



Mark Blum Named to Steering Committee At Stockton's Hughes Center for Public Policy

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Galloway Township, NJ- Mark Blum, publisher of The Press of Atlantic City, has been appointed by President Herman Saatkamp of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to help guide the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy as a steering committee member.

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy 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 Hughes Center conducts academic research and public opinion polling and sponsors political debates, internships, symposia and lectures and the Legislator-in-Residence program.

"Having lived and worked in the area before, and in other markets, Mark brings a unique perspective to the Steering Committee," said Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center.

Blum, of Galloway, was named publisher of The Press of Atlantic City in August, previously serving as its controller. He has served in several media companies including Knight Ridder, Gannett, BH Media and was controller at The Press under previous owners from 1989-1993.

The Press of Atlantic City partnered with the Hughes Center this year to host a series of public debates for legislative races on Stockton's campus, at Dante Hall Theater in Atlantic City and at the Cape May Court House. The debates, which were also carried live online, gave area voters an opportunity to hear directly from candidates.

Originally from Ohio, Blum earned a Bachelor of Science of Arts degree in Accounting from the University of Akron. He obtained a Master of Business Administration from Monmouth University in New Jersey and is also a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Blum is previously a member of The Florence United Way Board, and is a member of United Way's Community Investment Committee, Chair of United Way's Community Impact Committee and 2013 United Way Campaign Chair.

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Blum also served as co-chair of the Florence Pecan Festival Committee and as a board member of the Florence Chamber of Commerce and member of the Florence Rotary.

Blum is married and has five children. He currently resides in Galloway Township, NJ.

About the Hughes Center

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy (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 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 on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Hughes.Center.Stockton.College and can be followed on Twitter @hughescenter.



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