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Mayor Cantrell Joins HANO in Recognizing 2018 Resident Honorees

New Orleans, LA (August 8, 2018) – Tomorrow, Mayor LaToya Cantrell will join the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) in recognizing honorees during the agency's 2018 Resident Recognition Program. The event will take place at noon in the Community Room of the Faubourg Lafitte Senior Building, located at 700 N. Galvez St. in New Orleans.

The event will highlight the achievements of HANO housing program participants, who have achieved an approximate grade point average of 3.0 during the 2017-2018 school year, in addition to students who will receive Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) scholarships and the inaugural graduates of the Resident Entrepreneur Training Initiative (RETI) program.

HANO began the scholastic honors program in 2015 to encourage youth to achieve high academic marks. Twenty-five youth who participated in this year's College Tour Program and/or the Summer Employment Program were selected by the Client Services Department because of their high academic achievements.

Six recipients of HUD's CNI Scholarship will be recognized for their academic achievements, and have expressed an interest in attending an accredited two- or four-year college or university, trade or technical school. The recipients are HANO program participants, recent high school graduates, and/or working adults interested in returning to or enrolling in college for the first time, or attending a trade school or technical college.

Four new, small business owners will be honored for their completion of HANO's Inaugural RETI program. In partnership with Start Smart, LLC, RETI offers a 10-week intensive entrepreneur training curriculum providing guidance on how to enhance individual strategies for the innovative, new business owner. Open to HANO-assisted residents, each graduate gained the *Small and Emerging Business Development and Hudson Initiative* certifications that will assist them in acquiring federal, state and local contracts.

Who: Mayor LaToya Cantrell and HANO Executive Director Gregg Fortner

What: HANO's 2018 Resident Recognition Program

When: Thursday, August 9, 2018
12pm to 2pm

Where: Community Room of the Lafitte Senior Building
700 N. Galvez St.
New Orleans, LA 70119

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