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### CTC Foundation Sponsors Great Americans Day Essay Contest for Area Students

**Johnstown, PA, June 21, 2010** – Two students from the Johnstown area earned cash prizes for winning the Great Americans Day Essay Contest sponsored by CTC Foundation, an affiliate of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC). Josh Livingston, an eighth-grade student from Our Mother of Sorrows Middle School, won first place, and Taylor Freeman, a ninth-grade student from Penn Cambria High School, won second place. The topic of their essays was Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the U.S. Treasury.

Josh is the son of Bill and Amy Livingston of Johnstown and attends Our Mother of Sorrows Middle School. He is active in soccer and tennis and was a member of his school's forensics team. To Josh, the most fascinating thing about Alexander Hamilton was all that he did for this country; "He took America from bankruptcy to prosperity."

Taylor is the daughter of Philip and Shealia Freeman of Cresson and attends Penn Cambria High School. She is in the gifted program at Penn Cambria, participates in student council, and is a member of volleyball and softball teams. Taylor took first place in the Great Americans Day essay content in 2009.

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. Also in attendance were Howard M. and Adelle C. Picking, who started the Great Americans Day Forum in 1998.

"The Great Americans Day Citizenship Forum was developed 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," Sheehan said. "The Forum is a wonderful resource and helps us to remember and honor the great Americans that have come before us. The CTC Foundation is honored to sponsor the essay contest and present these awards to Josh and Taylor for their outstanding entries. We applaud their hard work and determination."



Conway B. Jones, Jr. reads the certificate of award to Josh Livingston and Taylor Freeman. From left to right: Howard M. Picking, III, Adelle Picking, Josh Livingston, Taylor Freeman, Edward J. Sheehan, Jr., and Conway B. Jones, Jr.

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. Howard M. Picking, III is the Chairman of CTC's Board of Directors.

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