Dear Nominator:

The Paul Robeson Institute for Ethics, Leadership and Social Justice at Raritan Valley Community College is pleased to announce the Twenty-Seventh Annual Paul Robeson Youth Achievement Awards.  The awards were established in 1990 to honor outstanding African American high school and middle school students.  These students have excelled in the areas that Robeson gained prominence - Scholarship, the Arts, Community Services and Athletics.

The Annual Awards are an opportunity for middle school and high school students to be applauded for their achievements. The Committee appreciates the commitment and contributions that you have made in making this event successful over the past twenty-five years.  Once again, we solicit your assistance in taking a few moments to identify and nominate students who are truly representative of the Robeson ideals. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to apply provided that the student meets the following requirements:

* Students must be Black/African American.
* Students must have a 3.0 GPA or greater.
* Students must attend school or live in Somerset and Hunterdon counties.

Please complete the Nomination Form/Recommendation and return it along with the student transcript, student application and essay. Included in this packet is a Student Application Form and we ask that you forward applications to eligible students. **The application deadline is: February 28, 2017.**

If you have questions, please call (908) 526-1200, ext. 8636 or email us at [richeleen.dashield@raritanval.edu](mailto:richeleen.dashield@raritanval.edu).   Thank you for your support of the Robeson Awards.

Sincerely,

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