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**TO:** ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF  
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**FROM:** ESTHER R. JOHNSON, Ed. D.  
National Director  
Office of Job Corps

**SUBJECT:** Announcement of the 2006 Donald A. Buchannon Scholarship Winner

1. Purpose. To announce the winner of the 2006 Donald A. Buchannon Scholarship.
2. Background. The Donald A. Buchannon Scholarship Fund was established to commemorate the memory of Don Buchannon, who died in 1989 after 25 years of dedicated service to the Job Corps program and its students. This is the final release of the Donald A. Buchannon Scholarship Fund Award. The funds have been awarded to the seven students below, each of whom will receive \$2,500. The remaining balance will be donated to the Angell, PIVOT, Springdale, Talking Leaves, Timber Lake and Tongue Point Job Corps Centers.

In 1964, Don began his career in Job Corps as a counselor at the Grants Pass Job Corps Center in Grants Pass, Oregon. His subsequent experiences included serving as Project Manager; Deputy Regional Director, and Regional Director in both the Seattle and San Francisco regions; a 2-year assignment at the National Office of Job Corps; and numerous other details and special assignments as needed by the National Director of Job Corps. Don was a valued member of the Job Corps family. As a tribute to Don's firm belief in the value of education, a scholarship fund was established to remember his many contributions to the Job Corps program.

The scholarship is intended to offer financial support to Job Corps students who desire to continue their education. Scholarship payments will be made directly to the educational institutions.

3. Scholarship Winners.

**Ms. Rebecca Lee Stupak**, Pittsburgh Job Corps Center, is currently enrolled at the Community College of Allegheny County. She has been accepted at the University of Pittsburgh. Her plans, with timeframes, are to obtain a Masters in International Business Administration and eventually a Ph.D. to teach Business Administration. For the past 4 years, Rebecca has volunteered at the Slovak Catholic School coaching gymnastics for disadvantaged children in the community. She will continue her employment at Mellon Bank on weekends while attending school.

**Mr. Peter Lopez**, Los Angeles Job Corps Center, has completed the course requirements for an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing and has been accepted to the California State University at Los Angeles. He is a member of the Los Angeles Executive Board, and represented the center at the 2005 Annual State Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Peter's employment record includes serving as a Nurse Assistant at USC Hospital (LA), a Surgical Attendant at Midway Hospital, and various volunteer positions in the medical field. His long term plan is to attend medical school and pursue a career in the medical profession.

**Ms. Jean Marie Eleanor Zambi**, Pittsburgh Job Corps Center, is currently enrolled at Point Park University. Her future goals are to obtain a BS degree in management and a MA in Business Administration. Jean is a member of the Phi Theta International Honor Society and is on the Dean's List. She is a volunteer at the Food Bank and in the Drop-in-a Bucket Campaign, which provides aid to flood victims.

**Mr. Jimmy Morette**, Edison Job Corps Center, has a motto "believe and you will achieve." Hard work and determination have earned Jimmy his A+ Certification for PC Tech and Microsoft Certified Professional. He was selected to receive the COMP TIA IT Merit Award, which is awarded to only 20 students nationally. Jimmy served as the Vice President of the Edison Job Corps Center, and as such, is a role model who exemplifies employability, interpersonal, and communication skills. He is currently enrolled at the Middlesex County College pursuing his Associates in Computer Science. His future goals are to attend Rutgers University to pursue a Masters in Computer Science.

**Mr. Sileshi Getnet**, Keystone Job Corps Center, attended Luzerne County Community College and earned an Associate in Medical Science. He is a member of Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta, and is on the Dean's List. Sileshi was a tutor at Luzerne College and plans to continue studying to become a physician assistant and possibly a doctor.

**Mr. Justin Mukuna**, Westover Job Corps Center, was enrolled in the Business Transfer Degree Program through a partnership between Westover and the Springfield Technical Community College. His future plans are to attend the University of Massachusetts to pursue a BA in Accounting. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa. Justin's life time goal is to operate his own business. He has served as a mentor to many students and staff by motivating them to be "kinder, more focused and giving of themselves".

**Mr. Ybkale Essata**, Charleston Job Corps Center, has maintained full time employment while pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering at West Virginia State University and the West Virginia Institute of Technology. Elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, and a member of the Dean's List, he has been described as a dedicated, responsible, and hard-working individual. Ybkale's analytical skills will serve him well in his chosen field of Electrical Engineering.

4. Action. Addressees are to ensure that a copy of this Information Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.
5. Expiration Date. October 20, 2006.
6. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Sandra Darden at [darden.sandra@dol.gov](mailto:darden.sandra@dol.gov).