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Photographed: (left to right) Amy Mansue, CEO & President, Children's Specialized Hospital; Katirah Reed, Lincoln School; Peter J. Coccoziello, CEO & President, Advance Realty; Da'Zahn King, Lincoln School; Thomas Bracken, CEO & President, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce; and Nahzae Branch, Lincoln School.

New Jersey's Premier Platform Recognizes 2014's Ultimate Role Models

Newark – The New Jersey Business Hall of Fame™, the Garden State's premier platform in recognizing New Jersey's ultimate role models, inducted its new class of laureates on April 4th. The 2014 class of inductees includes: Thomas Bracken, CEO & President, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce; Peter J. Coccoziello, CEO & President, Advance Realty; and Amy Mansue, CEO & President, Children's Specialized Hospital.

Each laureate was presented their award by a JA Ambassador and a special someone in their life. The state's top-notch event, sponsored by Chubb Group of Insurance Companies, Prudential Financial, Verizon and Wells Fargo, gained a record turn out with over 550 executives and professionals coming together in support JA's mission and this year's class of honorees.

While the auction was an exciting feature of the night, it was clear that the JA Student Ambassadors were the evening's highlight and center focus. Aside from being award presenters, the students also served as table captains and spotlight speakers, sharing how JA helped shape their economic futures. The New Jersey Business Hall of Fame™ proceeds of more than \$300,000 support the JA High School Heroes Initiative, a service learning project for high school students to hone their presentation, time-management, and public speaking skills while serving as role models in their local elementary schools. This initiative is one of many JA programs that empowers students to own their economic success.

About Junior Achievement of New Jersey

Junior Achievement of New Jersey is dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers. They provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school the knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. JANJ reaches more than 50,000 students annually in over 71 school districts across the state of New Jersey. For more information visit us at www.janj.org. Follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook.