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Richard Stockton College of NJ Names Sharon Schulman to Head William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy

**Former Utility President, Government Official Selected to Lead Center
Named for Longtime Congressman, Ambassador**

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Galloway Twp., NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey has named Ms. Sharon Schulman as Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. A resident of Erial, Camden County, Ms. Schulman brings a wealth of experience and resources to the Center. The Center was founded in 2007 as a catalyst for research, analysis and policy solutions to the complex issues facing New Jersey.

“Stockton is delighted to have distinguished alumna Sharon Schulman leading the William J. Hughes Center,” President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. “Sharon provides leadership, credibility and understanding of a vast array of public policy issues. Equally important is her knowledge and experience in policy implementation. Sharon enables the Center to make an immediate positive impact in the region and statewide.”

The William J. Hughes Center was founded as part of Dr. Saatkamp’s vision for the College to expand its community outreach and service to the region. In addition to its role providing higher educational resources, Stockton’s President sees the College as an economic engine for Southern New Jersey and a conduit for serving the greater good. The Hughes Center is an important component of that mission. The Center was named in honor of William J. Hughes of Ocean City, longtime Southern New Jersey Congressman, Ambassador to Panama and Stockton Distinguished Professor. It serves as a forum for public discussion of policy issues to engage both citizens and policy makers and frames issues and policy matters in a way that encourages broader debate and strengthens the voice of Southern New Jersey.

“The formation of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy is a major step in helping southern New Jersey to increase its voice and presence with local, state and federal government. We can be the catalyst for research and a disseminator of information to help people, business and institutions,” said Ms. Schulman.

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According to President Saatkamp, Ms. Schulman's depth and breadth of experience and knowledge of government, business and public policy areas instantly makes the Hughes Center a powerful asset to the college and all of New Jersey.

In the 1990s, Ms. Schulman served as Chief Executive Officer for the NJ Board of Public Utilities, where she developed policies and strategies, and implementation and government relations on behalf of the state's utilities. Since then she was with Atlantic Electric as manager of the utility's public and regulatory planning as well as manager of external affairs including