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

Eric Santiago is a high-achieving student at the Essex County Vocational Technical School District's North 13th Street Campus. A senior in the Computer Repair Academy, Eric has been a constant presence on the Honor Roll, is a member of the Student Council and the Future Business Leaders of America Club, and voluntarily repairs his classmates' computers. He volunteers his time at his church teaching religious instruction and provides security for St. Anthony's School. At home, he helps care for his younger brother, preparing meals and helping with homework, when his parents work late. After graduation, Eric will attend Berkeley College. He has given selflessly to his school, community and family. "I am grateful for this honor and I will continue to serve my community and I hope to have a career in law enforcement to continue helping people," said Santiago.

Janice Kenyatta, Supervisor of Vocational Education with the Essex County Vocational School District, has a long-standing history with the district. She attended high school at the Essex County North 13th Street Campus, where she was a Business Technology major. By age 22, she had graduated from there, earned an Associate's Degree at Essex County College, and completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Montclair State University, with a major in Business Education. After completing her studies, she returned to North 13th Street to begin her career as a teacher, where she taught for 29 years. She obtained her NJ Supervisor's Certification in 2001, and in 2005 was appointed Supervisor of Vocational Education. Throughout her career, Mrs. Kenyatta has received numerous honors, most memorable is the Essex County Vocational School's Most Successful Graduate Award, and she has been the Commencement Keynote speaker at North 13th Street and West Caldwell Campuses.

Melvin Williams is currently the Lead Investigator in the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Community Action, where he investigates consumer complaints that are referred to the Division from the State Office of Consumer Affairs. He has only been with the Division for a short period of time, but has had a significant impact on the Division's operations. When Mr. Williams first arrived at the Division, he worked on the restructuring of the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program, which was out of compliance, and brought it back to a level of 'good standing.' After a year on the job, he was transferred to the Consumer Unit where he investigates consumer fraud issues.

Glenda Haislah has been a Principal Legal Stenographer in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Appellate Section for 27 years. She is responsible for scanning all incoming and outgoing documents received by the Appellate Section. She also assists with the maintenance of the appellate files and prepares files for archiving. In an attempt to transform the Appellate Section into a paperless office, Ms. Haislah has worked tirelessly to implement the new scanning procedures and help the office attain certification from the State of New Jersey.