



L TO R: Hakeem Tudor, Sgt. Christian Herrera, Jacqueline Evans, Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.

## 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 for June 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 student achievement.

**Hakeem Tudor**, a senior in the Automotive Technology program at Essex County West Caldwell Tech, has been student of the month, on the honor roll and had perfect attendance at various times of his four years, and this year will be a school representative, demonstrating his skills in mechanics at the Skills USA Conference. He is one of those students who sets a course and follows it. As he has traveled that path, his commitment to excellence, along with his strong work ethic and willingness to help his classmates and teachers has earned him the respect and appreciation of both peers and educators. His interpersonal skills and leadership qualities support him as he makes strong contributions in class and participates in sports and other extra-curricular activities. Hakeem, who has played sports since his freshman year, was selected captain of the soccer, volleyball and cross country teams. We congratulate him for his achievements and celebrate his contributions to his community.

**Jackie Evans** joined the Essex County family 32 years ago as a Clerk Typist. Today, as the Senior Purchasing Assistant for the Division of Roads and Bridges, Department of Public Works, she makes sure we have enough salt and asphalt to take care of snowstorms and potholes. One of her most visible qualities is her willingness to participate in County functions beyond the workday, like the Valerie Fund Run, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and our own County Open House. Ms. Evans grew up in Newark's Central Ward and, early on, she worked at the Bessie Smith Daycare Center, giving other Newark boys and girls a good start. Ms. Evans was honored by the City of Newark for her community work and was recognized with the Althea Gibson Leadership Award as "One of the Women Making a Difference in Essex County."

**Sgt. Christian Herrera** joined the Department of Corrections in 2005 and graduated from the Essex County Police Academy in 2006 as the Commanding Officer of his class. For the past 5 years, he has served in the Policy and Training Bureau of the Department and was an active participant in the annual NJ State inspections, in which the Department earned a 100% compliance rating. In 2013, he spent the year focused on preparing the facility, the records and the staff for our successful ACA accreditation. Chris was promoted to Sergeant in 2013 and he is being recognized for his unwavering commitment to duty, his dedication to service and high level of professionalism, which stands as a role model for the younger staff.

**Jacqueline Cammarata** is in her fourth year of teaching history at the Essex County Vocational-Technical School's West Caldwell Campus. Ms. Cammarata graduated from Roger Williams University in Rhode Island with her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Secondary Education, which gave her a solid background to guide the high-school students under her tutelage. She is known to fill her classroom with activities that promote determination and perseverance, and she also carries these principles to the sports arena, as well. Ms. Cammarata coaches the West Caldwell Tech girls' varsity volleyball team, for which she was honored as the New Jersey Technical Interscholastic League Coach of the Year in 2011, and acts as assistant varsity softball coach at Columbia High School in Maplewood.