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**FIRSTTRUST BANK AWARDS \$40,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO NINETEEN
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FOR 43rd ANNUAL
SAMUEL A. GREEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

PHILADELPHIA, PA, May 22, 2012 - Firsttrust Bank is proud to recognize the winners of its 43rd annual Samuel A. Green Scholarship program, one of the region's longest running high school scholarship programs. Recipients of this year's scholarship competition were recognized at an awards ceremony today at The Franklin Institute. Following the awards ceremony recipients were invited to tour the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit which recently opened at The Franklin Institute.

"The Franklin Institute is a place where work of some of the world's greatest innovators has been on display and is a place where science and creation are celebrated," said Richard J. Green, C.E.O. and Vice Chairman of Firsttrust. "The goal of this scholarship competition is to encourage students to think about how they can use their education to blaze their own trails and leave a positive impact on their communities along the way."

Receiving a college education and using it to give back to the community were among the core values of Firsttrust founder Samuel A. Green. Today, the bank remains committed to these same values and has honored young people in the region who so the same through its annual scholarship program.

Firsttrust awarded \$40,000 as part of this year's Samuel A. Green Scholarship program. The 19 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."

Top honors included Plymouth Whitmarsh High School student, Rachel Stern, who received the Grand Prize of \$10,000; and Father Judge High School senior, Anthony Langenbach; Jack M Barrack Hebrew Academy senior, Zoe Kress; and Council Rock South High School senior Hannah Brooks, each received \$5,000 scholarships.

Fifteen other high school seniors from across the region each received \$1,000 scholarships:

Mitchell Bluestein, Central High School
Tanaisha Coleman, Mercy Vocational High School
Nancy Comden, Souderton High School
Marlee Geiger, Springfield High School

Samantha Herman, Plymouth Whitemarsh High School
Christopher Konieczny, Upper Darby High School
Sarah Krmpotich, Mount Saint Joseph Academy
Adam Lewis, Pennsbury High School
Elana Lowell, Moravian Academy
Tyler McAndrew, Council Rock North
Allison McCallister, Bishop McDevitt High School
Saundria Moed, North Penn High School
Jaclyn Scott, Central Bucks West High School
Madeline Shutt, Radnor High School
Erin Steingraber, Souderton Area High School

The Samuel A. Green Scholarship Program has helped Firstrust award almost a million dollars to more than 1,000 area college-bound students and families in the past 43 years.

“We have been awarding scholarships for many years now, but every year I am even more impressed and inspired by the ambitions of our students,” said Mr. Green. “Students are our future and education is the key to their success, and it is an honor to support these incredible youth as they embark on pursuing their incredible dreams.”

About Firstrust Bank

Founded in 1934 and currently in its third generation of family ownership, Firstrust is a privately-held bank with assets of \$2.4 billion. Safe and Sound for more than 78 years, Firstrust is a Small Business Administration (SBA) preferred lender, and provides both retail and commercial services through its 22 banking offices located in Bucks, Burlington, Chester, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. Continuing to meet the needs of its customers, Firstrust 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 firstrust.com or call 800-220-BANK. Member FDIC.

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 helped Firstrust award almost \$1 million dollars to more than 1,000 area college-bound students and families in the past 43 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.

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