

Roseville Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission

Agenda Item

DATE: April 18, 2018

ITEM: 8d

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Essay Contest

Background

The Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission is sponsoring an essay contest for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who live in or attend school in the Roseville area. The essay question was distributed to principals and teachers in August, 2017. The deadline for essay submission was January 30, 2018. This year the question was:

Disparities such as racism, sexism, and ageism- among others – are still occurring today. Define and discuss one disparity and explain what you think the underlying cause is. What can be done to address it? Include personal and/or sourced examples.

This year 54 essays were received. At the last meeting, the Commission identified the top 15 essays to move onto the next round of scoring. All members of the commission were asked to read the top 15 essays and score them based on the rubric. Listed below are the scores. In the past the Commission has awarded prizes for the top 3 essays, and up to 3 honorable mention. The prizes are as follows:

1st Place - \$150

2nd Place - \$75

3rd Place - \$50

Honorable Mention - \$20

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Essay	Score	Rank
1	134	8
2	118	13
3	146	3
4	120	12
5	122	11
6	139	6
7	125	10
8	133	9
9	147	2 (Tied)
10	136	7
11	140	5 (Tied)
12	147	2 (Tied)
13	140	5 (Tied)
14	143	4
15	153	1

The Essay Contest winners are tentatively scheduled to be at the May 7, 2018 City Council meeting to read their essays and receive their awards.

Recommendation

Identify the top winners for the 2018-19 Essay Contest.

Attachments

None.