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**TSTT YONKERS' High School Students Experience Fine Dining at Emerging Leaders Luncheon
with Award-winning Chef PETER X. KELLY of X2O XAVIAR'S ON THE HUDSON**

(Yonkers, NY) Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT) celebrated the year's end with its 2011-2012 Yonkers Public Schools program participants and district representatives, and school administrators from Roosevelt, Lincoln and Early College High Schools. The 30 students are part of an early preparation teaching career development program. The fine dining experience was a special opportunity for them to develop business etiquette skills and enhance their experience as future teachers and emerging leaders from Peter X. Kelly, owner and chef of X2O Xaviar's on the Hudson.

Philanthropist Patricia Lanza, and Bernard P. Pierorazio, Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools, decided to partner with TSTT in support of the future educators' initiative in a collaboration that originated over lunch with Dr. Bettye H. Perkins, TSTT's Founder and CEO at X2O's. This multiyear partnership is expected to add another 20 students in the program during the 2012-13 academic year from Saunders and Gorton High Schools. TSTT is an 8 year career development program that offers mentoring, tutor training and teacher shadowing opportunities as well as scholarships from their college partners. The special fine dining etiquette experience was provided by the Peter X. Kelly, an entrepreneur, community leader and Yonkers native.

One young future educator, Angel Downey is a Roosevelt High School graduating senior, who was presented a proclamation by New York State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins. Ms. Downey plans to continue her journey at St. Thomas Aquinas College, one of TSTT's 23 partnering colleges that offer a minimum 50% tuition scholarship to TSTT students. Pictured here with Yonkers native and highly acclaimed Xaviar's Chef Peter Kelly: Dr. Bettye Perkins, TSTT Founder and CEO with Lincoln High School Students and administrators, Early College High School Students and administrators, Angel Downey and Roosevelt High School administrators, and New York State Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins and Yonkers City Council President Chuck Lesnick, and City Council members Michael Sabatino, and Christopher Johnson.

