



HARTFORD 375 ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS PRESENTED THEIR AWARDS

---NEWS RELEASE---

(February 14, 2011)--- Three Hartford Public School students and Hartford residents are the winners of the Hartford 375 Essay Contest. Mayor Pedro Segarra took a personal point of privilege at the City Council Meeting on Monday, February 14th to announce and congratulate the students on their achievements and to present them with their awards.

The winners are Mario Lopez Silva, a senior at Bulkeley High School; Vidalys Traverzo, a junior at the Law and Government Academy at Hartford Public High School; and Paul Pino, also a junior at the Law and Government Academy at HPHS.

This contest is one of the marquee events of the City's 375th Anniversary celebration. This goal of this writing contest is to engage the leaders of tomorrow into this time of reflection and enthusiasm. The prizes are: 1st place--- a check for \$375, two tickets to the Connecticut Science Center, and the book "Hartford, New England's Rising Star; 2nd place--- a check for \$125, two tickets to the Wadsworth Atheneum and the Hartford book; 3rd place--- a check for \$50, plus two tickets to the Connecticut Historical Society and the book on Hartford.

"When the Rev. Thomas Hooker established Hartford Public High School in 1638 the students were called scholars. Tonight, we once again call our young leaders scholars and congratulate them on their efforts in answering the question: 'What aspect of Hartford's history is most significant to preserve for the next 375 years and why?' Their answers were original and diverse," remarked Mayor Segarra.

The Mayor was one of five distinguished judges of this event. Council President rJo Winch, Superintendent Dr. Steven Adamowski, President and CEO of the Connecticut Science Center, Matt Fleury, and City historian Wilson Faude were the others.

The presentation aired lived on Government Cable Access Television Channel 96 and will repeat several times over the next few weeks. Channel 96 streams live on the City's award-winning website, www.hartford.gov.