

2026 WINNERS
38th "*CELEBRATION OF YOUTH*" Essay Contest

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners in Grades 4 - 6

First Place: Quinn Koester*, 5th Grade, Hearst ES, LaToya Hutchins

Second Place: Fredericka Milsom, 5th Grade, Washington Yu Ying, Gabrielle Najm

Third Place: Parker Koester, 4th Grade, Hearst ES, Amanda Garfield

Fourth Place: Ruby Campbell, 6th Grade, Francis Education Campus, Rachel Thomas

Fifth Place: Heran Abebe, 6th grade, Francis Education Campus

Sixth Place: Skye Marshall, 6th Grade, Francis Education Campus, Rachel Thomas

Winners in Grades 7 - 9

First Place: Stephany Pacheco, 9th Grade, Columbia Heights EC, Megan Belser

Second Place: Annika Pinol, 8th Grade, Oyster Adams Bilingual School

Third Place: Genevieve Parrish, 9th Grade, MacArthur HS, Danielle Warren

Fourth Place: Leila Lipton, 8th Grade, Alice Deal MS, Tim Stroud

Fifth Place: Diana Suardi, 7th Grade, Alice Deal MS, Mr. McGrath

Sixth Place: Abbriel Suber, 9th Grade, MacArthur HS, Danielle Warren

*Quinn: 5th place winner in 2025