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Two Hundred and Fifteen Byrd Scholars Announced by Acting Commissioner Davy

The Department of Education today announced the two hundred and fifteen New Jersey students selected as 2005 Robert C. Byrd Scholarship winners.

The list of award winners is available by checking on this link:

http://www.nj.gov/njded/news/2005/0926byrd_a.htm

"I want to congratulate the winners as examples of stellar student achievement in New Jersey public schools," said Acting Governor Richard J. Codey. "I am sure that all will do well in their college careers and make our state even more proud."

"On behalf of the department, I want to also offer my praise and congratulations to the state's Byrd Scholarship recipients," added Acting Commissioner Lucille E. Davy. "It is fitting that we honor these students' achievements at the beginning of a new school year as we expect great strides from all of our students statewide for 2005-2006. Their school districts, school administrators and staff, and parents should be proud of their accomplishments in such a demanding and competitive consideration process."

The federal scholarship program is administered by the New Jersey Department of Education. The scholarships are awarded to the most academically talented members of high school graduating classes. The students compete against other applicants within each of New Jersey's 13 congressional districts.

Scholarship winners receive \$1,500 a year, contingent on federal funding, for up to four years of study at any accredited college or university in the United States. Students who maintain full-time status and exhibit satisfactory academic progress are entitled to renew the scholarship each year.

More than 1,500 applications were received. The winners were selected based on their college entrance examination scores, class rankings, grade point averages, and other factors, including academic honors and responses to an essay question. Applicants must be legal New Jersey residents and be nominated by their schools.

For more information about the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program, or New Jersey's 2005 scholarship recipients, contact Sue Sliker, program administrator, at 609-777-0800.