



L TO R: Officer Dion Robinson, Denise Morris, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. Adriana Cordon and Dorothea Irvin

ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S JANUARY TEAMWORK AWARD PROGRAM

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards to three Essex County employees and a student from the Essex County Vocational Technical School District. Teamwork Awards recognize employees for their hard work, dedication and willingness to provide quality service and highlights the achievements of students attending the County's Vocational Schools.

Adriana Cordon, a senior at the West Caldwell Tech Campus of the Essex County Vocational School System, currently holds the highest grade point average in her class and is on track to be the Valedictorian. Adriana is a well-rounded student who excels in both her scholastic and extra-curricular activities. She has been an active member of the Lady Eagles volleyball team, the Yearbook Committee and Student Council. In addition to her school activities, she volunteers at the New Jersey Food Bank, visits the elderly at a rehabilitation center and participates at charity events through a conference of churches' youth group, where she serves as Vice President. After graduation, Adriana wishes to pursue a degree in civil engineering, technology and architecture at NJIT.

Dorothea Irvin is a Senior Clerk Typist in the Essex County Department of Economic Development, Training and Employment, Division of Training and Employment. Ms. Irvin supervises the Division's 20 clerks, which includes scheduling and overseeing the reception desks on floors 1-4 and maintaining a rotating coverage schedule for Case Management Unit Clerks. In addition to her regular responsibilities, she often assists with client orientations, performs data entry and creates reports for client services, fields customer concerns and provides coverage. Her 8 ½ years of experience makes her a valuable asset and resource to the Department.

Dion Robinson has been a Security Officer in the Courts Division of the Sheriff's Office for two years. He exemplifies the high standards of Essex County and his superior officers trust his good judgment and professionalism as well as his attention to detail. In June 2009, Officer Robinson prevented a suspect from bringing a semi-automatic handgun into the government complex. This act reminds us about the seriousness of the job our Security Officers do each day, and why our own vigilance is also important. Dion, a graduate of the Police Academy, has also been a volunteer Deputy for 6 ½ years, executing his patrols with great success. In his spare time, he rides his motorcycle in various charitable events.

Denise Morris has worked for the Essex County Department of Health & Rehabilitation for 26 years. During her first nine years, she worked in the Essex County Guidance Center, where an out-patient clinic was maintained. When it was closed during a previous administration, Denise moved to the Hospital Center in Cedar Grove. She held several different positions at the Hospital Center prior to being assigned to the Education and Training Unit where she currently works. The Hospital staff must pursue ongoing training and she is responsible for maintaining the database of every employee's Continuing Education achievements. These records must be kept for 5 years, and are often part of the many inspections and accreditations the Center undergoes. In addition to taking various in-house or outside courses, all staff members take a departmental competency exam every year, and Denise is part of the team that administers and maintains test information.