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Hughes Center at Stockton College Announces Legislator-in-Residence Program

Greenwald, Connors are First Lawmakers Involved

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Galloway Township, NJ - The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy of Stockton College today announced a new Legislator-in-Residence Program through which members of the New Jersey State Senate and General Assembly are invited to Stockton's campus to interact with students and faculty.

Assemblyman Louis D. Greenwald (D) will be the first Legislator-in-Residence this fall, followed by Senator Chris Connors (R) in the spring.

"The Legislator-in-Residence Program is a new way to increase the civic engagement of the Stockton community and to help promote understanding of the issues critical to the well-being of our state," stated Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., President of The Richard Stockton College of Jersey.

Stockton College's wide-ranging partnerships resulted in their recent selection for the prestigious Community Engagement Classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Assemblyman Greenwald is from the 6th District and chairs the Assembly Budget Committee.

"I am honored to participate as Stockton's first ever Legislator-in-Residence," said Greenwald. "Stockton is one of the institutional gems of our State, providing high-quality education and a focus on students that is truly laudable. Many of New Jersey's students are concerned that they won't be able to find jobs when they graduate. That is why I look forward to speaking with them and the Stockton community about why Trenton must focus on reinvigorating New Jersey's middle class, including creating jobs and opportunities for our graduates in the workforce."

Senator Chris Connors, a Stockton graduate, represents the 9th District, which now includes

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Stockton's location in Galloway Township. "I am looking forward to working with staff and students at my alma mater by discussing my experiences in public service both at the local and State level," said Connors. "This is a pivotal time in our state's history. New Jersey is currently facing several critical issues which include how to jumpstart its economy and control government spending. The Legislator-in-Residence Program will offer me the opportunity to engage students on these issues as well as offer insight into the legislative process and constituent service work which represent the bulk of a State Representative's day-to-day responsibilities," he said.

Each legislator will spend two to three days on campus joining faculty members and students in discussions during classes. By bringing their first-hand stories of the legislative process into the classroom, the legislators will provide additional insight to the subjects of the normal curriculum. The legislators will also speak with faculty and students in small groups to share experiences in the public policy process.

"By expanding engagement opportunities for students, we hope to enhance their academic work with real life insights," said Daniel J. Douglas, Director of the Hughes Center.

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