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### **Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor Caswell Holloway and Commissioner Handy Join With The Hundred Year Association of New York to Honor 10 Outstanding Civil Servants**

*—Century-Old Private Firms Thank City Employees and Give College Scholarships—*

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor Caswell Holloway and Department of Citywide Administrative Services Commissioner Edna Wells Handy today joined representatives of the Hundred Year Association of New York to honor 10 outstanding civil servants and 15 academically talented children of City employees, who received \$17,500 in cash awards and \$27,000 in college scholarships from the Association's members.

Joining Commissioner Handy for the awards ceremony at Police Department headquarters were Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Adrian Benepe; Department of Homeless Services Commissioner Seth Diamond; Department of Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty; Small Business Services Commissioner Robert Walsh; Human Resources Commissioner Robert Doar; and representatives of the Hundred Year Association and its 200 member organizations.

"Today, with the help of one of our city's great community organizations – the Hundred Year Association, we're honoring the very best of New York by recognizing 10 of our most committed, exceptional public servants," said Mayor Bloomberg. "We're also taking the opportunity to invest in the dreams of some of our best and brightest. Our youth are the future of New York, and the young scholars we're honoring today re-affirm that our city's best days are still ahead."

Deputy Mayor Holloway said, "New York City continues to be a place where over eight million people live, work and play every day because of the essential services that the City provides, first and foremost public safety. Our City has the greatest public servants in the world, and it is an honor to work alongside them. Today, with the help of our partners from the Hundred Year Association, we celebrate them and their children, whose achievements will build an even stronger future for New York."

"The civil servants we honor today bring prestige to the City by going beyond their job descriptions to give New Yorkers world-class service, every single day," said Commissioner Handy. "We are proud to assist the Hundred Year Association in rewarding the achievements of our city workforce and the broad range of vital work that they perform."

"On behalf of the Board of Governors and members of the Association we thank Mayor Bloomberg, Commissioner Wells-Handy and her staff for their assistance in supporting and organizing this unique Public / Private Program, created to recognize and reward outstanding achievement in the workplace and in the classroom," said Clinton W. Blume, III – President of The Hundred Year Association of New York.



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This year's highest Public Service Award, a \$3,500 award, sponsored by The Chief-Civil Service Leader, went to Police Officer Dawn Townsend, a 21-year veteran of the Police Department who has served as Community Affairs Officer at the 73rd precinct for the past seven years. She has been a volunteer facilitator of a women's empowerment group for the past five years, providing education and access to family planning and domestic violence resources, as well as educational and employment opportunities, and training in proper etiquette. She has worked continuously with the Brownsville Partnership and other Brownsville-based community organizations on issues of job training and readiness.

The largest scholarship, the \$5,000 Elaine Wingate Conway College Scholar Award sponsored by Conway Foundation, went to Stephanie Guevara, a junior at Hunter College of the City University of New York. She is the daughter of Alva Guevara and the recipient of a New York State TAP Grant.

Founded in 1927, the Hundred Year Association of New York celebrates the business, professional, educational, religious and charitable organizations of New York City that are at least one hundred years old. Since 1958, the Association has highlighted the close partnership between the City's private sector and City government by recognizing outstanding career civil service employees. Named for the Association's founder, the Isaac Liberman Public Service Awards are available to employees whose salaries do not exceed \$81,000. Individual cash awards range from \$1,000 to \$6,000.

The Association's E. Virgil Conway College Scholar Awards Program was founded in 1971 to assist academically qualified children of career civil service employees to obtain college educations. College Scholar Awards are granted to promising students whose gross family incomes do not exceed \$110,000. The scholarships recognize excellence in scholastic achievement and community service. College scholarships generally range from \$1,000 to \$6,000.

A complete listing of this year's 25 winners is available at the DCAS website, [www.nyc.gov/dcas](http://www.nyc.gov/dcas).