The Hughes Center Honors Five New Jerseyans

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy recognized five outstanding New Jerseyans at the 2015 Hughes Center Honors at the Stockton Seaview. More than 200 civic, business and labor leaders, as well as faculty, staff and students attended the Feb. 6 event.

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 Hughes Center Honorees represent the best of the civic life of our state,” said Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center.

Former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean received the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award.

“It’s an honor to get an award with Bill Hughes’ name on it,” said Gov. Kean. “He is and was the best.”

“There’s still so much to do and to do together,” Gov. Kean continued. “When you get to know people, it doesn’t matter if they have a D. or an R. behind their name - they probably went into politics for the right reasons, and when you understand that, you can get a lot done.”

Retired Associate Justice John E. Wallace Jr., of the New Jersey Supreme Court, received the Civility in Government and Politics Award.

State Sen. Chris Connors of the 9th District received the Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award.

Edward J. Graham, chairman and CEO of South Jersey Industries, received the Excellence in Civic Engagement Award.

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Carl Archut Jr., president of the Stockton Student Senate, received the Distinctive Student Leadership Award.

“The Hughes Center promotes the civic life of our community through engagement, education and research. These five New Jerseyans are examples of civic engagement that others should look to for inspiration,” Douglas said.

Staff members from the William J. Hughes Center were instrumental in the planning of the biennial event.

To view more photos from the Hughes Center Honors, visit Stockton’s Flickr site.

Stockton-Island Campus FAQs Available on Portal Next Week

Since the announcement of the Stockton-Island Campus, a number of faculty, staff and student leaders have been working together to implement plans for a smooth transition to the new campus, while maintaining Stockton’s distinctive education and mission.

President Herman Saatkamp has appointed a Coordinating Council to review and discuss recommendations from three working groups: Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Facilities and Finance. The council and three sub-groups are working together on items such as the types of programs that will be offered at the Island Campus, residential housing needs, budgeting, and much more. Stockton is also working with SOSH Architects on design concepts and renderings of the new space and signage.

In an effort to keep faculty and staff up-to-date on the ongoing developments regarding the Stockton-Island Campus, the Office of External Affairs will develop a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), which will be available on the portal beginning next week. The Office of External Affairs plans to explore such topics as summer classes at the new campus; how faculty-staff-student-alumni input is being gathered; any new positions; and updates on renovations.

While the Office of External Affairs does not have all the answers, the office will keep you updated regularly. Please feel free to log on to the portal any time after the end of next week to check for developments and stay informed about this exciting initiative.

Co-Facilitators of the SCTI Present Workshop on Critical Thinking

Dr. Mark Berg, associate professor of Psychology; Jed Morfit, associate professor of Art; and Dr. Bill Reynolds, associate professor of Social Work, the co-facilitators of the Stockton Critical Thinking Institute (SCTI), recently presented a pre-conference workshop at the Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy (CHEP) at Virginia Tech. The faculty members discussed Improving Critical Thinking in the College Classroom, a workshop created from experiences with Stockton faculty in the SCTI over the last three summers.

During the session, the faculty members presented a framework of teaching for critical thinking, and engaged the group in model activities. They used a Socratic dialogue and the “think, pair, share” technique.

“The think, pair, share technique is one in which students are asked a question and are first given time to think about their response. Then, they pair up with another student to discuss their answers to the question, and finally they share their responses with the class,” explained Dr. Reynolds. “The CHEP workshop was designed to be transferable to the participants’ own instructional contexts.”
Noyes Arts Garage Hosts Event Raising $10,000 for Scholarships

The Noyes Arts Garage for the first time hosted the At the Shore-Press of Atlantic City Wine Tasting Art Show on Feb. 4. More than 325 faculty, staff, students and community members attended the event which raised approximately $10,000 for student scholarships.

The annual event provides scholarships to local hospitality students, many from Stockton. Since its inception, the scholarship has awarded $36,500 to 43 student recipients.

The event featured 16 artists, including artists of the Noyes Arts Garage, as well as The African American Historical Museum of Southern New Jersey, the Fair Trade Store and the Oriental Store, which are housed in the Arts Garage.

Dr. Donna Albano, associate professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies, is a founding member and serves as Stockton’s representative on the scholarship committee for the Atlantic City Concierge Association.

The Stockton Faculty Band played throughout the evening. Art was available for sale, and the artists were on hand to discuss their work with the public.

All proceeds benefit the scholarship program administered by the Greater Atlantic City Concierge Association and the CRDA Foundation, the event’s producers. Scholarships are made available to students in the hospitality curricula at Stockton, Atlantic Cape Community College and Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Stockton Goes Red for Women

Members of the Stockton community gathered in the Campus Center donning red for the American Heart Association’s National Wear Red Day on Feb. 6.

Title IX Deputy Coordinators Named

Valerie Hayes, chief officer for Institutional Diversity and Equity and Stockton’s Title IX coordinator, recently announced the following appointments:

Diane Epps, manager for Institutional Diversity and Equity, was named Deputy Title IX Coordinator.

Lonnie Folks, director of Athletics, was named Deputy Title IX Coordinator (Athletics).

Amy Jones, director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, was named Deputy Title IX Coordinator (Students).

The Title IX coordinator and deputy coordinators handle all matters pertaining to sex discrimination, sexual misconduct and gender equity.

Title IX coverage extends to all Stockton facilities and programs including locations in Galloway, Atlantic City, Hammonton, Manahawkin and Woodbine.
Dr. Tom Grites Receives Transfer Champion Award in Atlanta

Dr. Tom Grites, assistant provost, received the Bonita C. Jacobs Transfer Champion Award from the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) in Atlanta last week. Dr. Grites was nominated by Dr. Peter Hagen, associate dean of General Studies and director of the Center for Academic Advising.

The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional advocacy and leadership in the development and implementation of transfer-focused activities, including programs, policies and research which have made a significant contribution to the improvement of transfer student access, persistence and success.

“This award has a special meaning for me, as I have advocated for this ‘silent majority’ of college students for many years. It is great to see the growing focus on transfer students across the country, as evidenced by this national organization, conference and award. I was honored to have been nominated and recognized for my advocacy efforts, which I will continue by developing more transfer seminars at Stockton,” Dr. Grites said.

Stockton Welcomes New Staff Members in Various Departments

Dan B. Cordle joins the Office of Facilities Planning & Construction as a Project Manager (Engineer). Cordle earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a B.S. in Mathematics Education from the University of Missouri. He obtained his professional engineering license in 2000. Prior to his appointment at Stockton, Cordle worked as senior project manager for Concord Atlantic Engineers, Inc. in Atlantic City. He enjoys spending time with his family, golf, cooking, listening to music and movies.

Leah Hart joins the team at Free To Be Childcare Center as a clerk typist. Hart is an alumna of Stockton ’11 with a B.A. in Psychology. Prior to her appointment at Stockton, she worked in the medical field as an administrative assistant. She enjoys spending quality time with her family and the great outdoors.

Jim Earle was recently named a full time security specialist and assigned to the Manahawkin Instructional Site. Earle has spent more than 36 years in law enforcement and security positions. Most recently, he served as a TES security specialist assigned to Stockton in Manahawkin, Kramer Hall, The Sam Azees Museum of Woodbine Heritage and at the Country Inn & Suites by Carlson. He graduated from The United States Air Force Police Academy in 1978 and the Atlantic County Police Academy in 1986.

Construction Corner: Exterior Stair, Elevator Renovations Continue

Facilities Planning and Construction recently closed J/K-wing exterior stairs for renovations. The C/CC-wing elevator will be closed beginning Thursday, Feb. 19 for renovations. This work is scheduled to take eight weeks to complete. The next available elevator is located in F-wing. N-wing elevator is still closed for renovations. On Monday, Feb. 16, between 6:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., the N-Wing East stairwell, at the main entrance to the N-Wing cafeteria, will be closed. During this time, use the stairs at the opposite end of the building for access to the second level. The next available elevator is near the Performing Arts Center. Any questions can be directed to Glenn Brown, associate director of Facilities Planning and Construction, at Glenn.Brown@stockton.edu or ext. 4888.

Send Us Your News!

We want to know about things going on in the Stockton community. Do you have an unusual hobby? Did one of your co-workers win an award or perform outstanding public service? Births, weddings, graduations and the like are all good things to submit to The Stockton Times. Also, tell us what you think of the new design! Contact the editor at 609-626-5521 or StocktonTimes@stockton.edu

News about distinguished students can now be found at Distinctive Stockton Students. To contribute a news item for the blog, please contact the editor at distinctive@stockton.edu