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27 PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SELECTED DISTINGUISHED & URBAN SCHOLARS

Perth Amboy, NJ – Perth Amboy Public Schools are pleased to announce that 27 Perth Amboy High School Seniors were selected as Distinguished and Urban Scholars for the 2010-2011 collegiate academic year. The honorees were provided by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA). Melany Cruz, Jazlynn Lopez and Beata Matuszewicz received The Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar award based on the following criteria:

Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars

- Class rank of one, two or three in the graduating class and rank within the top 10 percent of the graduating class at the end of the junior year; or
- Class rank within the top 10 percent of the graduating class at the end of the junior year with combined critical reading and math SAT scores of 1260 or higher at the end of the junior year.

The Distinguished Scholar award of up to \$1,000 is available annually without regard to financial need.

Gary Alva, Jimmy Andujar, Keven Baez, Melissa Caban, David Caceres, Nataly Guzman, Alexandra Jara, Francheska Jimenez, Tito Mantilla, Argelia Morales, Javier Morillo, Jimmy Nguyen, Gilfrank Nunez, Katiuska Nunez, Victoria Popo, Justin Ramos, Gilbert Roche, Priscilla Santana, Mario Sazo, Jordan Stewart, Arya Suresh, Mark Torres, Maria Urena and Eddy Valdes received the Urban Scholars award based on the following criteria:

Urban Scholars

Students who rank in the top 10 percent of their class and have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 equivalent scale) at the end of their junior year were considered for Urban Scholar awards.

The Urban Scholars annual award of up to \$1,000 is available without regard to financial need.

The names and addresses of these Scholars have been provided to New Jersey collegiate financial aid and admissions offices to assist in their recruitment efforts. The Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA), an independent agency of the State of New Jersey, administers the Garden State Scholarship Program, which includes the Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar and Urban Scholar awards. Each year, more than 7,000 students statewide receive scholarships in recognition of their high level of academic achievement. Students may use these awards to continue their education at New Jersey institutions of higher education. For more information about HESAA's programs, call 1-800-792-8670 or visit online at www.hesaa.org.

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