

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/AP'S/TEACHERS/ACTIVITIES DIRECTORS: Essay and Oratorical Contest
Sponsored by the United States District Court - Southern District of Florida

Category:

Audience: Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers , Activities Directors

Due Date: Jan 18, 2011

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [Cover Form Expanding the Scales of Justice Competition.pdf](#)
[Expanding the Scales of Justice Essay and Oratorical Contest Guidelines.pdf](#)
[Trailblazers List.pdf](#)

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- The United States District Court - Southern District of Florida, is sponsoring an essay and oratorical contest entitled "Expand the Scales of Justice" for students in grades 9 and 10 who attend schools with law magnets or have Small Learning Community grants.
 - The purpose of the essay and oratorical contest is to encourage student's knowledge of the contributions of African American "legal trailblazers" in South Florida history.
 - The topic for both the essay and oratorical contest is: "Expanding the Scales of Justice"- How Have the Contributions of Florida's African American Legal Trailblazers Inspired Me, and Improved the Justice System for Future Generations? (A list is attached to assist students with the initial research.)
 - All essays and speeches must represent the student's own research and written work. Specific guidelines for both contests are attached.
 - Initial judging must be completed by staff at each school. Schools may then select up to 3 finalists for both the essay and speech contests to be submitted for final judging. Final judging will be done by a committee selected by the United States District Court - Southern District of Florida.
 - The timeline for submissions is as follows:

December 7, 2010	Prompt provided to students.
January 7, 2011	Student deadline to submit essays and speeches to school-site committee for initial judging.
January 18, 2011	Schools submit up to 3 winners in essay and speech categories for final judging.
February 1-2, 2011	Committee from United States District Court - Southern District of Florida selects 10 finalists, 3 semi-finalists, and winner.
February 3, 2011	Winners are notified via phone call and email to school.
Week of February 14, 2011	Student luncheon/meet and greet with legal community; 20 students invited.
Week of February 21, 2011	Awards Dinner with 3 semifinalists and families present; winners announced.
 - Prizes include:

First Prize:	IPAD with preloaded books on the Kindle App
Second Prize:	ITouch, books pre-loaded on the Kindle App
Third Prize:	Kindle, books preloaded
 - If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. John R. Doyle, Administrative Director, Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, at the number listed below or by e-mail at jdoyle@dadeschools.net.

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