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ISI HONORS EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS THROUGH PROJECTS PERSONALLY INITIATED BY THE LATE SIR JOHN TEMPLETON

*Nearly \$70, 000 in Prize Money attached to Awards Ceremony
at the Union League of Philadelphia*

Philadelphia, PA—The Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI), a national educational organization headquartered in Wilmington, Delaware, and Dr. John M. Templeton, Jr., of the John Templeton Foundation, are pleased to recognize and honor the 2009 winners of ISI’s **William E. Simon Fellowships for Noble Purpose** and **International Culture of Enterprise Essay Contest** at an exclusive evening reception and awards presentation at the **Union League of Philadelphia from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2009.**

Between these two annual programs, nearly \$70,000 in prize money is awarded each year to the eight outstanding student recipients. These two projects were personally initiated by the late Sir John Templeton and ISI is honored that he chose the Institute to execute them.

ISI established the **William E. Simon Fellowship for Noble Purpose** to support graduating college seniors who are dedicated to pursuing lives that will benefit their fellow men and women—that is, dedicating their lives to a “noble purpose.” Funded by the John Templeton Foundation and the William E. Simon Foundation, the fellowships recognize students who are pursuing lives dedicated to, and distinguished by, honor, generosity, service and respect. The top award is \$40,000 and two additional fellows receive grants of \$5,000 each. This year, ISI will recognize students whose interests and work range from establishing a microcredit institution in Honduras, to investigating the nature and freedom of press within Iran, to the study and expansion of holistic free market business in the Philippines.

Now in its third year, the **International Culture of Enterprise Essay Contest** is part of ISI’s larger Culture of Enterprise project, a program that explores the cultural underpinnings, institutional pre-requisites, and societal achievements of the free market economy world-wide, and how the establishment and maintenance of such “humane” market systems may be impacted by the unprecedented changes wrought by the forces of globalization. Generously supported by the John Templeton Foundation, this contest recognizes five college students who, through a scholarly essay, best address the question: “Can Character and Community Survive in an Age of Globalization?” The prizes for this essay contest range from \$1,000 for fifth place to \$10,000 for the first place winner.

Founded in 1953, ISI works “to educate for liberty” —to help further in successive generations of college students an appreciation of the economic, political, and moral principles that sustain a free and humane society. For more information about ISI or these awards, please contact Carol Houseal at chouseal@isi.org or (302) 524-6167. To RSVP for this event, please contact Mary Radford at mrادford@isi.org or (302) 524-6139 by August 10.