

RESULTS FOR PRINCIPAL'S CHALLENGE ESSAY CONTEST 2018

As members of the Committee in Support of Creative Teens, comprised of members of the Class of 1957 and the Roosevelt Alumni Foundation, reviewed the essays submitted by over a hundred students, we were impressed with the quality of this year's submissions. Approximately 38% chose DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) as their topic; 27%, Donald Trump; 33%, Voting; and the remaining 2% miscellaneous topics.

The Committee members were impressed with the passion many students expressed in their essays. It was evident that a lot of research and evaluation went into determining the structure of many of the essays. Kudos to the English and Advisory teachers, particularly those in the 11th and 9th grades, who encouraged their students to participate.

The outstanding essays were submitted by:

- \$200 prize – Narvin Phouksouvath, Grade 11, “Sui Iuris” - Narvin's topic was voting and his final sentence is “Above all, to vote is sui iuris—of one's own right.”
- \$100 prize – Leo Phouksouvath, Grade 11, “The Good DACA”
- \$100 prize – Mari Kim, Grade 9, “Letting the Dreamers Dream”
- \$75 prize – Michael Mitamura, Grade 11, “Follow Your Dreams”
- \$75 prize – Antony Lee, Grade 11, “Please Trump, Make the Better Choice”
- \$75 prize – Taryn Ho, Grade 9, “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals”
- \$50 prize – Indah Holmberg, Grade 11, “DACA Supporting the Youth of America”
- \$50 prize – John Suelen, Grade 11, “ Donald's Our Trump”
- \$50 prize – Jenna Kim, Grade 9, “Proud to be an American DREAMer”

Congratulations to all of the students for your outstanding work ... “a job well done”. We enjoyed reading each of the essays that provided so many different perspectives on the same subject.

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