

# 2007 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



## SALUTE YOUR 2007 AWARDS HONOREE, TERESA BURNEY

NOMINATED BY LYNDON BROWN



From left: Nominator Lyndon Brown and honoree Teresa Burney



From left: George Arwady, Publisher of the Star-Ledger, honoree Teresa Burney, and Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards

### Do you know someone who makes a difference in your community?

If you do, then nominate them for the prestigious Jefferson Award by visiting [www.nj.com/jeffersonawards](http://www.nj.com/jeffersonawards)

Jefferson Awards honor ordinary people who, through public service, do extraordinary things for other people, their community, their nation, or the environment.

Teresa Burney is an educator in the Newark, NJ. She exemplifies a true volunteer who gives back to her community and our youth by inspiring them to achieve. She cares for sick relatives and neighbors, tutors, mentors, and comports herself with an admiral dignity that influences many. When enticed to other area with prospects of material benefits, she maintains to remain in the community in which she was raised in, in order to impact the lives of our youth. During her youth, she served as secretary of the Youth Tri-Block Association in Newark (a community organization composed and organized by youth). This group's focus was political advocacy, volunteerism, and addressing quality of life issues. She has had success in guiding high school students through their college admissions process. She performed the same unselfish tasks at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newark. In 1992, she established the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newark's Alumni Association and has served as its President since its inception. Through this organization, she has created a network and resource for former members to perform a variety of community service projects including: nursing home visits, care packages, college visits, mentoring and motivational speakers for teens.