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The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy today announced the 2015 Hughes Center Honors, recognizing the achievements of five outstanding New Jerseyans. Former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean will receive the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award.

The honorees include retired Associate Justice John E. Wallace Jr., of the New Jersey Supreme Court, who will receive the Civility in Government and Politics Award; State Senator Chris Connors of the 9th District, who will receive the Distinctive Alumni Leadership Award; Edward J. Graham, chairman and CEO of South Jersey Industries, who will receive the Excellence in Civic Engagement Award; and Carl Archut Jr., president of the Stockton Student Senate, who will receive the Distinctive Student Leadership Award.

The Honors are awarded for professional excellence and a commitment to public service, civility and bipartisanship

Edward J. Graham is chairman and chief executive officer of South Jersey Industries. An alumnus of Rider University for his undergraduate degree, Graham holds a Master of Business Administration degree in finance and investment from Drexel University. He is a member of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and serves as a member of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Carl Archut, Jr. is president of the Stockton Student Senate and was selected as Student Senator of the Year in 2013-2014 for the Involvement Awards.

Archut, of Paulsboro, NJ, is a junior pursuing a degree in Liberal Studies with concentrations in Leadership and Hospitality Management.

He is also very active with the Xi-Rho chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Stockton, which recently received the most Scholarship Leadership Awards in New Jersey and was ranked #2 in the nation with the most awards received from the national fraternity's endowment fund. Archut was a recipient of one