



**Today's
Students**
**Tomorrow's
Teachers™**

**3 West Main Street, Suite 200
Elmsford, New York 10523**

For Immediate Release

Contact: Rhetta Vinson, TSTT Director of Communications (914) 345-3444 ext 18.

Michael Mulgrew, President of New York City's United Federation of Teachers, Salutes TODAY'S STUDENTS TOMORROW'S TEACHERS' Honorees on their "JOURNEY TO THE TOP"

(West Harrison, NY)... Michael Mulgrew joined 300 current and future educators in a conversation about the critical issues facing education at Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers' ("TSTT") 18th Annual Recognition Breakfast. The program, entitled "JOURNEY TO THE TOP", was hosted by News 12 Westchester Anchor Chelsea Edwards on Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel in West Harrison, New York.

This kick-off celebration to Teacher Appreciation Week is the organization's salute to its collaborative partners and supporters, leaders in education, dedicated TSTT teachers and its future educators. Bernard Pierorazio, Yonkers' School District Superintendent, presented TSTT's Legacy Award to The Honorable Andrea Stewart Cousins, State Senator for New York's 35th District, for being selected by the Senate Democratic Conference as the first female Conference Leader in the history of the Senate. Kevin Plunkett, Deputy Westchester County Executive presented the TSTT Foundation Award to Catherine Marsh, Executive Director of the Westchester Community Foundation, for supporting the County's many deserving non profits including TSTT.

Golden apples were awarded to four "Perkins Scholars", TSTT's alumni teachers who reached the ten year milestone including Julie Chambers who teaches special education and English Language Arts at Edward Williams Elementary School in Mount Vernon, NY; Heather Fontaine who teaches pre-kindergarten students in the South Bronx; Merica Neufville who is a teacher mentor and teaches Mathematics at Woodlands Middle School in Greenburgh, NY; and Mario Suarez who teaches middle school science in the Pocantico Hills, NY School District. TSTT's partnering school district superintendents presented crystal apples to TSTT's five year teachers, red gavel apples to TSTT's 3-year teachers, and inducted 50 graduating college seniors and Masters' Degree candidates into the TSTT Hall of Fame.



**Today's
Students**

**Tomorrow's
Teachers™**

About Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers

TSTT is an innovative career development model that addresses teacher shortages by recruiting culturally diverse and economically challenged high school students, mentors and trains them throughout college, and then helps place them as effective teachers in schools in their communities.

TSTT was founded as an early teacher preparation program 19 years ago by Dr. Bettye H. Perkins, President and Chief Executive Officer. According to Dr. Perkins, "Our goal is to close the achievement gap and to ensure that these deserving young people will ultimately be equipped to become highly effective teachers, role models, and leaders in their communities."

For more information visit: www.tstt.org.

###