

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CONTINUE AMID COVID-19 CRISIS*****P.A.R.T.N.E.R. hosts 16th annual award scholarships to high school and continuing education recipients***

**PERTH AMBOY, NJ - July 22, 2020** - The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise & Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.) hosted their 16th annual scholarship ceremony on Tuesday, July 14th at 4pm for Achieving Success & Knowledge (A.S.K.) Scholarship Program.

The recipients selected was on the basis of good academic standing, school attendance, and commitment to volunteerism/ community service, personal accomplishments, and progress towards the achievement of the City of Perth Amboy Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency program goals. This year, 15 recipients were selected and received a scholarship to be used towards expenses associated to their education.

"The COVID-19 crisis has uprooted all of our lives," stated Douglas G. Dzema, Executive Director of P.A.R.T.N.E.R. "It has created an array of unique challenges in such a short amount of time. We are all trying to adapt quickly and take care of each other. We also understand that for some students, this scholarship can be the difference in covering educational expenses. Our goal is to continue to encourage and support them."

Scholarship recipients are Janae Soto, Alicia Ciprian, Marisa Peña, Elanah Pugh, Heidi Ciprian, Geidy Alberto, Emily Morales, Crystal Mangual, Dorian Gonzalez, Maalaka Sharrief, Penelope Zorilla, Yarivette Delgado, Heidy Canela. Bryan Rodriguez, Julisa Collado.

Since its formation, P.A.R.T.N.E.R. has contributed over \$133,000 in scholarships to public housing and section 8 participants to continue their education. For more information about the scholarship program, visit us at [www.partnernj.org](http://www.partnernj.org)

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