizen's Award, the Northeastern Association of Women's and Youth Clubs Inc. Community Service Award, the Salem County Board of Chosen Freeholders Community Builders Award, the Upstream Navigator Award given in memory of the late Judge Elliot G. Heard, the Government Leader Award from Calvary Community Development Corp., the Community Partnership Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the South Jersey Builders Trades, the Gloucester County Minority Coalition Man of The Year Award and the NAACP Presidential Award.

Minor is a graduate of Syracuse University, where he received his B.A. in Sociology. He is married to the Honorable Sarah Minor, JWC, and is the proud father of Brooke C. Minor, Esq. and Jordan W. Minor, a graduate at Northwestern University.

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State Senator Jim Whelan as Legislator-in-Residence

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy recently welcomed a state senator and two retired congressmen to campus through the Legislator-in-Residence and Congress to Campus programs.

New Jersey State Sen. Jim Whelan (D-2) served as Stockton's Legislator-in-Residence on Sept. 30 and Oct. 29. The Legislator-in-Residence program is designed to bring New Jersey lawmakers to Stockton programs to engage with the students and faculty and to share their experiences as legislators.

"Sen. Whelan has been a longtime supporter and friend of Stockton. We wanted to be able to share his views on Trenton and local political issues," said Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center.

During his campus visits, Sen. Whelan took a tour of the Stockton Polling Institute and met with researchers from the Coastal Research Center, student veterans and the Student Senate. He also visited classes taught by Dr. Donna Albano, associate professor of Hospitality and Tourism and Management Studies, Dr. Bill Quain, associate professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies, Dr. Michael Rodriguez, associate professor of Political Science, and Dr. David Carr, professor of Political Science and Senior Fellow in the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

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Spotlight on Ron Johnson

Ronald W. Johnson, MBA, FACHE, is President and CEO of Shore Medical Center in Somers Point. The hospital employs 1,500 people and about 370 physicians. It is one of only 39 health care organizations worldwide designated as a Planetree Patient-Centered Hospital.



Mr. Johnson earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Information and System Sciences at The Richard Stockton College in 1982. He also earned the Master of Business Administration at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia in 1996.

Mr. Johnson began his career with Shore Medical Center in 1996 when he was hired as Vice President/Chief Information Officer. In February of 2005, Mr. Johnson was appointed Vice President/Chief Operating Officer. In December 2009, he was appointed Executive Vice President and held that position until October 2010, at which time he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Shore Medical Center.

Prior to joining Shore, Mr. Johnson had been the Principle Consultant with CSC Consulting & Systems Integration in Philadelphia, where he provided management consulting, program and project management to a large number of clients across multiple vertical industries. Earlier positions included Program Manager for Spectrum Technology Group, Inc. in Somerville, New Jersey, Project Manager for Synercom Technology, Inc., Houston, Texas, and Technical Lead Programmer Analyst for CSC Systems Sciences Division.

Mr. Johnson is affiliated with various professional organizations, including the American College of Healthcare Executives, American College of Physician Executives, Healthcare Financial Management Association (U.S.A.), and the Health Information Exchange.

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