

ALL SECONDARY PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS/MEDIA SPECIALISTS: Social Sciences - Women's History Month  
 Essay Contest for Secondary School Students

**Category: For Your Information**

**Audience:** Principals/APs (Middle), Principals/APs (Senior High), All Teachers , Media Specialists

Due Date: n/a

Meeting Date: n/a

To announce the Department of Social Sciences Women's History Month Essay Contest for Secondary School students.

- The purpose of this contest is to enhance secondary school students' writing skills while promoting an awareness of the 2015 Women's History Month theme, "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives." The theme presents an opportunity to weave women's stories- individually and collectively - into the fabric of our nation's history.
- 2015 Women's History prompt for secondary students is as follows:  
 Think about a woman from history that has made a positive impact on society or a group of women from history who has made a positive impact on society. Write to explain to your reader why this woman's contributions or these women's contributions should have a more prominent presence in history textbooks.
- **PRIZES:**  
 Separate 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will be identified for both Middle School and Senior High School levels as follows:
  - 1st place – \$50 Gift Card and Framed Certificate;
  - 2nd place – \$30 Gift Card and Framed Certificate; and
  - 3rd place – \$20 Gift Card and Framed Certificate.
- **Essay Contest Guidelines:**
  - Middle school students in grades 6-8 and Senior High School students in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate in this contest. Sixth grade students who are still housed in an elementary school and sixth through eighth grade students in a K-8 centers must enter the secondary school competition.
  - Essays must be typed, with a maximum length of 500 words (2 pages), double spaced on white paper, and stapled on the upper left hand corner.
  - The prompt must be typed on the cover sheet. The cover sheet must also include the student's name, grade level, email address, phone number (cell/home), school's name, principal's name, teacher's name and teacher's best phone number. Failure to follow these guidelines will result in disqualification.
  - All entries will be evaluated in their entirety with consideration being given to the following four elements: focus, organization, support and conventions.
  - All entries are due by 4:30 p.m. on or before Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Winners will be announced via email once the competition date has closed.
  - Submissions may be either brought in person to: The Department of Social Sciences, SBAB Annex, 1501 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Suite 326 or sent via FAX: 305 995-1492.
- If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences, [rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net](mailto:rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net), or see the contact information below.

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