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## Six Outstanding New Jerseyans Receive Hughes Center Honors

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy recognized six outstanding New Jerseyans 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 include former New Jersey Governor Brendan T. Byrne, former Congressman James Saxton, Dennis Bone, Lori Herndon, Justin Frankel and Dr. David L. Carr.

"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 William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

The awards were presented at a reception/dinner on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club in Galloway, New Jersey. Over 325 people were in attendance.

Former Governor Brendan T. Byrne, 88, jumped up on the stage to receive the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award from Stockton College President Herman J. Saatkamp. President Saatkamp reminded the audience that Byrne started his career known as "the guy who couldn't be bought" according to FBI tapes from the early 1970s. President Saatkamp also listed a number of Governor's Byrnes accomplishments including the Casino Control Act, which was signed on the Atlantic City Boardwalk and brought gaming to Atlantic City.

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Stockton College student Justin B. Frankel of Galloway Township was honored for his service as a Student Senator and for leadership in rallying students to support the Build the Future Bond Act in the recent November election. Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Stockton College Provost and Executive Vice President, presented Frankel with the Distinctive Student Leadership Award and noted that, "After graduation, Justin will serve his country when he accepts his commission in the United States Marine Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant."

Lori S. Herndon ('92) was presented the Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award from Dr. David L. Carr, Hughes Center Senior Fellow and former Stockton College Provost. Dr. Carr noted, "The civic health of this great country relies on a rich network of civic leaders whose daily commitment turns the ordinary into the extraordinary, a decision into a breakthrough, a handshake into community transformation. To do this takes a person of character, compassion, and commitment--a person whose presence in the community leverages the actions of others in service to the common good." 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 William J. Hughes honored his former colleague, Jim Saxton who served in Congress with Hughes, with the Civility in Government and Politics Award. Republican Congressman Saxton noted that Democratic Congressman Hughes came to his office during his first two weeks in Congress and offered to be his partner in Congress. Although they were in different parties, Hughes and Saxton worked on a series of issues related to ocean dumping and other environmental issues.

Ambassador also honored Hughes Center Fellow, Dr. David L. 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 William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy** ([www.stockton.edu/hughescenter](http://www.stockton.edu/hughescenter)) at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey serves as a catalyst for research, analysis and innovative policy solutions on the economic, social and cultural issues facing New Jersey. The Center is named for Ambassador William J. Hughes, whose distinguished career includes service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ambassador to Panama and as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Stockton College. The Hughes Center can be found at [www.facebook.com/Hughes.Center.Stockton.College](http://www.facebook.com/Hughes.Center.Stockton.College) and can be followed on Twitter @hughescenter.

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