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Young Connecticut Scientists To Be Awarded New H. Joseph Gerber Medal of Excellence

Hartford, CT – Three outstanding young Connecticut scientists will be awarded the newly established H. Joseph Gerber Medal of Excellence at the Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering on May 25, 2004, at the Rocky Hill Marriott in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

The award, created by the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering with the sponsorship of Gerber Scientific, Inc., is in recognition of H. Joseph Gerber's (1924-1996) technical leadership in inventing, developing and commercializing manufacturing automation systems for a wide variety of industries, making those industries more efficient and cost-effective in a worldwide competitive environment.

As an inventor and as founder, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board and President for Gerber Scientific, Inc., Mr. Gerber was a leader for nearly half a century in inventing and producing factory automation equipment designed to solve global manufacturing problems. An elected member of the National Academy of Engineering and the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, Mr. Gerber received the National Medal of Technology in 1994 followed by the Connecticut Medal of Technology in 1995.

The first recipients of the H. Joseph Gerber Medal of Excellence are 2004 Connecticut Science Fair winners Anna-Katrina Shedletsky of Brewster High School in Brewster, NY (1st Place, Life Sciences - Senior Division) and Stephen Ingraham of New Fairfield High School in New Fairfield, CT (1st Place, Physical Sciences - Senior Division), and Lisa D. Glukhovsky of New Milford High School in New Milford, CT (1st Place, Connecticut Science Talent Search).

Shedletsky's winning Science Fair entry was entitled "*Manipulating Network Topology to Predict Epidemic Outcomes.*" Ingraham won for his project on "*Superluminal Electromagnetic Wave Propagation in the Near Field,*" while Glukhovsky took first place honors for her Connecticut Science Talent Search entry entitled "*A Rapid, Accurate Method of Determining the Distance to Near Earth Asteroids.*"

Gerber Scientific is the world's leading supplier of sophisticated automated manufacturing systems for sign making and specialty graphics, apparel and flexible materials, and ophthalmic lens processing. Headquartered in South Windsor, Connecticut, the company operates through four businesses: Gerber Scientific Products, Spandex Ltd., Gerber Technology, and Gerber Coburn.

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