

Stockton Honors Honorable William J. Hughes, Cuts Ribbon on Collection Display

Namesake of William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Donates Personal Archive Which Chronicles Years of Public Service

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Galloway Township, **NJ** – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey dedicated the Ambassador William J. Hughes Collection at ceremonies yesterday.

The collection, which chronicles the Ambassador's years of dedicated public service, was formally dedicated at a ribbon-cutting event on Wednesday at the College's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

"I am delighted that my archives and memorabilia will be housed in southern New Jersey at a College that has become a gem, nationally," Ambassador Hughes said. "I hope it will be useful to students and researchers in the years ahead."

Ambassador Hughes generously donated dozens of awards, correspondence, photographs, and much more to the College. Much of the collection is displayed throughout Upper L-Wing near the offices of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

In addition to the wall displays, an archive of citations from the *Congressional Record*, press releases, press clips, newsletters and other materials are housed in the Richard Bjork Library and available for use by researchers and interested parties. The collection represents over five decades of public service.

Wednesday's dedication included remarks by the Ambassador; Stockton Trustee Curtis Bashaw, Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp; Honorable Robert E. Andrews, United States House of Representatives; Hughes Center Director Dan Douglas; Hughes Center Steering Committee Chair Dr. Edward H. Salmon; Provost Dr. Harvey Kesselman; Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs Sharon Schulman; and Faculty Senate President Michael Frank.

Many friends and family members of the Ambassador attended, as well as invited guests, and Stockton students, faculty and staff.

Following the remarks, Ambassador and Mrs.Nancy Hughes signed an agreement with Dr. Saatkamp to formalize the donation and a ribbon was cut outside of L-Wing. The office space was opened for public viewing of the collection.

Earlier in the day, Stockton's Board of Trustees passed a special resolution honoring Ambassador Hughes and expressing its gratitude for the donation.

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