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Hughes Center to Present Civility Award

W. Cary Edwards to be Honored; Jim Saxton to Speak

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Galloway Township, NJ- The late W. Cary Edwards is the first honoree of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Award for Civility in Government and Politics.

The award will be presented to Mrs. Lynn Edwards at a dinner reception at Stockton's Campus Center on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 6 PM. Ticket and sponsorship information can be found at www.stockton.edu/hughescenter or by calling 609-652-3542.

Former Congressman Jim Saxton will be the guest speaker. Mr. Saxton served with Mr. Edwards in the New Jersey General Assembly and later served in the United States House of Representatives

Cary Edwards' public service included time as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly, Chief Counsel to Governor Thomas H. Kean, Attorney General and Chairman of the State Commission of Investigation. In all of those positions, he earned the reputation for fostering engagement and dialogue. While a determined advocate, Mr. Edwards reached across the aisle and sought to reach consensus on the many difficult issues he encountered in his time in public service.

All net proceeds from the award dinner will be dedicated to the development of scholarships for deserving students enrolled in the College's Washington Internship Program – one of the largest in the nation.

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Award for Civility in Government and Politics recognizes an appointed or elected New Jersey official that conducts the public's business with civility and respect for others.

"The Hughes Center Civility Award represents Stockton College's continuing commitment to community and civic engagement," stated Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., President of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

In January 2011, Stockton was recognized by the prestigious Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Stockton College is also being considered by the Commission for Presidential Debates as a site for a presidential or vice presidential debate in the fall 2012.

The Hughes Center Civility Award Selection Committee was chaired by Ambassador Hughes and included: former Congressman Jim Saxton; Hughes Center Senior Fellow Dr. David Carr; Jennifer Young, External Affairs Field Director for Verizon; Joe Donohue, deputy director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission and a 1975 Stockton graduate; Evelyn Ingargiola, student representative to the Hughes Center Steering Committee; and Sharon Schulman, Founding Executive Director of the Hughes Center.

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