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Lt. Governor Guadagno Congratulates Outstanding Student Volunteers at Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Ceremony

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\$84,000 Awarded to 75 New Jersey High School Students for Leadership and Volunteerism

Trenton, NJ – Highlighting the importance of volunteerism in New Jersey, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno joined Comcast in applauding the contributions of 75 high school students from across New Jersey who received scholarships at the Annual Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Ceremony. Seventy-four students each received a \$1,000 scholarship, and one student was awarded the \$10,000 Founder's Scholarship, instituted in honor of Ralph J. Roberts, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Comcast Corporation.

"The most successful people in all walks of life understand the importance of service, of giving back to their community and leaving it better than they found it. The seeds of this civic-mindedness are planted in our youth, and we see it firsthand in the exceptional young people we honor this evening," said Lt. Governor Guadagno. "Whatever path you choose in the years ahead, I urge you to never lose your passion for service. Take today's honor and build upon it in college and throughout your professional career. Continue to inspire and, above all, continue to lead by example."

The annual scholarship ceremony motivates young people to achieve their potential, to be involved in their schools and to be catalysts for positive change in their communities. Full-time high school seniors within a Comcast service area are nominated by their principals or guidance counselors for their strong commitment to community service and leadership abilities in school or work activities. Each one-time scholarship is awarded for use towards college costs and expenses.

"Our Leaders and Achievers Scholarship winners exemplify leadership and are committed to academic excellence and community service," said Charisse R. Lillie, President of the Comcast Foundation and Vice President, Community Investment of Comcast Corporation. "We are honored to recognize their achievements, and excited to support them as they continue their educational journeys."

Since 2001, Comcast has awarded more than \$22.8 million in scholarships to help nearly 23,000 students around the country pursue higher education. In New Jersey, more than 1,600 students have received scholarships totaling more than \$1.6 million.

New Jersey is home to approximately 1.45 million volunteers who provide more than 206 million hours of service valued at \$4.6 billion. Those interested in seeking volunteerism opportunities in New Jersey, or who wish to learn more about the efforts of the Governor's Office of Volunteerism, are encouraged to visit Volunteerism.NJ.gov.

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