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EDITORS: The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Holmes, program coordinator of the Chester County Economic Development Council, at 610 458-5700.

**ITAG seeks scholarship contest applications
from Chester County high school students
pursuing careers in information technology**
Deadline for contest is July 31

EXTON _ ITAG (Innovative Technology Action Group) is seeking applications from 2009 high school graduates intending to pursue post-secondary education majoring in computer science, information technology, or communications technology, to apply for the ITAG ***“Go For It”*** scholarship.

The two \$1,000 scholarships are sponsored by ITAG, the Innovative Technology Action Group, a regional initiative of the Chester County Workforce Investment Board and the Chester County Economic Development Council with grant funds received from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

2009 graduates with at least a 2.50 GPA are eligible. Students must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution. The deadline for applications is midnight on July 31, 2009.

To enter a student must take part in a creative writing contest focusing on ways that advancements in information technology will influence the future. The student must log on to the ITAG website, <http://itagpa.org/scholarships.php>, download the document and complete the entry and permission forms.

ITAG's mission is to create and sustain a regional partnership in Southeastern Pennsylvania that encourages technology companies and companies that use technology to grow their businesses in an increasingly sophisticated global marketplace. This is accomplished by working closely with participating companies, economic development agencies, and education/training partners to leverage workforce and business development resources on behalf of ITAG members.

The Chester County Economic Development Council is a private, non-profit economic development organization that has been nurturing economic growth in Chester County and the surrounding region for more than 45 years. The Council's portfolio of business growth services includes: low-interest financing, small business lending, workforce training, retention and expansion, customized international business assistance, land and building site selection, brownfields consultation and remediation, urban redevelopment, and agricultural economic development. The Council also offers state-of-the art conference and training facilities at its facility in Eagleview. For more information, see www.cceconomicdevelopment.com.

