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## Hughes Center Announces First Group of Honorees

They will be recognized at a dinner on Feb. 13.

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A former governor, a former congressman, a chairman for Verizon, an [AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center](#) nurse and a current [Richard Stockton College of New Jersey](#) student are among the first five people to be honored by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, the center announced this week.

The Hughes Center Honors is a new initiative that recognizes five people from the state for excelling in their chosen fields and showing a commitment to public service, civility and bipartisanship, the center said.

The initial honorees include former New Jersey Governor Brendan T. Byrne, former Congressman James Saxton, Dennis Bone, Lori Herndon and Justin Frankel. They will be recognized at a reception/dinner at the Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m.

"In a time of extreme partisanship, chronic gridlock and fiscal cliffs, it is important to recognize those individuals of high achievement who have demonstrated the ability to work with others in serving the public good," Daniel J. Douglas, Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy said in a release.

Byrne will receive the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes the career achievement for any singularly outstanding citizen, from any field of endeavor in the public, private or non-profit sectors, according to the center.

Saxton will receive the Civility in Government and Politics Award, which recognizes an appointed or elected New Jersey official that epitomizes the concepts of respecting people and processes in both attaining and executing public office and thus providing an example and standard for others, according to the center.

Bone will receive the Excellence in Civic Engagement Award, which recognizes a business or non-profit leader for achievement in public service, according to the center.

Herndon will receive the Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award, which recognizes a Stockton College alum with achievement in Stockton and community engagement activities, according to the center.

Frankel will receive the Distinctive Student Leadership Award, which recognizes a current Stockton student for achievement in Stockton and community

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New Jersey Public Utility Commission, and as Assignment Judge of the New Jersey Superior Court. He was graduated from Princeton University in 1949 and received his degree from Harvard Law School in 1950. He is now a partner in the law firm of Carella Byrne.

Saxton served in the United States House of Representatives from 1984 to 2009. He also served in the New Jersey State Legislature from 1976 to 1984. He was a high-ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Natural Resources Committee and was Ranking Republican Member and Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee. During his years of service, Congressman Saxton was known for his work maintaining a strong military presence in New Jersey and for preserving New Jersey's beaches.

Bone started his Verizon career in 1979 as an engineer for New Jersey Bell, a Verizon predecessor company. After a variety of jobs with increasing responsibilities in operations, regulatory, external affairs, and public policy positions, he was named president of Verizon New Jersey in June 2000 and served in that position until his retirement in July 2012. Mr. Bone is a trustee for the New Jersey Institute of Technology, the Newark Alliance, Liberty Science Center and other institutions. He is also Chairman of the State Employment and Training Commission and Chairman Emeritus of ChooseNJ.

Herndon has held many leadership roles since joining AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center (ARMC) as an Intensive Care Unit staff nurse in 1983. She is now President and Chief Executive Officer of the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center. Under her leadership, ARMC has developed new emergency and trauma departments, the Center for Childbirth, a patient tower, and the AtlantiCare Cancer Care Institute.

Frankel served as President of the Political Science Association, and Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha from 2011-2012. In 2011 Justin was elected to the Stockton Student Senate and currently serves as Chairman for the Legislative Policies and Government Affairs Committee. Justin will graduate in May 2013 and plans on accepting his commission in the United States Marine Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant.

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