



L TO R: Sheriff's Officer Jorge Oliviera, Richard Osei, Judy Lopez, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Aleem Moore, and Corrections Officer Robert MacFarlane

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

**Newark, NJ** – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards to three Essex County employees, two students from the Essex County Vocational School District. The following employees and students were commended for their dedication and commitment to serving the public.

**Richard Osei**, a senior at the Essex County Vocational School District's Newark Tech, is a Principal's Honor Roll student who is ranked fourth in his class. His academic prowess is evident as he has already been accepted by several competitive universities: Bloomfield College, Johnson & Wales, Montclair State, St. John's, Seton Hall, and William Paterson. Osei is a well-rounded student; who is Vice President of the National Honor Society, a member of the Chess Club, former member of the varsity basketball and cross country teams, and is active in his church as a pianist and piano teacher. He has received many accolades, including the Leadership Award for his involvement with the All-Stars Development School for Youth and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest Award. He is also a work study student assigned to Newark Tech's Guidance Office.

**Aleem Moore**, a senior at the Essex County Vocational School District's West Caldwell Center, has an outstanding attendance record, serves as a role model for his peers and maintains honor roll grades. He is a member of the basketball team, which won a League Championship title last year. In addition, Aleem works part-time at Century 21 Department Store, where he was recognized as Employee of the Month in September 2007. Moore is known for his caring spirit at West Caldwell Center and often goes out of his way to help less fortunate students.

**Judy Lopez** joined the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Welfare, in 1994. She is a Bilingual Senior Clerk Typist and is responsible for performing clerical duties within the Personnel and Payroll sections of Welfare, generating complex reports and assisting the Deputy Director with confidential projects. Judy is known as the "Quiet Achiever" in the office. She recently had to cover for the Division of Welfare Director's Secretary. In addition to assuming those new responsibilities, she continued to perform her own duties and finished three critical projects ahead of schedule.

**Officer Robert MacFarlane** has been a Corrections Officer with the Essex County Department of Corrections for 13 years and is assigned to the Correctional Facility Intake Area. MacFarlane began working at the old Newark Jail, and was assigned to the Special Operations Team/Cell Extraction Unit for six years. He is a valuable asset to the Department of Corrections because he often trains new officers, acts as a liaison to other departments and solves problems that arise with the paperwork associated with newly admitted inmates.

**Officer Jorge Oliviera**, a 6-year member of the Essex County Sheriff's Office, is assigned to the Detective Bureau. He is a conscientious, highly motivated individual, who needs minimal supervision to complete tasks. Officer Oliveira is known to demonstrate initiative in the absence of orders and makes recommendations to improve operations. As a member of the United States Army Reserve, he recently completed military tours in the Middle East and Central Asia and is currently awaiting approval to attend Army Ranger training.