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Penn Cambria Students Win Great Americans Day Essay Contest Sponsored by CTC Foundation

Johnstown, PA, June 11, 2009 - Two students from the Penn Cambria School District earned cash prizes for winning the Great Americans Day Essay Contest sponsored by CTC Foundation, an affiliate of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC). Taylor Freeman, an eighth-grade student, won first place, and Joe Stoy, a ninth-grade student, won second place for their essays about General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF (Retired). Both are students of Karen Jones, gifted support program teacher, Penn Cambria School District.



Pictured left to right are: Edward J. Sheehan, Jr., Howard M. Picking, III, Joe Stoy and Taylor Freeman, second and first-place winners (respectively) of the Great Americans Day Essay Contest, and Adelle C. Picking.

Taylor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Freeman of Cresson and attends Penn Cambria Middle School. In addition to being in the gifted program at school, she enjoys math, is a member of the Penn Cambria basketball and volleyball teams, is a member of softball, track and soccer teams, and golfs.

Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoy of Loretto and attends Penn Cambria High School. He is a member of the wrestling and track teams, student council, a homeroom representative, and is a tutor. Joe placed eighth in the nation at a freshman wrestling tournament this past March.

The essay winners received their awards from Edward J. Sheehan, Jr., CTC Foundation Vice Chairman & President. The awards were made possible through a generous donation by Conway B. Jones, Jr., CTC Foundation Chair.

“Great Americans Day Citizenship Forum was developed in 1998 to promote the American ideal of civic virtue central to citizenship and to remind us that the continued success of our society depends upon both individual and collective contributions. CTC Foundation is pleased to sponsor this component of the forum—an essay contest that supports excellence in communication as well as civic virtue. We are especially proud of Taylor and Joe for their hard work and outstanding entries,” Sheehan said.

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. The forum celebrates the lives of a wide range of citizens—from presidents and first ladies to authors and professional athletes—who have provided models of civic virtue and the sacrifice of self-interest for the public good.

Funding for the citizenship forum is provided by the Howard M. and Adelle C. Picking Great Americans Day Forum Fund. For more information on the forum, visit <http://www.pitt.edu/~pnewman/GAD.html>.

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