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**Our Mother of Sorrows Students Win
Essay Contest Sponsored by CTC Foundation**

Johnstown, PA, June 24, 2011 – Two students from Our Mother of Sorrows School earned cash prizes for winning the Great Americans Day Essay Contest sponsored by CTC Foundation, an affiliate of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC). Kate McGrath's essay won first place, and Noah Huffman won second place. Both are eighth-grade students at Our Mother of Sorrows Middle School in Johnstown under teacher Sue Policicchio. Their essays revolved around Abigail Adams, the wife of John Adams and one of the country's first feminists.

Kate is the daughter of John and Anne McGrath of Johnstown. She is active in softball, volleyball, and soccer and a member of the Forensics and Scholastic Quiz teams. To Kate, Abigail Adams was "a role model to not only women but to everyone who feels like they can't make an impact in the world."

Noah is the son of Rick and Denise Huffman of Homer City. He is active in basketball, cross country, track and field, as well as a member of the Math Counts and Scholastic Quiz teams.

The essay winners received their awards at a ceremony led by Edward J. Sheehan, Jr., President & Chief Executive Officer of CTC and Vice Chairman, CTC Foundation, on June 21, 2011. The awards were made possible through a generous donation by Conway B. Jones, Jr., CTC Foundation Chair. Also in attendance were Howard M. Picking, III, Chairman, CTC Board of Directors, and Adelle C. Picking. Mr. and Mrs. Picking started the Great Americans Day Citizenship Forum in 1998.



The presentation of prizes to the essay winners took place on June 21, 2011. Left to right: Conway B. Jones, Jr., Adelle C. Picking, Kate McGrath, Edward J. Sheehan, Jr., Noah Huffman, and Howard M. Picking, III.

"The Great Americans Day Citizenship Forum was developed to promote the American ideal of civic virtue and citizenship. While this year's Great American lived several hundred years ago, the importance of Abigail Adams's character, lifestyle, and ambition can have major impacts for today's generation," Sheehan said. "The essay contest sponsored by the CTC Foundation creates a challenge for those students that attend the Forum and want to take their knowledge of Abigail Adams to the next level. It is an honor to be able to recognize Kate and Noah for their outstanding essays."

The Great Americans Day Citizenship Forum is presented annually by the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown Office of Community Education and Outreach, the Pitt-Johnstown History Department, Phi Alpha Theta International History Honor Society, and Sodexo Campus Services. Funding for the citizenship forum is provided by the Howard M. and Adelle C. Picking Great Americans Day Forum Fund.

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