



## Hon. Steven P. Perskie Among Recipients of Hughes Center Honors on Nov. 10

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**Galloway, N.J.** Former Senator, N.J. Casino Control Commission Chair and retired Superior Court Judge the Honorable Steven P. Perskie will receive the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to New Jersey public life at the Hughes Center Honors on Nov. 10, 2021.

Other honorees include Richard S. Dovey, president of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority; Danielle Combs, a recent Stockton University graduate; and four South Jersey hospitals being recognized for their efforts in battling the coronavirus pandemic.

The Hughes Center Honors are awarded for professional excellence and a commitment to public service, civility and bipartisanship, which reflect the life and career of Ambassador William J. Hughes, who served as U.S. ambassador to Panama and as a U.S. congressman for 20 years. The awards program is sponsored by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University.

The ticketed event, which is open to the public, will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Campus Center on Stockton Galloway campus.

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City, the casino industry and all of New Jersey Dr. Edward H. Salmon, chairman of the Hughes Center Steering Committee. service represents the civic values that guide the work of the Hughes Center and

had a profound positive impact on Stockton and who have improved the lives of members of their sselman, Stockton President.

Past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients include the late former New Jersey Gov. Brendan Byrne, former Governors Thomas Kean, Jim Florio and Christine Todd Whitman, and the late Ambassador Hughes, who was presented his award in 2017 by then-former Vice President Joe Biden.

Perskie was elected to the New Jersey State Assembly in 1971 at age 26, and in 1978 he moved up to the State Senate, where he served as Majority Leader and chaired the prestigious Judiciary Committee. He was the author and principal sponsor of the New Jersey Casino Control Act (1977), which brought casino

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