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**FIRSTTRUST ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 40TH ANNUAL
SAMUEL A. GREEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Top Honors Go to Students from Haverford High School, St. Joseph's High School,
Cherry Hill High School West and Hallahan Catholic High School*

CONSHOHOCKEN, PA (June 22, 2009) – Firsttrust Bank announced today the winners of the 40th Annual Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program. Twenty-one high school seniors were awarded scholarships for providing his or her insights on the topic, “How My College Education Will Help Me Cultivate Prosperity in My Community,” a topic that has its roots in the Firsttrust mission. Students were invited to submit either a written or video essay to compete for their share of \$42,000 in scholarships.

Top honors included Written Essay Grand Prize Winner and Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School student Danielle Fishman of Lafayette Hill, who was awarded \$10,000. Second Prize Written Essay Winners include Hallahan Catholic High School student Ashley M. Benz of Philadelphia; Cherry Hill High School West student Michelle Bruno of Cherry Hill; and St. Joseph's High School student Megan Errera of Hammonton, who each were awarded \$5,000.

“This year is a very special year for Firsttrust Bank, as 2009 marks two major milestones – the 40th anniversary of the Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program, as well as the 75th anniversary of our bank,” said Richard J. Green, Samuel A. Green’s grandson and Chief Executive Officer of Firsttrust Bank. “At a time when tuition costs are rising and the economic future of many families is uncertain, we are proud to provide this financial help to college-bound students. My grandfather’s core beliefs were the value of education and giving back to others, and this scholarship program allows us to demonstrate our focus on both of those beliefs. It has been an honor to award well-deserved scholarships to students over the past 40 years and we look forward to continuing the tradition.”

Both written and video essays were judged on the basis of content, grammar and style. In the past 40 years, Firsttrust has awarded more than a half million dollars in scholarships to nearly 900 area students and families.

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At this year's 2009 ceremony many former Samuel A. Green Scholarship winners came back to attend the awards ceremony, including mother-daughter duo Ruth Weisberg (1975 Samuel A. Green Scholar) and Talia Kerch (2008 Samuel A. Green Grand Prize Winner). Former winners were invited to attend and many provided excerpts which were on display and discussed how the scholarship program helped them achieve their dreams.

Top Winners of the 40th Annual Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program

Written Essay Grand Prize, \$10,000:

Danielle Fishman, Lafayette Hill, Plymouth Whitmarsh High School

Second Prize, Written Essays, \$5,000 each:

Michelle Bruno, Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill High School West

Ashley M. Benz, Philadelphia, Hallahan Catholic High School

Megan Errera, Hammonton, St. Joseph's High School.

Video Presentation Scholarship Winners, \$1,000 each:

Jason Gordon, Southampton, Tennent High School

Micah Myerov, Perhasie, Penridge High School

Written Essay Scholarship Winners, \$1,000 each:

Rachel Craver, Pittsgrove, A.P. Schalick High School

Hilary Jane Grosskopf, Chadds Ford, The Baldwin School

Seneca Fisher-Vance, Havertown, Haverford High School

Bryttney A. Davis, Philadelphia, J.R. Masterman High School

Jonathan Louis Couture, Warrington, Central Bucks South High School

Patrick L. Gilmore, Blue Bell, Archbishop Carroll High School

Stephanie DeMuzio, Philadelphia, Nazareth Academy High School

Sumit Bardhan, Voorhees, Eastern Regional High School

Brittany Castle, Macungie, Lehigh Valley Christian High School

Michael Adamson, Chalfont, Central Bucks South High School

Adam Wallace Henderson, Doylestown, Germantown Academy

Megan L. Errera, Hammonton, St. Joseph High School

Rebecca Grochowicz, Glen Gardner, Voorhees High School

Matthew Holden, Wayne, Conestoga High School

Gabriella Cozza, Bensalem, Nazareth Academy High School

Julia Catherine Craig, Phillipsburg, Lehigh Valley Christian High School

About The Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program and Firstrust Bank

The Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program was named in honor of Firstrust Founder Samuel A. Green, who was a staunch believer in encouraging young people to pursue their education and fulfill their life dreams. In the spirit of his legacy, Firstrust is inspired to carry on this strong commitment toward helping students.

The Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program has awarded more than a half-million dollars in scholarships to more than 900 students over the past 40 years. This year's scholarship winners were chosen from applicants across the greater Delaware Valley, Lehigh Valley and southern New Jersey region.

As the Firstrust mission statement explains, the Green family and Firstrust remain dedicated to cultivating prosperity for customers while enriching the communities they serve.

Founded in 1934, Firstrust is a privately-owned bank that has assets of \$2.6 billion serving the commercial and consumer banking needs of the Mid-Atlantic region. For more information, please visit www.firstrust.com.

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