Stockton College's William J. Hughes Center to Present Their First Major Event of 2010

"South Jersey Call to Service Summit" Scheduled for Feb. 5

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Galloway Township, **NJ-** The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will be hosting the "South Jersey Call to Service Summit" on **Friday**, **February 5**, **2010 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** in the A-Wing Gallery and Alton Auditorium on the College's main Galloway Township campus. The free event is sponsored by the Hughes Center in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey, Verizon New Jersey, and the Citizens' Campaign.

Government and political experts from across the state will discuss how citizens can initiate positive change. Open discussions will address topics ranging from cutting property taxes to rooting out government corruption. The summit will offer free training, insider knowledge and skills, and techniques on how to effectively tackle problems facing towns and counties.

The keynote speaker is Gil Medina, former New Jersey Secretary of Commerce and former Camden City Councilman, who currently serves as Executive Managing Director of Cushman & Wakefield, Inc., the world's largest privately held commercial real estate services firm. At Cushman & Wakefield, Medina is responsible for managing all New Jersey operations, which consists of three offices in western, central, and northern New Jersey. Medina also oversees the operation and business development for all of the service lines offered by the firm, including commercial, industrial, and retail brokerage services.

The featured speakers include the following: Debra P. DiLorenzo, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Southern New Jersey; Christopher Daggett, former DEP Commissioner and gubernatorial candidate; New Jersey State Senators Jim Whelan and Joseph Kyrillos; Tom Byrne, Chair of the New Jersey Tax and Fiscal Study Commission; Paul Josephson, former Chief Counsel to the Governor and Counsel to State Democratic Committee; Ted Mann, Founder of InJersey.com and Digital Director of Gannett News; and Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., President of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

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Summit Program:

5-5:30 p.m.: Networking and registration (A-Wing Gallery)

5:30-5:40 p.m.: Welcome (Alton Auditorium)

5:50-6:50 p.m.: Break Out Panels (B- and C-Wing)

7:00-8:00 p.m.: Call to Service Celebration (F-Wing Atrium)

Break Out Panels:

- "Citizen Attack on the Property Tax" Cutting Local Government Waste
- "Citizen Leadership Service" New Opportunities for Non-elected Government Positions Under the Citizen Service Act
- "Citizen Control of Political Parties" Exploring the New Party Democracy Act
- "Decline of the Media and Rise of the Citizen Journalist"

For more information and to reserve a seat, please contact Renee Koubiadis at 609-499-1860 or Renee@jointhecampaign.com. Advanced registration is required.