



Senate President Sweeney, Assemblyman Rumpf Serve as 2013-14 Legislators-in-Residence at Stockton's Hughes Center for Public Policy

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Galloway Township, NJ- New Jersey State Senate President Steve Sweeney and Assemblyman Brian Rumpf will serve as Legislators-in-Residence at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey for the 2013-14 academic year, College President Herman Saatkamp announced today.

Assemblyman Rumpf will visit the Stockton campus to lecture and meet with the college community during the fall semester. The assemblyman, a Republican, represents the 9th Legislative District, in which Stockton College is located.

Senate President Sweeney, a Democrat representing the 3rd Legislative District, is scheduled to participate in the spring.

The Legislators-in-Residence program is sponsored by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. It brings New Jersey lawmakers to the Stockton campus to interact with faculty, students and staff, and to encourage civic and political engagement.

"This program provides the opportunity for Stockton students to learn about state government from some of the top leaders of New Jersey," President Saatkamp said. "And it allows state legislators to discover first-hand the impressive work being done at the college."

Sweeney was first elected to the upper legislative house in 2001, and he assumed the Senate presidency on Jan. 12, 2010. Prior to then, he had served as a Gloucester County freeholder and as freeholder director.

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An ironworker by trade, Sen. Sweeney has championed labor issues and job creation, and sponsored laws to raise the minimum wage and to create the state's Paid Family Leave program.

The Senate president was at the center of passage of a 2 percent cap on property tax increases and reforms of public employee pension and health benefits aimed at saving \$120 billion over 30 years.