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ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES AND VO-TECH STUDENT DURING COUNTY'S MARCH TEAMWORK AWARD PROGRAM

Newark, NJ – Entering his second term, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. changed the format of the monthly Teamwork awards to highlight the academic excellence of a Vocational-Technical School student along with the hard work and dedication of three County employees.

Britany Martin, a senior at North 13th Street School is a member of the National Honor Society and is ranked sixth in her class with an impressive 4.167 Grade Point Average. Due to her academic prowess, she will be attending Duke University on a full academic scholarship. Martin is a well rounded student who exhibits great leadership qualities as Captain of the Cheerleading Squad and member of the Future Business Leaders of America Club (FBLA). She also volunteers at a senior citizen housing complex assisting the elderly with laundry and food preparation.

Shawn Foresta joined the Essex County Office of the Commissioner of Registration & Superintendent of Elections in 1997 as a temporary Clerk Typist. She has since become a Senior Clerk Typist and is knowledgeable about every division in the department. Foresta is also a certified Voting Machine Technician, and is responsible for downloading and burning cartridges for all the new electronic voting machines during elections. Recently transferred to the Election Machine Warehouse, she helps to maintain the voting machines and does all clerical functions to support the election schedule.

Elizabeth Scanlon began her career in 1989 as a Clerk Typist in the Essex County Clerk's Office and transferred to the Board of Elections in 1992, where she is now a Senior Clerk Typist. She is responsible for processing and training poll workers, and counts all absentee and provisional ballots. Scanlon is an asset to the Board of Elections office, having 15 years of experience servicing both the electorate and the voters.

Debra Edmonson joined the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Welfare in 1975 and is currently an Assistant Administrative Supervisor. She is responsible for four units, handling Special Service and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Fair Hearing Liaison and overseeing the Homeless/Shelter Unit. In addition to all these responsibilities, she volunteered to serve as the Division of Welfare's Coordinator for the Project Homeless Connect Day.