Gloucester County Resident Ariel Miles Awarded William J. Hughes Center Scholarship

Miles Interns with The Heritage Foundation Think Tank in Washington, D.C.

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Galloway Township, **NJ** - Stockton senior Ariel Miles is spending her last semester at the nation's capital through the Washington Internship Program with help from a scholarship she received from the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Miles, a Political Science and Criminal Justice double major from Williamstown, NJ, is interning for The Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, where she is researching expiring appropriations and bills passed in the last lame duck session to help the institution strategically plan its efforts.

She was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy during a recent celebration of the Washington Internship Program's 40th anniversary. The check was presented by Ambassador William J. Hughes, for whom the center is named.

"It was a great and much needed surprise," Miles said.

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ultimate goal of becoming a campaign manager.

"I love elections and reading about them. Election night is like waking up on my birthday for me, but a thousand times better," she said.

With 2,000 phone calls, 20,000 door-knocks, 10,000 literature drops and 3,000 signs under her belt from working on a number of local campaigns, including those of Gov. Chris Christie, former Assemblyman John Amodeo and Assemblyman Chris Brown, she is well on her way.

"I have dreamed of going to Washington to intern since my first semester at Stockton when I found out about the Washington Center program, but I didn't think I could do it, get in and find an internship. I never thought I was good enough and it was my mom who made me apply," she said. She also credits the Mailroom staff for their encouragement, her County Republican Vice-