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ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES DURING COUNTY'S DECEMBER TEAMWORK AWARD PROGRAM

Newark, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. presented the monthly Essex County Teamwork Awards to four Essex County employees and one Essex County Vocational School student. 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.

Christian Bojorquez, a senior in the Green Energy Academy at Essex County Bloomfield Tech, is ranked first in her class. She is an Honor Roll student and has been a member of the school's chapter of the National Honor Society since the 10th grade. As a member of the National Honor Society, she has served as a tutor for underclassmen and played a major role in the chapter's annual food drive for needy families. She also works with the senior class committee on special projects, such as the senior fall party and the car wash. In addition to her school activities, Christian is very active as a volunteer at the Passaic County Elks Cerebral Palsy Adult Center. Christian wants to pursue her Bachelor's Degree next fall at either, The Richard Stockton College, Fairleigh Dickinson University or Rutgers University, where she plans to study Zoology or Marine Biology.

Robert Monaco joined the Essex County Prosecutor's Office in 2007 as an intern in the Central Judicial Processing & Special Remand Units during his senior year at Montclair State University. In June 2007, he began his career as a Legal Assistant for the Vertical Support Unit, where he is responsible for the caseload of two courts, which includes working with one of the Supervising Assistant Prosecutors and six Assistant Prosecutors. The Vertical Support Unit is an important component because it works with cases from the beginning to deposition stage. Currently Robert is handling case work for 337 defendants. Even with this case load, he is always eager to assist others by running criminal case histories, PROMIS reports and retrieving files from the record room.

Maritza Lubin is a Principal Clerk Typist/Bilingual in the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. She is an important member of the team that provides support to the Freeholders, maintains public records, produces material for resolutions and ordinances, and responds to inquiries, whether about current or historic matters. Maritza, in her nine years at the Office, has become proficient in various software programs, and her duties include database management, procurement, and office management meetings.

Sergeants John Tully and Michael Wahl both exemplify the meaning of teamwork. Together, they supervise the dormitory floor and the infirmary. Sgt. Tully has been with the Essex County Department of Corrections since 1988 and has served as Sergeant since 2009. Sgt. Wohl has been with the Department since 1996 and has served as sergeant since 2003. Sergeants Tully and Wohl are responsible for making sure that several hundred detainees have access to medical, legal, religious and recreational services. Sgt. Wohl works the 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. shift, while Sgt. Tully works the 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. shift. Together, as a team, they do an exemplary job maintaining order and a safe environment for staff and detainees. They are such a strong team that neither sergeant would accept the award unless the other was being honored as well.