

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDER PATRICIA SEBOLD HONORS GRIFFITH R. HUGHES, JR., IN CELEBRATION OF HIS RETIREMENT**



Freeholder Patricia Sebold (left) presents the Board's Commendation to Griffith Hughes (right) in celebration of his retirement. PHOTO BY GLEN FRIESON

(Newark, NJ) – On March 22, 2017, Freeholder At-Large Patricia Sebold honored Mr. Griffith R. Hughes, Jr., in celebration of his retirement from his position as an Educator at Livingston High School after 36 years of dedicated service during a special presentation held at the Hall of Records in Newark.

Freeholder Patricia Sebold, a retired educator with nearly 30 years of teaching experience, congratulated Mr. Hughes for an exceptional career. She added that although his teaching career was ending, she wished Mr. Hughes continued success in his coaching career in Essex County as she presented him with the Board's Commendation.

District 4 Freeholder Leonard Luciano, a former Newark Public School Teacher, was also present during the presentation. He congratulated Mr. Hughes on his successful career and shared in the joy of being an alumnus of Livingston High School.

Mr. Hughes graduated from William Paterson College (now William Paterson University), in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree and went on to earn a Masters of Industrial Arts degree from Montclair State College (now Montclair State University), in 1990, and an Industrial Arts Teaching Endorsement in 1982.

He began his career as a Music Educator for Little Falls in 1980. From 1983 to 1984, he began serving as an Industrial Arts/Technology Education Instructor at Essex Career Academy for the Essex Special Services Commission. He also taught students at Hanover Park, Whippany Park Regional High School, and Cedar Grove High School. In 1987, he began teaching Automotive Technology, Photography, Woodworking, Architectural Drafting until 2017.

In addition to his teaching career, Mr. Hughes also serves as the Bowling Coach for Livingston High School, a team he has proudly coached for 14 seasons. Under his leadership, the Livingston Lancers have earned 154 wins, 6 Conference Championships, 7 County Championships, and 5 State Sectional Championships. The team has received a State Finalist Silver and Bronze Medal. Mr. Hughes has coached 5 Essex County Individual Champions and an Individual State Finalist Top Five Finisher in 2010.

He has held several offices in local, state, and national coaching associations, including: the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association State Sectional Tournament Director for Boys Bowling (2007 to 2009); North Jersey Bowling League President (2005 to 2008); Iron Hills Conference Bowling President (2009); Super Essex Conference Bowling Secretary (2010 to present); NJSIAA Sport Committee (2007 to 2009) and (2012 to 2015); and Super Essex Conference Bowling Advisor and Liaison.

Mr. Hughes has received numerous coaching honors, including: the Newark Star Ledger's 2011 North Jersey Coach of the Year; NJSIAA 2008 Bowling Service Award; NFHS 2007 North East Sectional Coach of the Year; NJSIAA 2007 Boys Bowling Coach of the Year; Newark Star Ledger's 2000 New Jersey Boys Bowling Coach of the Year; NFHS National Sectional 2007 Coach of the Year; and NJSCA/NJSIAA 2013 Inductee to the Senate Coaches Hall of Fame. He is a member of several professional and coaching associations. Some of which include: the New Jersey State Coaches Association, the U.S. Bowling Congress; the National, New Jersey, Essex County, and Livingston Education Associations; International Automotive Technicians Network.

Mr. Hughes has lead students in the classroom and in the bowling lanes. Furthermore, he has also created a number of programs for students and athletes, including Senior Citizen Car Care Week, Double Automotive Technology Class, Livingston High School Bowlers' Club in 1997, and the Livingston High School Faculty Bowling League, to name a few.

Mr. Hughes thanked the Freeholder Board for this recognition, sharing that he was honored to be recognized. He shared remarks, recognizing the importance of being an educator and leading the way in the lives of youth.

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