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Pennsylvanian Receives Scholarship from International Safety Equipment Association

ARLINGTON, Va. (April 26, 2010) – Jennifer Christine Jurbala of Dickson City, Pa., has won the 2010 Lincoln C. Bailey Memorial Scholarship presented by the International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA).

A rising senior at Penn State Worthington Scranton in Dunmore, Pa., Ms. Jurbala is working toward a bachelor's degree in business marketing and management. She is the daughter of Megan and Stephen R. Jurbala, also of Dickson City. Her father is a supervisor at ISEA member company Gentex Corp., Carbondale, Pa. Gentex designs, develops and manufactures integrated systems for soldiers and pilots that require advanced helmet systems, ballistic and laser protective eyewear, electro-acoustic devices, oxygen masks, and chemical and biological protective systems.

The 26-year-old has worked for Wal-Mart since high school to pay for her educational expenses. At Penn State Worthington Scranton she has maintained a 3.92 out of 4.0 grade point average, has been named to the dean's list for five semesters, and been involved in a number of community service drives sponsored by her employer over the years. After graduation, she hopes eventually to start her own business.

"I am hoping that by getting my degree I will be able to help out my family and friends more financially," Ms. Jurbala said in her application. "I would also like to help out my community more. And this grant will help me pay some of my student loans."

Between school and work, Ms. Jurbala said she does not have a great deal of time left over, but when there is some leisure time she enjoys reading, writing, baking, going for walks, and watching the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) television series.

An independent consultant affiliated with George Mason University, Fairfax, Va., selected Ms. Jurbala from among 21 applicants based on academic performance and other factors. The Bailey scholarship provides \$2,500 each year to a deserving full-time student who is entering his or her junior or senior year at an accredited college or university in the United States. ISEA established the scholarship in 1989 following the death of a safety equipment industry leader who expressed strong interest in education throughout his lengthy career.

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