



L TO R: Ray Holland, III, Marshall Paulson, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Maria Simoes and Gloria Chambers Benoit

ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S NOVEMBER 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 one student from the Essex County Vocational 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.

Marshall Paulson is an Honor Roll student in the Technology Service & Installations Program at the Essex County Vocational-Technical School District's West Caldwell Campus. There, he specializes in electrical theory and application as well as copper and fiber network cabling. Paulson is a well-rounded student who has served in several leadership roles throughout high school, such as, Senior Class President, Key Club and yearbook committee President and Vice President of the Student Council. Marshall is known for his humanitarian spirit and can always be found helping others. He helped construct a school in Mexico and has lead various initiatives for his church's youth group. For his efforts, he was honored with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

Maria Simoes has worked in the Essex County Sheriff's Office, Civil Process Division for over seven years. Known as the "backbone" of the Foreclosure Unit, her responsibilities include coordinating the publication of auction sale advertisements, and finalizing all third-party sales, settlements and redemptions. She must communicate regularly with judges, attorneys, defendants and the general public, and always does so in a concise and professional manner. Her expertise continues to be a significant asset to the Foreclosure Unit.

Gloria Chambers Benoit has been with the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Senior Services as Supervisor for In-Home Services since 2006. She oversees the operations for Respite Care, Home Friends, Home Health Aides, and Care Management. Prior to joining Essex County, she collaborated with the Division of Senior Services for 15 years as the Nutrition and In-Home Services Manager at New Community Corporation. Gloria is always willing to help her fellow staff members to ensure seniors receive the best service. In addition to her responsibilities, Gloria is an active member of her church, where she serves as the Choir Director.

Ray Holland, III began his career at the Essex County Hospital Center in the Transportation Division in 2001. As a driver, Ray is responsible for transporting patients to outside medical facilities, and various cultural and recreational activities. He also transports staff members to different functions in the County and delivers mail and supplies on a daily basis to County facilities. In the absence of his Supervisor, Ray always fills in to ensure that the Transportation Division continues to operate smoothly. Ray is also a minister at Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Orange and has recently completed his Black Belt in Karate.