



*Andres Vivas and Marcella Singley with Harris Fishman, president and CEO*

## **First Financial Group and MassMutual Announce Scholarship Recipients**

**Bala Cynwyd, PA, August 20, 2014** – Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) and First Financial Group, a general agency of MassMutual, are proud to announce Marcella Singley and Andres Vivas as the recipients of scholarships from the MassMutual Scholars program, a national scholarship program for high achieving college students interested in careers in the insurance and financial services industry.

“Congratulations to Marcella and Andres on becoming MassMutual Scholars,” said Harris Fishman, president and CEO of First Financial Group. “I look forward to working with them as they choose a career path and obtain their college degrees.”

Marcella Singley is an honors student at Rutgers School of Business-Camden pursuing a double major in Accounting and Finance. Upon graduation in May 2015, she will have the required 150 credits to sit for the CPA exam. Marcella is president of the student chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants at Rutgers-Camden and serves on the advisory board for the Student Experience Center.

Andres Vivas is a junior at Drexel University, pursuing a dual-major in Accounting and Finance. He is the president of the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) Philadelphia’s Drexel University student chapter and also serves on the Student Affairs Committee. Andres is actively pursuing the necessary credit hours to sit for the CPA exam and is looking to further explore his interest in the financial services industry.

“The MassMutual Scholars program is an important part of our commitment to education,” said Nick Fyntrilakis, Vice President of Community Responsibility, MassMutual. “These scholarships will not only help students obtain their degrees, but also build a strong network of

potential employees and financial professionals from diverse backgrounds, while reinforcing our commitment to serving communities across the country.”

A total of 31 winners across the country were awarded scholarships of up to \$5,000 each. To qualify for a MassMutual Scholarship applicants must meet certain academic criteria, such as maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA, express an interest in careers in the insurance and financial services industry, and demonstrate financial need.

For more information about the MassMutual Scholars program and all of MassMutual’s scholarship and community responsibility initiatives visit [www.massmutual.com/responsibility](http://www.massmutual.com/responsibility).

## **About MassMutual**

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