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## **ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S DECEMBER 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 attending the Essex County Vocational Technical School District. Teamwork Awards recognize employees for their hard work, dedication and willingness to provide quality service and highlight the achievements of students attending the County's Vocational Schools.

**Justin Staley**, a senior at Essex County Newark Tech, ranked second in his class, is a model student and role model for his peers. Justin is an Honor Roll student, who received the Who's Who Among All-American Scholars Award and is featured in Who's Who Among High School Students. In addition to being a member of the Varsity Cross Country Team, Justin is very active as a volunteer for the Food and Toy Drives at Newark Tech, the Annual Mother's Day Dinner and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Justin is hoping to pursue his Bachelor's Degree next fall at Harvard University.

**Courtney M. Gaccione, Esq.** joined County Counsel's Office in 2001 as an Assistant County Counsel. In 2004, she was promoted to the position of Chief of the Labor & Employment Section, where she oversees all civil service, employment and disciplinary matters. PERC and Administrative Law hearings, labor matters and training for Anti-Harassment and Disciplinary Actions also fall under her Unit. Courtney is an inspiration to the entire office because of her broad knowledge, professionalism and cooperation with all staff. Whenever she has been called upon to cover hearings or substitute for another attorney, she diligently prepares and handles the matters with ease. With an "uncanny sense of calmness," she prepares her presentations promptly and accurately.

**Lillian A. Torres** joined the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders Office in 1995 as a Clerk Typist. Currently a Senior Clerk Typist, Lillian is a vital part of the support team that makes the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders run smoothly. This Office maintains important County Records, often serving the public in searches for documents. Lillian does that, attends Freeholder meetings, records meetings and votes, prepares transmittals for distribution to the Freeholders and serves as the office's alternate Personnel Liaison. Aside from her "official" duties, Lillian can always be counted on to rise to any occasion. She was the project leader for the Freeholders' Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon, and was a key member of the Chamber Corridor restoration team. She also serves as President of the Football Parents & Friends Association at Belleville High School, where her two sons attend.

**Brian Innis** joined the Office of the Essex County Prosecutor in 2004 as the Information Technology Technician. One of his main responsibilities is to provide litigation support and media services for all units. His work is of vital importance to the more than 200 Assistant Prosecutors and Detectives, helping them to prepare and organize material for investigations and trials. Brian often creates large-scale graphics, timelines, maps, charts and video/computer automated presentations. He does the same for press conferences and produces DVDs, CDs, posters, cards and graphics for celebratory events, and tests new software.