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## THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

# MEDIA ADVISORY:  Civility in Political Campaigns

### Can Campaigners Ever Leave the Gloves On?

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The ballots might be in, but the issue of whether or not voluntary civility can be brought back to political campaigns is still a major concern among candidates and voters.

At an open forum hosted by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, located at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, panelists representing both sides of the aisle will discuss the potential or lack of civility in the political process.

The forum will be held at Stockton on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the College's F-Wing Atrium.  Drawing from their own experience in campaigns, the panel will include:

- Dr. Alan Arcuri, Professor of Political Science at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
- Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein (D-District 14)
- Richard Mroz, Esq., President of Salmon Ventures
- James J. McCullough (R), Mayor of Egg Harbor Township
- New Jersey Senator Jim Whelan (D-District 2)
- Sharon Schulman, Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy who will serve as moderator.

According to research provided by the Center, both the use of negative campaign tactics and the role of the media's coverage can have detrimental effects on voters.  Internationally, these issues have been dealt with by other Democracies, who placed restrictions on campaign advertisements and firm limitations on air-time use by political parties.

Each panelist will answer questions from faculty members, students and other audience participants on the issues of negative campaigns, the use of restrictions, regulations on campaign fund spending and what actions can be taken to insure that there is a preservation of our freedom of speech while attempting to civilize campaigns.

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