

# Hughes Center Civility Award Announced

W. Cary Edwards to be Honored

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** -- Former Ambassador William J. Hughes today announced the winner of the first William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Award for Civility in Government and Politics.

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 Center will honor the late W. Cary Edwards. Mr. 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. Unfortunately, that time was cut short when he passed from this life in October 2010.

"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.

The award will be presented at an annual dinner reception at Stockton's Campus Center on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 6 PM. 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.

The Hughes Center Civility Award Selection Committee has 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

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Ingargiola, student representative to the Hughes Center Steering Committee; and Sharon Schulman, Executive Director of the Hughes Center.

The Hughes Center solicited suggestions from over 100 leaders in government and academia.

The Hughes Center also welcomed nominations from the public via its website

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