Stockton dedicates Hughes collection

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GALLOWAY - Richard Stockton College dedicated the Ambassador William J. Hughes Collection at ceremonies Wednesday May 2.

The collection, which chronicles the Ambassador's years of public service, was formally dedicated at a ribbon-cutting at the college's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

"I am delighted that my archives and memorabilia will be housed in southern New Jersey at a college that has become a gem, nationally," Hughes said. "I hope it will be useful to students and researchers in the years ahead."

Hughes donated dozens of awards, correspondence, photographs and memorabilia to the school. Much of the collection is displayed throughout Upper L-Wing near the offices of the WilliamJ.HughesCenter for Public Policy.

In addition to wall displays, an archive of citations from the Congressional Record, press releases, press clips, newsletters and other materials are housed in the Richard Bjork Library.

The collection represents over five decades of public service.

Wednesday's dedication included remarks by Hughes, Saatkamp, Stockton Trustee Curtis Bashaw, U.S. Rep. Robert E. Andrews, Hughes Center Director Dan Douglas, Center Steering Committee Chairman Edward H. Salmon, Stockton Provost and Vice President Harvey Kesselman, Special Assistant for External Affairs Sharon Schulman and Faculty Senate President Michael Frank.

It was attended by friends and family members, invited guests and Stockton students, faculty and staff.

Ambassador and Mrs. Hughes signed an agreement with Saatkamp to formalize the donation and a ribbon was cut outside of L-Wing and the office space was opened for public viewing.

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