

## Stockton's Hughes Center, Hall Institute to Examine Environmental Impact of Governor's Race

Event Set for Sept. 22 at Stockton College

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** What role will environmental issues play in the upcoming New Jersey gubernatorial election? With "green" considerations on the minds of more and more voters, the environmental platforms of the candidates are coming under greater scrutiny than ever.

A panel of speakers will examine and contrast the environmental positions of all three major candidates for Governor at a special event of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The event, to take place **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday September 22, 2009 at the Townsend Residential Life Center** on the Galloway Township campus, will be held in conjunction with the Hall Institute for Public Policy of New Jersey.

Panelists for the event are: Matt Elliot, of *Environment New Jersey;* Michael P. Riccards, Ph.D., *Hall Institute of Public Policy;* Ed Rodgers, *New Jersey Network* and Michael Rodriguez, Ph.D., *Stockton College.* The event, free and open to the public, is to be moderated by Sharon E. Schulman, Executive Director of the Hughes Center.

"As New Jersey's 'Green College' Stockton is the perfect place to examine the environmental policies of incumbent Governor Jon Corzine, Republican challenger Chris Christie and the main independent candidate, Chris Daggett." Schulman said. "Environmentally conscious voters want to hear substantive information from the candidates regarding their views on these critical issues."

Set in the New Jersey Pinelands, Stockton is home to one of the world's largest geothermal heating and cooling systems for its buildings and is a leader in solar, wind, aquifer thermal energy and numerous other "green" initiatives. Its student group, SAVE, is one of the oldest student organizations in the state committed to environmental issues.

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