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## **Swope Health Services Celebrates Greater Kansas City High School Graduates Community Leaders From KS & MO Salute College-Bound Youth**

KANSAS CITY, MO – **Swope Health Services** will host a first-time community event entitled *Honoring Tomorrow's Leaders Today* on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at Swope Health Central, 3801 Blue Parkway, Kansas City, MO, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Business, political, and community leaders from across the metropolitan area (**complete list attached**) will join Swope Health Services in congratulating 50 area students as well as highlighting each of their accomplishments and their intended collegiate destinations during the program.

“It’s important to counter the negative statistics that have been prominently featured about our inner city communities,” said Reverend Wallace Hartsfield II, Pastor of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. “We choose to celebrate the positive; the students we honor have been nurtured in these very communities and have thrived,” he added.

Parents and guardians of the students are also invited to attend the event, which will include hors d’oeuvres, live vocal performances and a college-themed gift presentation for each student.

“We at Swope Health Services have served the Greater Kansas City Area for more than four decades,” said Verneda Robinson, President and CEO of Swope Health Services. “We’ve provided care to many of these students AND their parents. There is life in our neighborhoods. There is growth in our communities. We are proud of these young men and women because they are our own.”

Swope Health Services is a federally qualified community health center serving uninsured and underserved citizens in both Kansas and Missouri. Its staff seeks to help develop self-empowered, healthy people in healthy communities by providing primary health care, outreach/homeless and behavioral health services. Annually, more than 70,000 patients are served at eight medical and residential treatment centers located throughout the greater metropolitan area including Kansas City, Independence, Northland, South Kansas City (scheduled to open Fall 2010) and Wyandotte County, KS.

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