

**RESOLUTION RE:
THE 2001-2002 GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLARS**

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation was begun in 1989 to address the urgent need for resilient and creative teachers serving economically and educationally disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Apple Foundation, through the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program, supports scholars while they pursue an undergraduate education at one of 35 Illinois universities, provides them with financial assistance for college, and augments their teacher preparation; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars pledge to teach for five years in an Illinois school of high need; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars conclude their undergraduate preparation with more than three times the classroom experience than that of traditionally prepared beginning teachers; and

WHEREAS, scholars attend four Summer Institutes that provide extensive pre-student teaching by award-winning Golden Apple teachers; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars begin teaching internships in Chicago classrooms in the summer after high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, Golden Apple scholars experience the challenge and triumph of teaching in a high-need setting, put coursework theories into practice, experience teaching situations in different subjects and grade levels, and receive support and feedback from veteran teachers and fellow scholars; and

WHEREAS, candidates to receive Golden Apple scholarships wrote seven essays, achieved a score of no less than 18 on the ACT, maintained at least a 2.5 GPA, and have a passion to make a difference in the lives of children by committing themselves to becoming future teachers; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Hartmann, of Amundsen; Cheronda Everett, of Brooks; Jillian Ashley, of Carver; Abisai Morales, of Hubbard; Ardia Adah-Bush, of Hyde Park; Maribel Herrera, of Jones College Prep; Mariela Fernandez, Juliana Paz of Juarez; Magdalena Estes of Kennedy; Natalie Aguilar, Carolyn Klocek, Szymon Leja and Lauren Ponce, of Lane; Theresa Blackman, of Morgan Park; Ursula Wyrzyszczevska, of Prosser; Mersiha Bajrektarevic, of Roosevelt; Maya Escobar, Cynthia Leung and Alisa Ortiz, of Whitney Young, have successfully fulfilled all prerequisites and have been recognized as recipients of year 2002 Golden Apple scholarships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 26th day of June, 2002, congratulate the 2002 Chicago Public Schools Golden Apple scholarship recipients, their schools, teachers, and administration. Congratulations are also extended to the parents of these students for their supportive role in their children's accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Chicago Public Schools Golden Apple scholarship recipients and to their respective principals.