

# Assemblywoman heads 2-day conference at Stockton University



**POMONA** – Assemblywoman DiAnne Gove, R-9, recently visited Stockton University for a two-day workshop as the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Legislator-in-Residence.

“The Legislator-in-Residence program is a great opportunity to share information between the State Capitol and our campus,” said Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center.

Gove’s district includes Galloway Township, and covers parts of Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean counties. She sits on the Assembly’s Higher Education and Military and Veterans Affairs committees.

While at Stockton, she met with student veterans and members of the Student Senate, took part in a Civic Engagement class and toured the university’s Coastal Research Center in Port Republic.

The assemblywoman also met with faculty and staff involved in the Hughes Center’s iCivics project, which received a \$10,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation to train social studies teachers to use web-based tools to increase the civic knowledge of students in grades K-12.

The program is a partnership between the Hughes Center and Stockton’s Southern Regional Institute & Educational Technology Training Center, which includes a consortium encompassing more than 200 schools, 7,500 teachers, and more than 100,000 preK-12 pupils.

Gove also met with students at the Stockton Polling Institute, and participated in classes on public policy and methods for teaching mathematics. She also met with with President Herman Saatkamp and other administrators and faculty.

Gove, a former mayor of Long Beach Township, has served in the Assembly since 2009. She holds two degrees in social service: a B.A from Cabrini College and a master’s from Monmouth University.

The Hughes Center legislator-in-residence program began in the fall of 2011, with Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, D-6, followed in the spring of 2012 by Sen. Christopher Connors, a Stockton alumnus and the head of Gove’s legislative team.

Others have included Assembly Speaker Emeritus Sheila Y. Oliver, a Democrat from Essex County, and Assemblyman David W. Wolfe, an Ocean County Republican.

State Senate President Stephen Sweeney, a Democrat representing the 3rd Legislative District, and Assemblyman Brian Rumpf, a 9th District Republican, served in 2013-2014.