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STUDENTS WHO OVERCAME EXTRAORDINARY ADVERSITY TO BE HONORED AT SPECIAL EVENT

Battling through homelessness, cancer, violent crime; now heading to college

*June 10, 2014—Office of the Superintendent, Camden, NJ—*Superintendent Paymon Rouhanifard Thursday evening will honor two dozen 12th-graders at the first annual Remarkable Graduates award ceremony. The select students were chosen by their schools for their persistence in overcoming extraordinary adversity in order to graduate from high school with postsecondary plans. From teen pregnancy and gangs to raising siblings and caring for parents, these students have faced—and overcome—very significant challenges. All of the students are now graduating from high school and enrolling in college.

Students and family members will be available for interviews as well as the Superintendent. Patty Jackson of 105.3 WDAS will host the special event, and Camden County Freeholder and Camden High alumnus Scot McCray will serve as the keynote speaker.

The Remarkable Graduates ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the Camden County College Camden Conference Center, located on the 600 block of Cooper Street (601 Cooper Street). The actual entrance to the conference center is on Broadway, closer to Penn Street. Parking is available in the lot above the conference center, which can be accessed by taking North 6th Street to Penn Street. Parking validation is available.

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