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## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT KEYS TO THE CITY**

**Chester, PA --** On March 25, 2009, the City will be holding its Keys to the City program at Chester City Hall, honoring seven community leaders from the City who have excelled in their respective fields of medicine, education, journalism, and sports. The following individuals will receive Keys to the City: Eric Evans, Shaheer McBride, Draymon Clark, Dr. Africa Wallace, Dr. Denise Purnell-Cuff, Kia Davis, and Larif Hamm.

“I want to congratulate the award recipients, who represent the future of this City and are examples to our young people,” said Mayor Wendell N. Butler, Jr. “Good things are happening in Chester and we are proud of the folks who are making a difference in the community and beyond.”

Spearheaded by Councilwoman Marrea Walker-Smith, the Keys to the City ceremony will take place during the scheduled evening Council Meeting at 7:00 pm and at that time honored guests will receive an ornamental key from Mayor and Council. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held for recipients and their families in the Community Room located at 1 Fourth Street in Chester, Pennsylvania.

“It is important to recognize the accomplishments of our community leaders and publicly acknowledge their successes,” said Councilwoman Marrea Walker-Smith. “These individuals demonstrate that anything can be accomplished through hard work, dedication and the realization of one’s goals.”

Historically keys to the city symbolize the freedom of the recipient to enter and leave the city at will as a trusted friend of city residents. Today the key represents a high honor, awarded to individuals from the City of Chester for outstanding civic contribution and excellence in leadership.

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