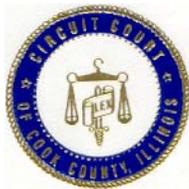


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### **Gifted High School Graduates Earn Computers for College**

CHICAGO (July 14, 2006) – Ten recent graduates of Chicago and suburban public high schools will receive computer scholarships from the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and Leroy Wright, Chairman and CEO of the Wright Capital Partners, during the Fourth Annual Leroy Miller Entrepreneurial Scholarship Award Ceremony on Thursday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m.

The ceremony will take place at the Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Concourse Level Room CL 115.

Brown and Wright established this scholarship as an educational support initiative that encourages elected officials and private industries to invest in economically challenged youth enrolled in the Chicago and suburban public school systems.

“I am thankful to partner with Mr. Wright for the fourth year to award computer scholarships to economically challenged, college bound students to assist in their academic pursuits,” said Clerk Brown. “Our scholarship program is proof that professionals in the public and private sector can help strengthen the community when they pool their resources.”

Scholarship recipients were chosen based on high academic standards, financial need and their potential for contributing to society. In addition, all recipients have been accepted as full-time undergraduate students at accredited colleges or universities and plan to major in political science or any area of business.

The following high school graduates will be awarded computers: **Tina Frierson** and **Carl Tigreros** from Proviso East High School; **Michal Galas** and **Dan Ruan** from Hubbard High School; **Stefanee Greer** and **Darios Watson** from Proviso West High School; **Jillian Levy** from Morton West High School; **Mack Lewis II** from Benito Juarez High School; **Christina Ortega** from Farragut Career Academy and **Hanh Vnong** from Amundsen High School.

The winners represent a very talented pool of America’s future leaders. One recipient defied the physical limitations associated with cerebral palsy by being instrumental in forming Teen Summits at his school and maintaining a B average. Another winner was severely burned in an accident during her junior year. While the student was hospitalized for two months causing her grades to fall, she worked diligently to get back on track and graduated with a 2.7 G.P.A.

Since the inception of the Leroy Miller Entrepreneurial Scholarship in 2003, approximately 25 high school graduates have received computers for college.

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