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

Keith McKoy is a high-achieving student at the Essex County Vocational Technical School District's Bloomfield Tech Campus. A senior in the Electric Construction Academy, Keith has been a constant presence on the Honor Roll, and has been involved in the school's work-study program as an employee at Bloomfield Electric Supply Company since the end of his junior year. Keith is a well rounded student, who was active with senior class activities and student council and served as captain of the East Orange Campus High School varsity football team and the Bloomfield Tech varsity baseball team this year. Keith has been accepted to Delaware State University, but is currently deciding whether to attend there or a college in New Jersey. Wherever he attends, he will major in electrical engineering.

Alicia Holman works on the Multi-Disciplinary Team in the Department of Citizen Services, Youth Services Commission. She is a liaison to the Family Court judges and interviews the youth and their families after being adjudicated by Family Court judges for placement. Additionally, Ms. Holman interacts with service providers to obtain reports on the progress of juveniles placed in various programs and service options. She works with juveniles who are returning home from state placement to determine the proper services needed for successful placement back in the community. Essex County is the premier county in the State that has partnered with the Juvenile Justice Commission to ensure that youth returning home are provided with the full array of services they need to successfully re-enter their community.

Reynol Ferrar is a messenger for the Office Services Unit in the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, Division of Welfare, where he is responsible for the transport and delivery of important agency documents and case records among the various locations within the Division. He has only been with the Division for a short period of time, but has had a significant impact on the Division's operations, continually going above and beyond to serve our clients.

Chris Calvanese, a Senior Buyer in the Purchasing Office, has been with Essex County for 11.5 years. Chris has worked diligently to complete the coursework to obtain the designation of Registered Public Purchasing Specialist. He conceived the idea to create the on-line Purchasing Portal, which now has over 2,000 registered vendors. This system has propelled a paper-driven office into the 21st century and into the forefront of efficient and effective operations. Off-site, Chris plays drums and sings with a well-known rock'n'roll band called the Edmund Brothers and has even performed at the County's Summer Concert Series.