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M&T Bank Offers Hispanic College Fund Scholarship
Continuing a Tradition

(Buffalo, NY) – For the eleventh consecutive year, M&T Bank partners with the Hispanic College Fund in looking for scholarship recipients. Scholarships of up to \$5,000 are granted to qualified, Hispanic college students or applicants.

The M&T program will award scholarships to undergraduate college students who are Hispanic or of Hispanic descent through the nationally recognized Hispanic College Fund (HCF). To be eligible, students must be pursuing degrees in business, finance, marketing, accounting or another business-related field, and must have demonstrated a notable level of academic success.

“The Hispanic College Fund and the M&T Bank Scholars Program have awarded more than \$150,000 in college scholarships since 1999,” said Idalia Fernandez, president of the Hispanic College Fund. “This partnership of more than a decade has created an invaluable avenue of support for young people.”

Students can apply online at www.hispanicfund.org. Complete eligibility requirements are available online and at local M&T bank branches. The deadline for application is March 15, 2009.

Seven students from New York, Maryland, and Washington, DC were recipients of the 2008 scholarships and are now attending college at The George Washington University, Boston College, University of Maryland College Park, SUNY at Buffalo, PACE University Pleasantville Briarcliff, Calvin College, Brigham Young and Elmira College.

“At a time when students, along with their parents, are concerned about lack of educational funding, this assistance is much needed,” said Janet Farrell, administrative vice president for M&T Bank’s Not-for-Profit Banking Group. “This is an investment in our youth by M&T Bank and the Hispanic College Fund, and it could have a significant impact on the lives of these students and their families.”

M&T Bank is the principal bank subsidiary of Buffalo-based M&T Bank Corporation (NYSE:MTB), which has assets of over \$65 billion and is among the 20 largest bank holding companies in the country. M&T has over 680 branches in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

The Hispanic College Fund (HCF) is a private non-profit organization dedicated to developing the next generation of Hispanic professionals in America. Since its founding in 1993, the Hispanic College Fund has supported the education of over 3,000 financially disadvantaged Hispanic students seeking careers in business, science, engineering and technology with more than \$9 million in grants. Through programs like the HCF Scholarship Program, Hispanic Youth Symposium, Latinos on the Fast Track (LOFT), HCF Connections and the HYP Leadership & Development Program, the Hispanic College Fund is enriching lives and building bridges for our future Hispanic leaders.

For more information on how to apply, visit www.hispanicfund.org or call 1800-644-4223.

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