



Honoring those who inspire the best in all of us.

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**Dustin Lee will be Honored with
Essence of Humanity Award at Monday's MLK Breakfast**

Lancaster, Pa. (January 13, 2010) –Dustin Lee of Lancaster will be honored with an Essence of Humanity Award at Crispus Attucks Community Center's 22nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast to be held Monday, January 18, from 7-9 a.m. at the Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. More than 600 members and leaders of the Lancaster community are expected to attend the event.

The Essence of Humanity Award is intended to recognize individuals who, beyond the requirements of their work, demonstrate remarkable human qualities including courage, love, strength, determination, and persistence when dealing with adversity. The award also honors those who demonstrate a spirit of caring and provide inspiration to such individuals on a daily basis.

About Dustin Lee

Dustin Lee of Lancaster currently studies in the pre-med program at Temple University where he carries a 4.0 GPA in the sciences portion of his courses and a 3.56 GPA overall. He recently completed the dual enrollment program at Thaddeus Stevens and JP McCaskey High School before enrolling at Temple, all while rising above a challenging home life and seeking to improve and gain the skills and knowledge he needed to attend college. While in the dual-enrollment program, he provided support to other McCaskey students and modeled the level of study skills

required to be successful in college life. According to those who know him well, he “daily commits to making the most of every minute.” He continues to be an inspiration to McCaskey students in Lancaster because his story has become part of the curriculum in communications arts. A Lancaster Newspapers article that detailed his resilience and his achievements hangs on the wall at the McCaskey Future Access Center as a testament for other students.

About Crispus Attucks Community Center

Crispus Attucks Community Center strives to improve the quality of life for youth and families in Lancaster by providing services that promote community prosperity, physical and mental health; and by offering programs and cultural events which preserve the African American heritage. More information is available at www.cacc-lancaster.org.

About CACC's 22nd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast:

- Monday, January 18, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- Lancaster County Convention Center and Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
- Call 394-6604, ext. 120 for more information
- **Keynote speaker: Bill Strickland**, president and CEO of jobs training center and community arts program the Manchester Bidwell Corporation, author of *Make the Impossible Possible*, recipient of The White House's "Coming Up Taller" Award, and founder of the Grammy Award-winning MCG Jazz, the most successful jazz subscription series in America.

About Essence of Humanity

The intent of the Essence of Humanity Award is to honor those who inspire the best in all of us through the award and by elevating their stories. The program began in 2001 when business and community leaders in South-Central Pennsylvania established the award. The award is presented by participating organizations in collaboration with the Essence of Humanity program's steering committee, which evaluates the nominations. For more information, contact Robin Stauffer, Executive Director, at 717-293-4498, or visit the website at www.essenceofhumanity.org.

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