

2025 WINNERS
37th "*CELEBRATION OF YOUTH*" Essay Contest

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners in Grades 4 - 6

First Place: Adaeze Eze, 4th Grade, Barnard ES, Ms. Alina Majer

Second Place: Veronica Ayala Rubio, 5th Grade, Bancroft ES, Ana Flores

Third Place: Helena Bunch, 5th Grade, Washington Yu Ying PCS, Gabrielle Robinson

Fourth Place: Beatrice Weiner, 5th Grade, Washington Yu Ying PCS, Amanda Ingram

Fifth Place: Quinn Koester, 4th Grade, Hearst ES, Amanda Lieberman

Sixth Place: Abenezer Behailu, 4th Grade, Seaton ES, Morgan Werner

Winners in Grades 7 - 9

First Place: Caroline Wilding*, 9th Grade, Jackson Reed HS, Zurick Smith

Second Place: Ilia Milic, 7th Grade, DC International PCS, Carly Klinenberg

Third Place: Eden Price, 7th Grade, Charles Hart MS, Dr. Takeisha Wilson

Fourth Place: Kristin Martinez Ochoa, 9th Grade, DC International PCS, Catherine Hendrix

Fifth Place: Max Toney, 9th Grade, MacArthur HS, Danielle Warren

Sixth Place: April Lewis, 9th Grade, Dunbar HS, Payton Persinger

***Caroline:** 4th place winner in 2024, HM in 2023, 5th place winner in 2022