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## WACHOVIA FOUNDATION FUNDS HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM AT KEAN UNIVERSITY

UNION, NJ – Ken University, as the most diverse institution of higher education in the state of New Jersey, has an obligation to teach and encourage mutual respect and tolerance for cultural, religious and ethnic differences both on campus and for the surrounding community. In fulfillment of this responsibility to human rights education, the University recently earned a \$10,000 grant from The Wachovia Foundation that will support a symposium entitled *Race, Ethnicity & Class – Implications for the Classroom*.

The symposium will take place in the spring semester of 2006 on Kean's main campus. It will be open to educators at all levels, elementary, middle school, high school, college and university, as well as students enrolled in college and university teaching programs. It will also involve all 69 school districts throughout the state that are currently participating in Kean's Diversity Council.

Coordinated by Mr. Gerry Melnick, executive assistant in the Kean University Holocaust Resource Center, the daylong event will feature a keynote address and question-answer session featuring world-renowned diversity and multiculturalism scholar and author, Dr. Ronald Takaki. Additionally, the symposium will host a series of related breakout sessions and panel discussions.

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