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PERTH AMBOY REDEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ENTERPRISE AND REVITALIZATION

SCHOLARSHIPS TO HELP LIVE OUT COLLEGE DREAMS

P.A.R.T.N.E.R. awards annual scholarships to high school and continuing education recipients

Perth Amboy, NJ – June 21, 2016 - The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise & Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.) hosted their 12th annual awards ceremony on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 6pm at the Ed Scott Resource Center, located on 881 Amboy Avenue in Perth Amboy. This scholarship is awarded to graduating high school seniors and continuing education learners through the Achieving Success & Knowledge (A.S.K.) Scholarship Program.

The recipients are selected on the basis of good academic standing, school attendance, and commitment to volunteerism/ community service, personal accomplishments, and progress towards the achievement of the City of Perth Amboy Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency program goals. This year, ten recipients were selected and received a \$1,000 scholarship to be used towards expenses associated to their education. Each recipient was introduced by a P.A.R.T.N.E.R. board member and given a certificate of achievement and scholarship check.

"On behalf of the P.A.R.T.N.E.R.'s board, we are blessed to give these scholarships to these recipients of whom many are continuing their education as adult learners," stated Edna Dorothy Carty-Daniel, President of P.A.R.T.N.E.R. "It means a lot to these recipients as well as to us because we are partners in their educational success and future."

Among the recipients was Heidi Ciprian, a senior of Perth Amboy High School, whose story of academic excellence and dedication to learning exemplified the ceremony's prevailing tone of inspiration. Throughout her youth, Heidi aspired to become many professions; from singing to medicine. It was during her junior year when Heidi took a psychology class that she decided helping people with mental illness would be her chosen career path. Realizing that in order to become a clinical psychologist, she would have to further her education to a PH.D. "The A.S.K. Scholarship goes beyond the monetary value, stated Heidi. "It symbolizes to always keep moving forward regardless the barriers. I dedicate this scholarship to my parents as my inspiration that we are capable of everything." With a current GPA of 4.2 and ranking 5 out 353 in her class, Heidi can achieve all. Heidi is scheduled to enter Seton Hall University in September 2016.

For more information about the scholarship program, visit us at <http://www.partnernj.org/news-events/newsroom.html>



Back Row (from left to right): Fernando Gonzalez, Edna Dorothy Carty-Daniel, President, Douglas Dzema, Executive Director, Anibal Hernandez, Marilyn Rosa, Yaneishka Fonseca's mother, Tamara Peitrobon, Emmanuel L. Nieves, Heidi Ciprian, Delia Yili, Treasurer, Hector Motta, Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez, and Quincy M. Hanna, Jr.
Front Row (from left to right): Nancy Pietrobon

About P.A.R.T.N.E.R.

Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.) is a non-profit corporation established by Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy committed to creating housing and economic opportunities for low and moderate income families and individuals. The purpose of PARTNER is to provide services to Section 8 and Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) participants. These services include, but are not limited to job training, career counseling employment opportunities, job skills, budgeting and stress management. These skills are offered to support the goal achievement of the participant in order to help them become economically independent. For more information, visit us at <http://partnernj.org/>