

Stockton's Hughes Center Receives \$10,000

Grant from Overton Foundation to train media studies teachers to increase the civic knowledge of students in grades K-12.

Democracy works best when we have an interested, informed and responsible citizenry. William J. Hughes, the former ambassador to Panama and a man for whom the center is named. "Putting basic civics back into our

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“Verizon is helping to transform the way teachers teach by supporting initiatives that use technology to increase student achievement,” said Jennifer P. Young, director of External Affairs for Verizon. “This grant will give educators the training they need to make the most of the tools that today’s technology can bring to the classroom. In the end, students will reap the benefits of programs like this that expand the educational opportunities available for them.”

The Hughes Center will publicize the initiative to the public and to statewide policy makers. Both the Hughes Center and SRI&ETTC will contribute in-kind services to help the program succeed.

“We are grateful to our partners at the Hughes Center and for the generosity of the Verizon Foundation, who’ve helped us to make this opportunity available for teachers in southern New Jersey,” said Dean Claudine Keenan, of Stockton’s School of Education.

The SRI&ETTC expects to train 200 teachers during a total of six full-day workshops: two each for teachers from high schools, middle schools and elementary schools. Each workshop will begin with training on the use of the iCivics website followed by a session on how to integrate civics and this website into classroom lessons. School districts in the consortium will be notified when registration is open.

“We plan to build a cadre of teachers that will be able to take the information back to their districts and lead efforts to integrate civics into the social studies curriculum,” said Patricia Weeks, director of the SRI&ETTC in the School of Education.

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From left at a presentation of the \$10,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation to the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy are: Daniel J. Douglas, director of the center, Jennifer P. Young, director of Verizon’s External Affairs, Ambassador William J. Hughes, for whom the center at Stockton is named, and Sharon Schulman, CEO of External Affairs and Institutional Research at Stockton.