

From Essex County College:

David Kariuki – David will graduate next month with his associate degree in biomedical engineering. He holds a perfect 4.0 grade point average. He plans to earn his Ph.D. and become a research scientist, specializing in cellular, tissue and genetic engineering.

David is the Middle States Regional President of Phi Theta Kappa and the Vice President of Leadership for the Alpha Theta Theta Chapter. He is the editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, and served as vice president and student advisor of the Essex County College African Students Association.

Among his many accomplishments, David coordinated a fundraising benefit for Help Darfur Now and Doctors Without Borders, led Essex County College's team of students in the New York City AIDS Walk, and participated in the Middle States Regional service project, Operation Green: Improving Our Communities, where Phi Theta Kappans from all over the state cleaned Sandy Hook Bay Beach.

As I mentioned earlier, David has been named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-USA Community College First Academic Team. He was awarded a \$2,500 stipend. Of the 12 million community college students in the country, David is one of 20 to receive this award. He is New Jersey's top Phi Theta Kappa student. To recognize this accomplishment, David received a \$2,000 New Century Scholarship from the Coca-Cola Foundation.

In addition to his Legislative Resolutions, Governor's Proclamation, All-New Jersey medallion and certificate, David will receive a framed copy of the April 7th edition of USA Today.

He will also receive a certificate from Phi Theta Kappa International recognizing him as the state's top Phi Theta Kappa student and Coca-Cola New Century Scholar.