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## ALLAN HOUSTON HONORED TODAY'S STUDENTS TOMORROW'S TEACHERS AS CHAMPIONS

(West Harrison, NY)... TSTT celebrated its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual “Breakfast of Champions” with keynote speaker Allan Houston, New York Knicks Assistant General Manager and master of ceremonies, Brian Conybeare, News12 Westchester anchor on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Allan Houston cited how teachers are great mentors and are the biggest champions after parents, for a young person’s success. He applauded TSTT’s initiative to increase the number of male teachers of color and credits TSTT for helping over 636 students achieve and prepare for the rewarding profession in the Greater Hudson Valley (Westchester, Rockland, Sullivan Counties, and the Bronx) and beyond (in Connecticut, Virginia, and Massachusetts). Mr. Houston saluted the 300 attendees at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel from 50 school districts, community leaders and 32 TSTT alumni teachers reaching milestones of 3, 5 or 10 years.

Four Westchester 10 year teachers were awarded a golden apple as TSTT 2012 Perkins’ Scholars by Dr. Bettye Perkins, TSTT’s Founder & CEO and Jeffrey Cole, Head of Special Education at Seven Bridges Middle School in Chappaqua and TSTT’S 2011 Perkins Scholar who completed the Principal Academy at Teachers College. Letitia Payne, a special education teacher at the Anne Dormer Middle School in Ossining, New York, will begin her doctorate in school leadership at her alma mater, Manhattanville College this fall. Ms. Payne entered the TSTT program as a shy sophomore at Walter Panas High School the same year that Maribel Carchi and Marisol Carchi Wager both sisters began their journeys with TSTT at Haldane High School and at Marist College, one of 23 partnering colleges that award TSTT students a minimum 50% tuition scholarship. Both teach science and were named as Perkins Scholars for teaching 10 years s in Ossining, NY. TSTT’s 8 year training model is credited for helping them prepare early for success and placing them in their first teaching positions.

Over 100 TSTT alumni are now are making a difference by teaching thanks to TSTT’s corporate, foundation, and individual supporters. Three benefactors including New York State Senator Suzi Oppenheimer, Jane and Don Cecil of the Jandon Foundation, and Rev. Dr. W. Darin Moore of the Greater Centennial AME Zion Church in Mt. Vernon, NY were also honored for their leadership.