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**Clerk Brown Awards Computer Scholarships  
to Help College Bound Youth Succeed**

CHICAGO (August 4, 2005) – The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, presented ten college bound scholarship winners with desktop computers during the Third Annual Leroy Miller Entrepreneurial Scholarship Ceremony on July 28. The awards of eMachine computers are possible through the Leroy Miller Entrepreneurial Scholarship, a partnership between Clerk Dorothy Brown and Leroy Wright, chairman and CEO of Wright Capital Partners, LLC. Brown and Wright hope to encourage other elected officials and business people to invest in economically challenged youth enrolled in the Chicago and suburban public school systems.

“We are attempting to level the playing field for all students by offering economically challenged, college bound students a computer scholarship to assist in their academic pursuits,” said Clerk Brown.

The scholarship winners were selected based on their high grade point averages, participation in extracurricular activities, community service and their potential for contributing to society.

Leroy Wright explained that the purpose of the scholarship, which is named on behalf of his deceased grandfather, is to provide students with the tools necessary to be successful in college. The following school officials also made remarks at the ceremony: Chicago Public Schools Scholarship Manager Danielle Cox-Jones; Milton Patch of Proviso East High School; Barbara Strong of Bowen High School; Ericka Alleruzzo of Hubbard High School; Emma Norise of Dunbar High School; Diane Jackson of Englewood High School; and James Wimes of Austin High School.

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Along with the computers, Clerk Brown and Mr. Wright presented each scholarship winner with a certificate of recognition. Each student plans to attend an accredited college or university and major in an area of business or political science.

The following high school graduates were awarded computers: **Shantonie Derrick** from Evanston Township High School; **Deondre Rutues** from Austin Community Academy High School; **Brandon Gillespie** from Dunbar Vocational Career Academy; **Evan Cherry** from Proviso East High School; **Khady Diagne** from Bowen High School; **Brittani Melvin** from Thornwood High School; **Marcella Horton** from Englewood Technical Preparatory Academy; and **Daissy Diaz, Vanessa Sanchez** and **Erica Zuniga** from Hubbard High School.

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The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County (far right), is pictured with Leroy Wright, Chairman and CEO Wright Capital Partners, LLC (far left) and the computer that was presented to college bound scholarship winners. Brown and Wright flank Leroy Miller Entrepreneurial Computer Scholarship recipients (left to right): Rosalina Sanchez, representing daughter Vanessa Sanchez of Hubbard High School; Evan Cherry of Proviso East High School; Khady Diagne of Bowen High School; Shantonie Derrick of Evanston Township High School; Leticia Diaz, representing her cousin Daissy Diaz of Hubbard High School; Brittani Melvin of Thornwood High School; Brandon Gillespie of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy; Marcella Horton of Englewood Technical Preparatory Academy; Deondre' Rutues of Austin Community Academy; and Erica Zuniga of Hubbard High School.