

William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy To Honor Five Outstanding New Jerseyans

Gov. Thomas Kean to Accept Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award

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Contact: **Mar Galloway Township, NJ**—William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy today announced the 2015 Hughes Center Honors, recognizing the achievements of five outstanding New Jerseyans. Former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean will receive the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award.

The honorees include retired Associate Justice John E. Wallace Jr., of the New Jersey Supreme Court, who will receive the Civility in Government and Politics Award; State Senator Chris Connors of the 9th District, who will receive the Distincnee

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other environmental resources. After leaving office, Governor Kean served as the president of Drew University from 1990 to 2005. In December 2002, he was named by President George W. Bush as chair of the National Commission on Terrorism Attacks Upon the United States.

John E. Wallace, Jr. is a retired New Jersey Supreme Court Justice, and is Counsel to the firm of Brown and Connery. He concentrates his practice in mediation, arbitration and complex litigation. Justice Wallace's career as a jurist spanned over twenty five years. Appointed to the Superior Court of New Jersey in 1984, he was elevated to the Appellate Division in 1992 and nominated and confirmed to the Supreme Court in 2003. Mr. Wallace received his bachelor degree from the University of Delaware and his law degree from Harvard Law School.

Christopher J. Connors is a New Jersey State Senator from district 9 which includes Galloway Township. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Stockton College. He also earned his M.P.A. from Rutgers University and his J.D. Rutgers School of Law-Camden. He currently practices law with firm of Dasti, Murphy, McGuckin, Ulaky, Cherkos & Connors. Prior to his tenure in the State Senate, Mr. Connors also served in the General Assembly, on the Lacey Township Committee and as Mayor of Lacey Township.

Edward J. Graham is chairman and chief executive officer of South Jersey Industries. An alumnus of Rider University for his undergraduate degree, Graham holds a Master of Business Administration degree in finance and investment from Drexel University. He is a member of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and serves as a member of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Carl Archut, Jr. is president of the Stockton Student Senate and was selected as Student Senator of the Year in 2013-2014 for the Involvement Awards.

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