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**From Offender to Achiever: Teens Honored
for Turning their Lives Around**

Former youthful offenders receive college or vocational training scholarships

- Who:** Former juvenile offenders, the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission, the Juvenile Services Council, Probation and Superior Court
- What:** Five young men and women will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship for college or vocational training during Board of Supervisors presentation
- When:** **TODAY**, Tuesday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m.
- Where:** Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chambers
700 H Street, Sacramento

Photo and interviews with scholarship recipients, JJDPC members, probation officer

Marcel Shadd was on his school's Student Leadership Advisory Council and named Student of the Year; Matthew Bush was a crew leader for the Howe Park Beautification Project; and Tabatha Grayson is on her University Public Council. Just a few years ago, you would not have expected them to have college on their minds, but they've turned their lives around, and are now getting help in achieving their goals. These three are among the five winners of the 2010 Education for Success Scholarship Program sponsored by the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for college or trade school at today's Board of Supervisors meeting.

All five were on probation for crimes, typically theft, drug possession or fighting. All have shown remorse and recognize that taking themselves out of potentially criminal situations is the key to their success. Several are even attending college out of state to get away from bad peer groups and begin their adult lives on a more positive note.

Since 2006, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDPC) has awarded scholarships to former probation youth who are pursuing a vocational or college education. This year the Juvenile Services Council, a volunteer group since 1964, generously donated to this fund. Scholarship winners are nominated by probation officers, social workers or teachers who are familiar with their academic goals and financial needs.