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ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S APRIL 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.

Sadeliah Dixon is a senior, studying Forensic Science at the Newark Tech Campus of the Essex County Vocational School System. Sadeliah is a young woman of purpose, and her diligence and focus on education, has certainly paid off. She is ranked first in her class at Newark Tech with a 4.1 GPA, has been on the Principals Honor Roll since her freshmen year, is a member of the National Honor Society and also won 1st Place in the school-wide Black History competition. In addition to her academics, she is heavily involved in extra-curricular activities at Newark Tech and in her community. She currently serves as President of the Future Business Leaders of America Club, is a member of the softball and volleyball teams and is involved in the Phenomenal Sister Female Empowerment Program. Sadeliah is also a member of the Newark Pioneers Pathfinder Club and she still finds time to share herself with her church, singing in the Choir, acting as an Assistant Leader and Usher and serving on the Hospitality Committee. Next fall she will be studying at the University of Central Florida.

Alexis Coelho has been a Sheriff's Officer in the Essex County Sheriff's Office for five years and is consistently at the top of the monthly officer production reports. In the last three months alone, she has written 370 motor vehicle summonses and executed 25 arrests. Never afraid of a challenge, in early 2010, Officer Coelho apprehended an armed robbery suspect after chasing him on foot from Route 21 to the Passaic River. At the end of last year, she arrested a shoplifter who walked off with 25 boxes of merchandise from Walgreen's in Belleville. Although she has been with the Essex County Sheriff's Office for a relatively short time, she has compiled a very impressive record. There is no doubt that she is on the fast lane to a highly successful public safety career.

Louis Natale joined the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Housing & Community Development 16 years ago. One of the programs funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program of the Division of Housing and Community Development is the Home Improvement Program, which provides financial assistance to eligible homeowners so they can address safety, sanitary and energy efficiency issues. Louis is responsible for managing projects from start to finish, which means he examines the house, advises the homeowners about the program's regulations and guidelines, justifies the contractor's estimate and monitors all aspects of the rehabilitation. He is known for having the perfect temperament and customer service skills for this job, and is always chosen as the one to handle the most difficult projects.

Jennifer Canaria joined Essex County in 1992 and currently serves as the Assistant Director of Nursing. In this capacity, she is responsible for the supervision of the Head Nurses and Nursing Care Units on the busy 7AM to 3PM shift. Jennifer is like the hub of an always moving machine, holding everything together, supporting all elements. She is recognized as the "go-to" person by patients, nursing personnel, medical and administrative staff. Her commitment to the Hospital and patients is unwavering; with her focus always being on their well-being.