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**Custom Computer Specialists Awards 15 Scholarships
Providing Incoming College Students with the ‘Right Start’**

Fifteen high school seniors from throughout the Northeast are recipients of the 2011 Custom Computer Specialists Right Start Scholarship. The \$1,000 cash award is presented for academic achievement and for standout essays that creatively answer the question: “Describe how technology has impacted your education so far and how you believe it will impact the future of K-12 education.” Custom Computer Specialists is the Northeast’s largest education information technology provider.

“Our future depends on furthering the education of today’s students and computers and technology have become a vital part of the overall learning experience. The intelligent, creative and mature responses from our scholarship program participants clearly displays how so many promising seniors clearly understand and embrace the connection between computers, technology and education,” explained Greg Galdi, President of Custom Computer Specialists.

Responses to the essay provided a broad range of ideas connecting the student’s future goals with descriptions of how technology has helped them succeed in high school. Long Island’s award recipients explained how they have witnessed a technology revolution in their schools since they began their educations. One recipient mentioned how the use of technology in today’s classrooms was a springboard to his chosen major in education and another explained how technology has helped him overcome his disability. Students also said the future will bring more interactivity with other students and more distance learning opportunities. *(A complete list of scholarship winners is attached).*

This is the second year of the Right Start Scholarship Program. More than 300 seniors applied for this year’s scholarship; winners were chosen by a panel of technology experts. The students, their parents and school district representatives were invited to award ceremonies that took place on June 16 on Long Island at Custom Computer Specialist’s Hauppauge headquarters and at Custom’s offices in Lincoln, Rhode Island.

With offices in Hauppauge and Lincoln, Rhode Island, Custom Computer Specialists has been providing technology solutions to K-12 school districts throughout the Northeast for over 30 years. The company employs more than 225 people and supports more than 400 school districts. On Long Island, more than 100 school districts utilize Custom’s products and services.

This year’s Custom Computer Specialists Right Start Scholarship recipients:

Julie Aromi
Bay Shore High School
Bay Shore, NY

Nicholas DeTullio
Southside High School
Rockville Centre, NY

Kelly Christine Duran
Woburn Memorial High School
Woburn, MA

Merit George
Patchogue-Medford High School
Medford, NY

Charles Bayard Larcom IV
St. George's School
Newport, RI

Sean Logan
Babylon Junior Senior High School
Babylon, NY

John Ngo
Fitchburg High School
Fitchburg, MA

Rubab Rehman
Walt Whitman High School
Huntington Station, NY

Andrew Schultz
Bayport-Bluepoint High School
Bayport, NY

Kevin Spellman, Jr.
Eastport South Manor Junior Senior High School
Manorville, NY

Jennifer Uliano
Smithtown High School East
Smithtown, NY

William Vangos
Shepherd Hill Regional High School
Dudley, MA

Raffaele Vesia
Longwood High School
Middle Island, NY

Timothy James Walters
Taunton High School
Taunton, MA

Victoria Zito
Somers High School
Katonah, NY