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Johnstown Students Win Local Essay Contest Sponsored by CTC Foundation

Forum Started by CTC Board of Directors Chairman Encourages Students to Research Great Americans

Johnstown, PA, June 19, 2012 – Two students from Our Mother of Sorrows School in Johnstown, PA earned cash prizes for winning the Great Americans Day Essay Contest sponsored by CTC Foundation, an affiliate of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC). Kelly Ingram took first place, and Alaina Bailey won second place. Both are eighth-grade students at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic School in Johnstown under teacher Aaron Wiegand.

The subject of the essay was Frederick Douglass, American social reformer, orator, writer and statesman. Kelly's essay included some words of wisdom that all Americans should take to heart: "I think, especially during this time, we need more people to be leaders and role models to represent the good of our country, to help those in need of help, and to speak out against the bitter wickedness in our world."



The award presentation took place on June 19, 2012. Left to right: Edward J. Sheehan, Jr., Howard M. Picking, III, Kelly Ingram, and Conway B. Jones, Jr. (absent from photo: Alaina Bailey)

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 19, 2012. The awards were made possible through a generous donation by Conway B. Jones, Jr., CTC Foundation Chair. Also in attendance was Howard M. Picking, III, Chairman, CTC Board of Directors. Mr. Picking and his wife, Adelle, started the Great Americans Day Citizenship Forum in 1998.

"The Great Americans Day Citizenship Forum reminds us all that we have the opportunities and abilities to make a difference in the world. The Forum celebrates the American ideal of civic virtue and citizenship, and this year's Great American, Frederick Douglass, shows how one person can have the ability to change not only their situation in life but also change the lives of generations to come," Sheehan said. "The CTC Foundation is honored to sponsor the essay contest and present these awards to Kelly and Alaina for their outstanding entries."

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 Sodexho 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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