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**US Congresswoman Nita Lowey and US Department of Education  
Salute Honorees at  
Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers'  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Breakfast**

*Elmsford, NY, April 25, 2011* — US Congresswoman Nita Lowey, the US Department of Education, and News12 Anchor Brian Coneybearre will salute a new generation of teachers, masters degree candidates, college seniors and high school graduates from Westchester, Rockland and the Bronx on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 am at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY. Jacquelyn Pitta, Regional Director for the US Department of Education will be the keynote speaker.

At the “*Teachers are Leaders*” Annual Recognition Breakfast, Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (“TSTT”) will present their Foundation Award to Patricia Lanza and the Lanza Family Foundation in recognition of the foundation's unwavering support of the not-for-profit career development organization. In addition, Helen Williams, mother of actress Vanessa Williams will be honored with the organization's Legacy Award in recognition of her work in preparing TSTT college graduates to become teachers. Nearly 400 parents, current teachers, school administrators, college partners, business and community leaders are expected to attend and pay tribute to TSTT's high school seniors, college seniors and teachers.

“TSTT is proud of its early recruitment, mentoring and training of teachers of color, particularly among young high students who are economically challenged,” says Dr. Bettye H. Perkins, the founder and chief executive officer of TSTT. “We, along with our partners, are champions of high standards in both teacher quality and academic excellence. Each spring we are thrilled to celebrate the inspiring transformation of our next generation of caring, competent, certified and committed teaching professionals. It is especially rewarding to honor our alumni teachers for remaining in the teaching profession and becoming mentors to future leaders in their school communities.” Jeffrey Cole, one of TSTT's outstanding Teacher/Leaders will be honored with this year's Ten Year Teacher award. Jeffrey joined TSTT in 1995 and today he is the Department Head of Special Education at Seven Bridges Middle School.

TSTT provides a collaborative, full circle approach to mentoring high school and college students beginning in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to support academic achievement and preparation for success in college and in the teaching profession.

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#### About Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers

TSTT is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization designed to recruit, mentor and prepare economically-challenged, culturally-diverse students to become teachers. Students are required by TSTT to be accomplished in the classroom and to demonstrate leadership ability. Successful participants qualify for a minimum of a 50% college tuition scholarship from one of TSTT's 23 college partners.

The program brings together hundreds of students, teachers, superintendents, colleges and universities, and business and community leaders to improve the educational and employment opportunities for the participating students. Students are given a research-based program syllabus that begins in high school and carries them throughout the TSTT college curriculum. Since its founding in 1994, TSTT has experienced steady, significant growth—from just seven students from Westchester County to nearly 600 students in New York, Connecticut and Virginia. For more information, contact Rhett Vinson (914) 345-3444, ext. 18 or visit [www.tstt.org](http://www.tstt.org).