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## **FIRSTTRUST BANK'S 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SAMUEL A. GREEN AWARDS GRANT \$55,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

### *Thirty-four College-Bound Students from Across the Greater Philadelphia Region Honored*

**PHILADELPHIA** (May 10, 2016) – Today, 34 high school seniors from the greater Philadelphia region will be recognized at Firsttrust Bank's 47<sup>th</sup> annual Samuel A. Green Scholarship program. The awards program, one of the region's most renowned high school scholarship programs, granted \$55,000 in college tuition to community-minded seniors who competed by penning a personal essay about leveraging education as means to actively bolster their communities. The deserving scholarship recipients were celebrated today during a ceremony at The Franklin Institute.

“The purpose of this scholarship competition is to empower students to utilize their ingenuity and education to advance their communities and what better place to celebrate this mission than The Franklin Institute, a model for using creativity and intellect to give back to the world,” said Richard J. Green, C.E.O. and Chairman of Firsttrust. “We are pleased to celebrate such a distinguished group of scholarship recipients, all of whom are poised to make positive changes in their own communities.”

Samuel A. Green, founder of Firsttrust Bank, believed in the importance of receiving a college education and using it to give back to the community. Eighty-one years later, the bank remains committed to these same values. This annual scholarship program upholds those founding principles by honoring young people in the region who reflect these principles.

The 34 scholarship recipients were selected based on their written responses to a topic that is rooted in the mission of Firsttrust, “How My College Education Will Help Me Cultivate Prosperity in My Community.”

Central Bucks High School South student, Taylor Lindeman, received the Grand Prize of \$10,000; Souderton Area High School student, Erin Solomon, and Nazareth Academy High School student Emily Sokolowski, Second and Third Place winners each received \$5,000 scholarships; and Gianna Perrone, Plymouth Whitemarsh student, won the \$5,000 Teacher Award, specifically for a high school senior pursuing a career in education.

Thirty additional high school seniors from across the region were each awarded scholarships of \$1,000:

Abena Ampofo, Neshaminy High School  
Hanna Barnett, Cherokee High School  
Vincent Catroppa, Saint Joseph Preparatory School  
Lanisha Cox, West Philadelphia High School  
Kyle Denton, Avon Grove High School  
Hayley Fried, Upper Dublin High School  
Tracy Glova, Little Flower Catholic High School  
Ariel Hannum, Central Bucks High School  
Dylan Higgins, The Episcopal Academy  
Jordan Johnson, Archbishop Wood High School  
Angela Justin, Southern Lehigh High School  
Asia Kaiser, J.R. Masterman School

Kailey Karabin, Mount Saint Joseph Academy  
Thomas Koenig, Saint Joseph's Preparatory School  
Patrick Lewis, Woodlynde High School  
Amy Li, Upper Dublin High School  
Sandy Liang, J.R. Masterman School  
Colin McKay, George School  
Leonard Meirson, J.R. Masterman School  
Matthew Mohacey, Central Bucks South High School  
Kristen Moore, Mastery Lenfest  
Sarah Murgia, Lansdale Catholic  
Winifred Nagbe, Upper Darby High School  
Jake Rosen, Upper Dublin High School  
Camila Saunders, Germantown Friends School  
Joshua Staquet, Spring-Ford High School  
Alexandra Uzzo, Mount Saint Joseph Academy  
Christine Weider, Freedom High School  
Rachel Zeitzer, Lower Moreland High School  
Ani Zhang, J.R. Masterman School

The Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program has helped Firsttrust award nearly one million dollars to more than 1,000 area college-bound students and families in the past 47 years.

“Even after all this time, the passion these students have for their communities never ceases to amaze me,” said Mr. Green. “I am confident each one of them will accomplish great things and it is a privilege to be a part of their journey.”

#### **About Firsttrust Bank**

Founded in 1934 and currently in its third generation of family ownership, Firsttrust is a privately-held bank with assets of \$2.7 billion. Safe and Sound for more than 80 years, Firsttrust is a Small Business Administration (SBA) preferred lender, and provides both retail and commercial services through its 19 banking offices located in Bucks, Burlington, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. Continuing to meet the needs of its customers, Firsttrust offers a wide variety of deposit products, consumer and business loan options, residential and commercial real estate mortgages, and cash management products. For more information, visit [firsttrust.com](http://firsttrust.com) or call 800-220-BANK. Member FDIC.

#### **About The Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program and Firsttrust Bank**

The Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program was named in honor of Firsttrust 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, Firsttrust is inspired to carry on this strong commitment toward helping students. The Samuel A. Green scholarship program has helped Firsttrust award almost \$1 million dollars to more than 1,000 area college-bound students and families in the past 46 years. This year's scholarship winners were chosen from applicants across the greater Delaware Valley, Lehigh Valley and southern New Jersey region.

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

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