



L TO R: George DePaul, Captain Leon Godbold, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Jasmin Acevedo, and Ruben Davila.

ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES & STUDENT DURING COUNTY'S MARCH 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. The following individuals were commended for their dedication and commitment to serving the public.

Jasmin Acevedo is an Honor Roll student in the Graphic Arts Program at the Essex County Vocational School District's Bloomfield Tech. Acevedo is a well-rounded student, who is a member of the National Honor Society, the Editor of the school's yearbook, and an active member of her church's youth group. Her humanitarian nature is evident, as she often tutors her peers and volunteers at a local day care center. She will attend Seton Hall University in the fall, where she will study Criminal Justice.

Ruben Davila joined the Office of the Essex County Commissioner of Registration & Superintendent of Elections in 2005. He is a Confidential Aide and responsible for the information technology functions of the office. Ruben successfully completed the installation of the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) hardware, which links the Commissioner of Registration, the Board of Elections and the County Clerk offices. He also supervised the installation and configuration of the WinEDS software and hardware, which will be used to program the new electronic voting machines. In addition to supporting this new state-of-the-art infrastructure, Ruben is creating a database for all forth coming elections that will save the County hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

George DePaul joined the Essex County Department of Public Works one year ago as a Messenger, after suffering an injury that ended his career in law enforcement. DePaul is an integral part of the operations in the Department of Public Works. In addition to his duties as a messenger, he maintains the time records for the Division of Buildings & Grounds, along with the payroll for the Department of Public Works. George also assists with the County-wide recycling program and snow removal operations.

Captain Leon Godbold began his career with the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Youth Services in 1983 working at the Juvenile Detention Center as an Admissions and Records Officer. He has risen to the post of Supervising Juvenile Detention Officer. He supervises the detention officers and sergeants and oversees the complete operation and security of the Detention Center during his shift. As a member of the Newark Church of Christ, he makes numerous donations, hosts an annual barbecue and provides other assistance to help the detention center residents become productive citizens. Leon's work ethic, professionalism and dedication to the youth at the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center exemplify the principles of teamwork.