



WILLIAM J. HUGHES CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



The Hughes Center Honors were a great success with over 325 people attending the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Resort on a snowy Wednesday night in February. Political and business leaders from around the state joined in honoring six terrific individuals for their contributions. You can read more in this issue.

For those readers who were with us that night, please accept our thanks for your contributions. Ambassador William J. Hughes and Steering Committee Chair Dr. Edward H. Salmon brought together the Steering Committee and the Event Committee to make the evening a memorable success. Special thanks to all of those who worked so hard.

The Stockton Polling Institute, in just nine months, has been remarkably successful in its first academic year. In the dozen surveys we have conducted, we have completed over 10,000 phone calls. Even as we finish a few more projects, we are gearing up for a busy polling season this fall.

Thanks for your continued support.

Dan Douglas

Daniel J. Douglas, Director

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HUGHES CENTER HONORS



Pictured (left to right): Justin B. Frankel, Ambassador William J. Hughes, James Saxton, President Herman Saatkamp, Governor Brendan T. Byrne, Lori Herndon, Dennis M. Bone and Dr. Edward H. Salmon

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy recognized six outstanding New Jersey leaders, including former Governor Brendan T. Byrne, in its inaugural Hughes Center Honors ceremony on February 13.

Honorees were recognized for excellence in their fields and for a commitment to public service, civility and bipartisanship that reflects the life and career of Ambassador William J. Hughes.

The honorees included former Congressman James Saxton, Dennis Bone, Lori Herndon, Justin Frankel and Dr. David L. Carr.

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MAJOR ENDOWMENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Chazen Mr. & Mrs. William J. Hughes and Family

- South Jersey Industries
- New Jersey American Water Company
- Atlantic City Electric Company
- Mr. & Mrs. Steve Batzer
- Exelon Corp.
- New Jersey American Water Company
- Public Service Enterprise Group
- Salmon Ventures Limited
- Thomas H. Heist Family
- Tribhuvan & Nandita Singh
- Verizon

STOCKTON POLLING INSTITUTE

A feature story in The Press of Atlantic City and recent polling milestones are the latest signs of the continued success and development of the Stockton Polling Institute.

The Press reported on Page 1 that the Polling Institute provides jobs that teach students research skills that can help in their studies and careers. The story quoted several Stockton student workers, including Mary Pham, who said the polling work helped her to better understand the statistics course she took last semester.

To read the Press story, visit: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/education/stockton-polling-institute-takes-pulse-of-south-jersey/article_fa87e36a-959c-11e2-b630-001a4bcf887a.html.

The Press coverage occurred as the Stockton Polling Institute fielded a poll for Dr. Darryl Greer, a Stockton College Senior Fellow affiliated with Higher Education Strategic Information and Governance (HESIG) in the Hughes Center. The HESIG project polled adults in New Jersey on perceptions and opinions about higher education access and affordability in the state.

That poll marked the second consecutive survey conducted for members of the Stockton College community. Earlier this year, the Stockton Polling Institute completed more than 2,300 interviews in three polls about travel and tourism for the Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism. The polls, conducted for LIGHT Executive Director Dr. Israel Posner, profiled visitors to New Jersey, Atlantic City, and elsewhere in the Northeast.

The Stockton Polling Institute began 2013 by completing a proprietary poll for the institute's first external client.

With all of the polling activity has come expansion of the institute's physical capacity. The Stockton Polling Institute was established in September with 24 call stations. Now, polling interviewers can field calls from 30 stations.

Upcoming projects this semester include regional polls for Stockton Center for Community Engagement.

To review the results of Stockton Polling Institute polls, visit: <http://inraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=135&pageID=74>.

For more information on how you can engage the Stockton Polling Institute, contact Hughes Center Director Daniel J. Douglas at daniel.douglas@stockton.edu.

LEGISLATOR IN RESIDENCE



Pictured (left to right): President Herman Saatkamp and Assemblyman David W. Wolfe

The Legislator-in-Residence this spring semester has been Assemblyman David W. Wolfe (R-Ocean). Assemblyman Wolfe spent two days (February 28 and April 17) on the Stockton College campus interacting with students, faculty and staff.

Assemblyman Wolfe participated in the following classes: Veterans: A Global Vision with Tom O'Donnell, Our World Today with Dr. David L. Carr, Finance 2 class with Professor Michael Busler, Community Partnerships with Dr. Joe Rubenstein.

Assemblyman Wolfe represents the 10th Legislative District, which includes some of the shore towns hit hardest by Hurricane Sandy. He was able to share first hand stories with students who are working with groups and individuals directly grappling with the aftermath of Sandy. Students were able to share their own stories and asked questions of how government can help.

Dr. Stuart Farrell, Director and Founder of the Stockton Coastal Research Center, along with his colleague, Dan Barone, Chief of Geospatial Analysis, provided an in-depth analysis of the impact on the beaches and bays surrounding shore town. Dr. Farrell also explained the FEMA maps, their status and how they might change and the possible impacts on shore development.

Assemblyman Wolfe also participated in a briefing on the Levenson Institute for Gaming Hospitality and Tourism with Dr. Israel Posner, Executive Director. The discussion focused on recent bills at the State House that would legalize online gaming.

Sharon Schulman, Chief Executive Officer, External Affairs and Institutional Research, discussed recent Stockton efforts to develop instructional sites away from the main Galloway campus.

Stockton College President Herman Saatkamp hosted a discussion on Trenton issues important to Stockton with Assemblyman Wolfe and two of his legislative aides, Sharon Schulman and Dan Douglas, Director of the Hughes Center. Assemblyman Wolfe finished the day with a tour of the Stockton Polling Institute.

HUGHES CENTER HONORS



Pictured (left to right): President Herman Saatkamp, Hon. Brendan T. Byrne, and Dr. Edward H. Salmon

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"In a time of extreme partisanship, chronic gridlock and fiscal cliffs, it is important to recognize those individuals of high achievement who have demonstrated the ability to work with others in serving the public good," said Daniel J. Douglas, Director of the Hughes Center.

The awards were presented at a reception/dinner for more than 325 attendees at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Galloway, New Jersey.

Governor Byrne, 88, leapt to the stage to receive the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from Stockton College President Herman Saatkamp. President Saatkamp reminded the audience that Byrne started his career being called "the guy who couldn't be bought" on FBI surveillance tapes in the early 1970s. President Saatkamp noted that the Governor signed the Casino Control Act, which brought casino gaming to Atlantic City.

Ambassador William J. Hughes honored his former U.S. House colleague, Jim Saxton, R-3rd, with the Civility in Government and Politics Award. Although they were in different parties, Democrat Hughes and Republican Saxton worked in bipartisan fashion on issues related to ocean dumping and the environment.

Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Stockton College Provost and Executive Vice President, presented Justin Frankel with the Distinctive Student Leadership Award for leadership in rallying students to support the Build the Future Bond Act. Frankel, a Stockton Student Senate member, will accept a commission in the United States Marine Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant upon graduation.

Lori S. Herndon ('92) was presented the Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award by Dr. David L. Carr, Hughes Center

Senior Fellow and former Stockton College Provost. Herndon is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center.

Sharon Schulman, Stockton College CEO of External Affairs and Institutional Research, presented former Verizon President Dennis M. Bone with the Excellence in Civic Engagement Award. Schulman recalled times when they were on opposite sides of an issue and "Dennis would make his case cogently, respectfully, and civilly, working hard to find areas of agreement."

Ambassador Hughes also honored Dr. Carr for his outstanding dedication to the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. Carr, who served as Provost, was a key person in developing the Hughes Center. The award was a surprise to Dr. Carr.



Pictured: Lori S. Herndon and President Herman Saatkamp

FEEDBACK SURVEY

**PLEASE TAKE A SURVEY
TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK
OF THE HUGHES CENTER
NEWSLETTER.**

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RICHARD TOLSON



Hughes Center Steering Committee member Richard Tolson is a New Jersey labor leader who also serves on economic development boards of importance to the southern region and the state.

Tolson is director of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (BAC) of New Jersey, which is the oldest continuous union in North America. As director, he is responsible for trustee pension, annuity, and health funds for the union, which has 5,000 members.

He holds a number of other positions in New Jersey labor organizations, including: Vice President of N.J. AFL-CIO; Vice President of the New Jersey State Building Trades Council; a member of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Executive Council; and a member of the International Masonry Institute Board of Trustees.

Tolson received the BAC Craft Award for Outstanding Public Service by an Individual in 2004.

In October 2007, former Gov. Jon Corzine appointed Tolson to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, a state agency charged with expanding New Jersey’s economic base through construction project financing and business support.

Last October, Gov. Chris Christie named Tolson to the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, the Atlantic City-based state agency that invests casino revenue in economic revitalization projects in the resort and throughout New Jersey.

Tolson has strong local ties to the Atlantic City region. He was born and raised in Ocean City and graduated from Ocean City High School in 1976. He still lives in Ocean City with his wife, Sonya.

STEVEN PERSKIE



Steering Committee member Steven P. Perskie has served in the judicial, legislative, and executive branches in a career spanning more than four decades.

He recently retired as a Judge of the New Jersey Superior Court, where he served much of his tenure in the Civil Division. Judge Perskie served in all of the Trial Court divisions and was Presiding Judge in the Family and Criminal Divisions. In 2007, at the request of the presiding judge and all parties, he mediated resolution of the Tropicana garage collapse litigation, which involved more than 50 parties and claims totaling more than \$100 million.

In the executive branch, Judge Perskie served as Chief of Staff to Gov. James Florio in 1989 and 1990. For the following four years, he served as Chairman of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission, where he led a comprehensive restructuring of the agency and its mission.

Perskie was no stranger to New Jersey casino regulations. He was the author and principal sponsor of the 1977 New Jersey Casino Control Act, which brought casino gaming to Atlantic City. He was elected to the State Assembly from the 2nd Legislative District at the age of 26 in 1971, and moved to the state Senate in 1978.

Currently, Perskie serves as Counsel to the Firm of Perskie, Mairone, Brog and Baylinson, where he concentrates on civil litigation, contractual and transactional issues, regulatory and compliance matters and enforcement actions. He also maintains a mediation/arbitration practice.

Active in local charities, Perskie served from 2011 to this year as President of the Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May Counties. He is a frequent guest lecturer in Stockton College classrooms.

STEERING COMMITTEE

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- Justin Frankel, Student Representative**
- Sharon Schulman, CEO External Affairs & Institutional Research**
- Daniel J. Douglas, Director**

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