L TO R: Wilson Codey, Gerald Paige, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., Lloyd Homes and Mark Beckett

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.

Wilson Codey is a senior in the Electric Construction Technology Shop at the Bloomfield Tech Campus of the Essex County Vocational School System. He is an outstanding athlete, who has played varsity basketball all four years at Bloomfield Tech and this year he served as Team Captain. He was also on the varsity baseball team, and played many seasons for his AAU team. Not only was he a star on his sports teams, he is a star scholar. He will graduate ranked sixth in his class and has been on the honor roll several times. During his sophomore year, he even completed a college level pre-calculus course at Essex County College. He contributes to his community as a member of the National Honor Society, where he tutored younger classmates, and as a member of the Amnesty Club. With acceptances to Rutgers, Montclair State, Stevens Institute, NJIT, Rochester Institute of Technology and Florida A&M, Wilson has many options available to him. He will study Biomedical Engineering at the school he chooses to attend in the fall.

Mark Beckett is a Performing Arts Teacher at the West Caldwell Tech Campus of the Essex County Vocational School System, where he teaches Vocational Art and Vocal Performance to 9th through 12th grade students and also serves as advisor for the school's Radio Station 620 WCT. Anyone who has attended an Essex County event in the past 8 years has marveled at the richness of Mark Beckett's talent. His glorious voice has touched us all, just as it did when he first performed before 150 people at the age of 13. He went on to entertain before thousands, all over the world, including Sesame Street, which his six children can enjoy. A graduate of East Orange High School, Mark studied Electrical Technology at NJIT and is certified in Audio Technology. Mark became a licensed Minister in 2007, and serves as Director of Christian Education for Union Baptist Church in Montclair, overseeing the assimilation of new members into the life of the church and is a vital part of the Church's Music and Creative Arts Ministries.

Lloyd Holmes, a talented photographer, joined the Office of the Essex County Prosecutor as a Photo Processor, to capture crime scenes, which is an important part of putting a case together. He soon was assigned to document, via photo and video, outreach activities, including official duties of the Prosecutor, the ECPO Summer Internship Program and Community Justice Unit. Now part of the IT team, Lloyd lends his creative skills to improving the face of the Office in this technological age. Lloyd also takes all employee photos and his pictorial memories enliven every Holiday Party.

Gerald Paige is the Special Transportation Coordinator in the Division of Senior Services, Department of Citizen Services. From the moment he joined the Office, he took control of transportation, a problematic area for multiple reasons. Through his skills and hard work, he turned the system around, reducing the number of customer complaints from a flood to a trickle. During the recent Office move from East Orange to Verona, Gerald became the "go-to guy." He coordinated the efforts of staff, vendors, movers and all, from planning to installation of the last piece of furniture. This stress-filled time and atmosphere was calmed by his professionalism and organizational ability. According to his Director, Gerald is one of the finest examples of a team player and someone who is truly *Putting Essex County First.*