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Teen Music Sensations Aly & AJ Provide A Little Hope For Education

(NAPSA)—More than \$2 million in technology and software will go to schools throughout the U.S. They just have to win an essay competition describing how technology can improve education.

Schools that submit essays are entered for the opportunity to win either the grand prize of \$200,000 in Samsung technology and Microsoft software, or one of 30 first prizes of \$60,000 in technology and software.

The technology prizes include such award-winning products as Plasma, LCD and DLP high-definition televisions; Ultra-Mobile PCs; multifunction products; Smart Phones; digital camcorders; DVD players; LCD computer monitors and color printers; and the software includes Microsoft Student, Encarta, Office and more. Anyone who submits a winning entry on behalf of a winning school will be awarded a Samsung Ultra Mobile PC with Windows Vista.

Students, parents, teachers and administrators can enter by going to www.hopeforeducation.com and submitting a 100-word essay about their school, answering the question: "What is the single most significant benefit that technology can provide in the classroom?"

Sister actresses and singersongwriters Aly & AJ are spokeswomen for the competition. It's run by Hope for Education, an educational and philanthropic program designed to minimize



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Aly & AJ will also assist the Hope for Education Advisory Council on judging the students' and schools' essays. The council is made up of professionals from the academic and editorial communities who are authorities on both education and technology.

The essays can be written in Spanish or in English. The contest runs through July 22, 2007.

For more information, visit www.hopeforeducation.com.