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**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM HONORS DR. BETTYE PERKINS OF TODAY'S STUDENTS TOMORROW'S
TEACHERS AT THEIR 15TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERARY CELEBRATION**

(Tarrytown, NY) On Friday, January 18th, the Westchester Library System (WLS) will honor Dr. Bettye H. Perkins, Founder and CEO of Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers. Dr. Perkins will be honored for her visionary approach to mentoring and training culturally diverse students who want to become the next generation of effective teachers in Westchester County. The event will take place at the WLS 15th Annual African American Literary Celebration of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Abigail Kirsh, Tappan Hill Mansion in Tarrytown.

Bloomberg Business Week senior editor Diane Brady, the author of the book, FRATERNTIY, is the keynote speaker along with Honorary Chair, Deputy County Executive Kevin Plunkett and Eddie Jenkins, the notable attorney, NFL Super Bowl Champion, and one of the 20 black men from the College of Holy Cross Class of '72. Mr. Jenkins is profiled in the book along with other distinguished Holy Cross black alumni who were recruited and mentored during the turbulent 1960's by the late Father John Brooks, a former Dean and President of the College of Holy Cross, and a true visionary leader! The proceeds from the event will benefit the WLS Learning Ambassadors summer training and employment program in Westchester County.

About TSTT

TSTT is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization that recruits, mentors and trains, culturally-diverse and economically-challenged students from high school through college to become teachers. The program brings hundreds of students, teachers, superintendents, colleges and universities, and business and community leaders together to improve the educational outcomes of students. Students use 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 660 students in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, and Virginia. For more information visit: www.tstt.org.

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