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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 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.

Brandon Baskerville, a senior at Essex County Newark Tech, is a well-rounded student who has amassed quite an impressive resume. An excellent student, he is on the Honor Roll, Principal's Honor Roll, and National Honor Society – and has been named student of the month. Brandon is also an excellent orator, who spoke at a district-wide inauguration program for President Barack Obama, and gives motivational speeches to community groups about the importance of education and having a positive attitude. In addition, he is also captain of the Varsity Cross Country Team and Captain of the Track Team. Brandon plans to pursue his Bachelor's Degree next fall, but is still undecided about which college he will attend.

Diana 'Dee' Jornt has been a Data Processing Programmer in the Essex County Department of Corrections for six years. She is responsible for timekeeping and payroll for the Department. With the office's enhanced equipment, Dee provides daily overtime expenditure reviews, notifies the disciplinary unit when potential abuses are spotted or when staff members have exhausted all their time, and analyzes and projects costs for potential retirees. She recently completed transferring all supervisory staff's time and attendance records to an electronic format, so each individual now gets a monthly statement with their time clearly indicated. Dee can quickly explain or resolve concerns of all staff members regarding these matters, making it easier for everyone else to concentrate on their individual duties.

James Gerofsky has been a Senior Program Manager, responsible for Grant Application Management in the Prosecutor's Office since 2001. In this capacity, he oversees the project managers and addresses all financial reporting requirements. A talented computer/data programmer, he has created and designed numerous databases, ranging from Employee Information and Daily Attendance programs to Monthly Trial Outcome analysis to Purchase Tracking systems. Not only that, but he designed and maintains the Prosecutor's web site. Respected by his peers and supervisors, Jim is a truly valued member of the Prosecutor's team.

Anthony Landolfi, Sr. has been a Senior Program Monitor in the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development for 19 years. He is responsible for projects funded throughout the County with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds. In this capacity, he travels from site to site, interviewing construction laborers to ensure that they are being paid the prevailing wage, and also ensuring project consistency with the defined scope of work as well as serving as an integral part of the CDBG and ESG