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Chester County business awards given

Frances M. Sheehan and John J. Brennan will be honored

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John J. Brennan and Frances M. Sheehan will be honored at the annual Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry dinner tonight at Longwood Gardens.

Brennan will receive the chamber's 2007 CEO of the Year award. He is chairman and chief executive of Van-

guard in Tredyffrin, the nation's second-largest investment management company.

Sheehan will receive the second annual Robert J. Thompson Citizen of the Year award. She is president and chief executive of the Brandywine Health Foundation, Coatesville.

Founded in 2001, the foundation has distributed more than \$3.6 million to nonprofit organizations to improve

the health of low-income residents in central and western Chester County.

Said Brennan, "It's such a great honor for Vanguard to be recognized at home by our business friends and neighbors, and the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry."

Said Sheehan about her award, "To receive an honor in Bob Thompson's name is

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wonderful. He was one of the first community leaders to greet me when I came to Planned Parenthood of Chester County."

Sheehan continued, "Bob Thompson was generous with his time and his influence. He personified good citizenship and worked to improve health care services in particular."

State Sen. Thompson died in February 2006.

Brennan joined Vanguard

in 1982 and was elected president in 1989, chief executive in 1996 and chairman of the board in 1998.

He is a past chairman of the Investment Company Institute, a governor of the National Association of Securities Dealers, and a governor of United Way of America.

He also wrote "Straight Talk on Investing: What You Need to Know," published in 2002.

Key projects during Sheehan's foundation tenure include bringing the first federally qualified health center to

Chester County, support for the start-up of a new community dental center in Coates-

ville, bringing behavioral health services to every Coatesville Area School District school and building the new Brandywine Health & Housing Center to provide 24 units of affordable senior housing (currently under construction).

Sheehan served as chief executive of Planned Parenthood of Chester County from 1990 to 2002.

Previous recipients of the CEO award include: Jerry Sweeney, Brandywine Realty Trust (2006), Paul Graziani, Analytical Graphics (2005) and Oliver Kingsley, Exelon

(2004).

Former Rep. Bob Flick received the first annual Thompson award last year. Other winners, before the award was renamed in Thompson's honor, include Father David Duffy, OSA (Malvern Preparatory School) in 2005 and former state Rep. Elinor Taylor, in 2004.

Chamber events director Kate Brennan expects 450 people to attend tonight's dinner.

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