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**Mike Mulgrew, President of the United Federation of Teachers in NYC Joins TODAY'S STUDENTS
TOMORROW'S TEACHERS in Saluting Teachers on Their JOURNEY TO THE TOP**

(Elmsford, NY)...On Friday May 3rd, Mike Mulgrew, the President of the United Federation of Teachers in New York City will address 300 current and future educators in a dialogue with News 12 Westchester Anchor Chelsea Edwards about the critical issues in education at Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT) 18th Annual Recognition Breakfast Friday, May 3, 2013 from 8-10 am at the (New Location) Renaissance Westchester Hotel, 80 West Oak Lane in West Harrison, New York.

This is the TSTT kick-off celebration to Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10) and an opportunity for the organization to recognize leaders in education, dedicated teachers and future educators on their "JOURNEY TO THE TOP". TSTT will pay tribute to the organization's long time supporters, The Honorable Andrea Stewart Cousins, NY State Senator, and the Westchester Community Foundation for their assistance in ensuring the organization fulfills its mission to recruit, mentor and train culturally diverse teachers and economically challenged students from high school through college. TSTT will induct 25 college seniors into their Hall of Fame.

TSTT has over 700 diverse students in the pipeline from four states. The full circle career development model makes certain that their students can qualify for tuition scholarships from its 24 college partners. TSTT then helps place their graduates in their communities as teachers. Among the more than 100 TSTT teachers that are currently teaching in over 8 states, twelve teachers will be honored for reaching milestones of 3, and 5 years and 10 years.

Among the 10 year teachers who will receive their Perkins Scholar Award are: Merica Neufville, who began her journey to become a teacher while attending Lincoln High School in Yonkers and now teaches Mathematics in Woodlands Middle School in Greenburgh, NY; Mario Suarez who began on his path while tutoring at Yorktown High School, and now teaches Science in Pocantico Hills Middle School; Julie Chambers who started her training in TSTT at Mt. Vernon High School, now teaches at the district's Edwards Williams Elementary School; and Heather Fontaine, who joined TSTT at Mt. Vernon High School, currently teaches in the Bronx at P.S. 277.



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TSTT was founded as an early teacher preparation program 19 years ago by Dr. Bettye Perkins, President and Chief Executive Officer, out of her desire to empower the next generation of caring, competent and committed teachers, and to create a more diverse and effective teacher workforce. According to Dr. Perkins, "Our goal is to close the achievement gaps and to ensure that these young people will ultimately be equipped to not only become certified teachers but to empower them to become leaders in their communities."

About Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT)

TSTT is an innovative career development model that addresses teacher shortages by recruiting, mentoring and training, culturally diverse and economically challenged students in high school and throughout college and helps place them as effective teachers in schools and as committed leaders in the community. For more information visit: www.tstt.org.

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