



ESSEX COUNTY

UNSUNG HEROES

Announcement of Class of 2025 Recipients

Awards Ceremony - Thursday, March 13, 2025

Orange Preparatory Academy of Inquiry and Innovation, Orange, NJ

Belleville Township School District
Crystal Maldonado
Belleville High School

Glen Ridge Public School District
Lillian Dellorusso
Glen Ridge High School

Bloomfield Township School District
Semaj Haqq
Bloomfield High School

Great Oaks Legacy Charter School
Zion Adams

Caldwell-West Caldwell School District
Hansal Devre

James Caldwell High School

KIPP Newark Collegiate Academy
Melanie Oppong-Kyekyeku

KIPP Newark Lab High School
Sara Kiflemariam

Cedar Grove Township School District
Nicolas A. Giovannelli
Cedar Grove High School

Irvington Public School District
Antonella-Jahne Valery
Irvington High School

East Orange School District
Kayla Seale
Cicely L. Tyson Community High School

Livingston School District
Ava Thomas
Livingston High School

Magette Taha
East Orange Campus High School

Marion P. Thomas Charter School
Kiemya A. Baker

Britannia Palmer
East Orange STEM Academy High School

Millburn Township School District
Greta Clausen
Millburn High School

Montclair Township School District
Stella Banjanski
Montclair High School

Newark Public School District
Jairo Rodriguez
American History High School

Essex County Schools of Technology
Jayden Diaz
Donald M. Payne, Sr., School of Technology

Emily Cordova-Zeas
Newark Tech

Jaedon Sharma
Arts High School

Christopher Alvarado
West Caldwell Tech

Shantanu Dogra
Bard High School Early College Newark



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Jarell Spriggins

Barringer High School

Erbentha Theodate

Central High School

Tajee Groomes

Eagle Academy for Young Men

Maria De Lucena

East Side High School

Rayshon Wilson

John F. Kennedy School

Oyinkansola Adebuseye

Malcolm X. Shabazz High School

Alxsa Acuna

New Jersey Regional Day School

Laurant Ovbiye

Newark School of Data Science &
Information Technology

Khay Robertson

Newark School of Fashion & Design

Rhythm Bearfield

Newark School of Global Studies

Eliot Francisco

Newark Vocational High School

Natasha Hunter

Science Park High School

Hilma Barrera

Technology High School

Newark Public School District

Al-Tariq Hamilton

University High School

Kenya Duren-Ross

Weequahic High School

La-Najah Womack

West Side High School

Nutley Public School District

Josiah De Paz

Nutley High School

Orange Public School District

Chantel Brewster

Orange High School

Miashie Louis-Jeune

STEM Innovation
Academy of the Oranges

Master Elijah McCall

Twilight U @ Orange High School

**South Orange-Maplewood
School District**

Maya Isabella Kaplan

Columbia High School

Verona School District

Connor D. Barshay

Verona High School

West Essex Regional School District

Thomas Ruane

West Essex High School

West Orange School District

Nina Davis

West Orange High School