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ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS HONOR CHRISTOPHER REID OF IRVINGTON RECIPIENT OF NJAC FOUNDATION/PSEG GREEN SCHOLARSHIP

(Newark, NJ) – During its Wednesday, June 12, 2013, meeting at the Hall of Records, the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders honored Christopher Reid of Irvington for being named Essex County's recipient of an NJAC Foundation/PSEG Green Scholarship. The Freeholder Board's Commendation was sponsored and presented by Freeholder Carol Clark of East Orange, and the scholarship check and certificate were presented by John Donnadio, Executive Director of the NJAC Foundation (New Jersey Association of Counties) and Art Guida, PSEG's Director of External Affairs.



Christopher Reid of Irvington (center) receives his NJAC Foundation/PSEG Green Scholarship check from Art Guida (center left), Director of External Affairs for PSEG. Also pictured are Freeholder Carol Clark (far right), NJAC Foundation Executive Director John Donnadio (2nd from right), and Bloomfield Tech Principal Eric Love (far left), Reid's alma mater. (Photo by Glen Frieson)

Reid, a 2012 graduate of Essex County's Bloomfield Tech, is currently a student at Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he is studying Environmental Policy, Institutions & Behavior.

NJAC Foundation/PSEG Green scholarships are awarded to graduates of county vocational schools who plan to study environmental science, green design, green technology, alternative energy or other related subjects at a county or state college or university. The scholarships are funded through a \$10,000 grant awarded to the NJAC Foundation by PSEG. The NJAC Foundation is a non-profit organization affiliated with the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) and is committed to providing innovative educational opportunities for county vocational school and county college students.

Freeholder Clark, who served as the President of NJAC in 2009, sponsored the Commendation in her role as the Freeholder Board's representative to NJAC, a position she has held since 2003. She congratulated Reid for being awarded the scholarship and wished him well at Rutgers and in his future career.

John Donnadio spoke about how rewarding it has been to award nearly \$100,000 in scholarships over the last three years, "through the generosity of companies like PSEG to hardworking students like Christopher", who are county vocational-technical school graduates now attending county or state colleges or universities."

Eric Love, who was Reid's principal while he was a student at Bloomfield Tech and recommended him for the scholarship, commented that Bloomfield Tech was the first high school in New Jersey to establish a Green Academy to promote studies in "green" technologies. "Christopher is a graduate of our program and I am so proud to see that he is pursuing green technology at Rutgers."

Reid thanked the Board, the NJAC Foundation and PSEG for the recognition and scholarship, remarked that he had learned so much at Bloomfield Tech through his participation in its Green Academy and, commenting on his family's ties to Essex County, said, "I hope to come back to Essex County to help out after I graduate from college."

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