National Peace Essay Contest

First Place and Honorable Mention Winners

2013-2014

**Alabama**

First Place

Savannah Rigby  
*P.A Homeschoolers AP Online Classes*  
Titus, Alabama  
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Honorable Mentions

Addison Kemp  
*Evangel Christian School*  
Leeds, Alabama  
Coordinator: Skyla Kemp

Rupa Palanki  
*W.P. Davidson High School*  
Mobile, Alabama  
Coordinator: Srinivas Palanki

**Arkansas**

First Place

Hanya Qureshi  
*Pulaski Academy*  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Coordinator: Bill Topich

Honorable Mentions

Luke Hill  
*Pulaski Academy*  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Coordinator: Bill Topich

Grace Pulliam  
*Pulaski Academy*  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Coordinator: Bill Topich

**Alaska**

First Place

Brendan Gerdts  
*Bartlett High School*  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Coordinator: Simona Gerdts

**Arizona**

First Place

Justin Hunsaker  
*Skyline High School*  
Mesa, Arizona  
Coordinator: Jennifer Medlock

Honorable Mentions

Cole Beairsto  
*Tesseract School*  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Coordinator: Pete Golding

Jessica Tueller  
*Desert Vista High School*  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Coordinator: Chuck Patton
California
First Place
Emily Armbruster
*P.A. Homeschoolers AP Online Classes*
Simi Valley, California
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Honorable Mention
Dylan McCarthy
*Long Beach Polytechnic High School*
Long Beach, California
Coordinator: Patrick Gillogly

Colorado
First Place
Anna Cole
*P.A. Homeschoolers AP Online Classes*
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Honorable Mentions
William Alvero Koski
*Cherry Creek High School*
Greenwood Village, Colorado
Coordinator: Karen Waples
Alice Haugland
*Cherry Creek High School*
Greenwood Village, Colorado
Coordinator: Karen Waples

Connecticut
First Place
Jaewook Kwak
*Avon Old Farms School*
Avon, Connecticut
Coordinator: Sue Park

Honorable Mentions
Christopher Gosselin
*Northwest Catholic High School*
West Hartford, Connecticut
Coordinator: William Tressler

Spencer Matonis
*Greenwich High School*
Greenwich, Connecticut
Coordinator: Aaron Hull

Delaware
First Place
Jiaxuan Liu
*Sanford School*
Hockessin, Delaware
Coordinator: Staci Stocklos

Honorable Mentions
Wenshan Lu
*Wilmington Christian School*
Hockessin, Delaware
Coordinator: Sharon Duncan
Alice Miller
*Dover High School*
Dover, Delaware
Coordinator: Christine Barrett-Miller

District of Columbia
First Place
Tiancheng Sun
*Georgetown Day School*
Washington, District of Columbia
Coordinator: Ran Zhou

Honorable Mention
Jeffrey Clark
*Saint Anselms Abbey School*
Washington, District of Columbia
Coordinator: Jeffrey Clark

Florida
First Place
Stephen Paolini
*Winter Park High School*
Winter Park, Florida
Coordinator: Herdley Paolini
Honorable Mention

Joseph Buss
*The Bolles School*
Jacksonville, Florida
Coordinator: Steven Stam

Georgia
First Place
Kyle Lucas
*Mount de Sales Academy*
Macon, Georgia
Coordinator: Nash Mayfield

Honorable Mentions
Vanessa Chen
*Campbell High School*
Smyrna, Georgia
Coordinator: Noell Wannamaker

Luke Dickens
*PA Homeschoolers AP Online Classes*
Fortson, Georgia
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Idaho
First Place
Sean Nelson
*Mountain View High School*
Meridian, Idaho
Coordinator: William Driscoll

Honorable Mentions
Antonia Exline
*Mountain View High School*
Meridian, Idaho
Coordinator: William Driscoll

Courtney Hoagland
*Mountain View High School*
Meridian, Idaho
Coordinator: William Driscoll

Illinois
First Place
Emily Furlow
*Belleville East High School*
Belleville, Illinois
Coordinator: Sheila Misselhorn

Honorable Mentions
Will Armiros
*New Trier High School*
Winnetka, Illinois
Coordinator: Sari Hernandez

Gabrielle Thro
*Belleville East High School*
Belleville, Illinois
Coordinator: Sheila Misselhorn

Indiana
First Place
Meghan Poff
*Floyd Central High School*
Floyds Knobs, Indiana
Coordinator: Suzanne Moss

Hawaii
First Place
Matthew McArthur
*Iolani High School*
Honolulu, Hawaii
Coordinator: John Bickel

Honorable Mentions
Brittany Amano
*Iolani High School*
Honolulu, Hawaii
Coordinator: John Bickel

Luc Lavatai
*Iolani High School*
Honolulu, Hawaii
Coordinator: John Bickel
Honorable Mentions
Sarah Borger
PA Homeschoolers AP Online Classes
Granger, Indiana
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Rushi Patel
Carmel High School
Carmel, Indiana
Coordinator: Pallavika Patel

Iowa
First Place
Mackenzie Cross
CAM High School
Anita, Iowa
Coordinator: Ksenia Zhbanova

Honorable Mention
Tianyi Han
John F. Kennedy High School
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Coordinator: Michael Ayers

Kansas
First Place
Sheridan Koster
Beloit Jr.-Sr. High School
Beloit, Kansas
Coordinator: Jo Dean

Honorable Mention
Benedict Ivan Franco
Summer Academy
Kansas City, Kansas
Coordinator: Tamra Miller

Kentucky
First Place
Hannah Good
Notre Dame Academy
Park Hills, Kentucky
Coordinator: Emily Sampson

Honorable Mentions
Hannah Ziegelmeyer
Notre Dame Academy
Park Hills, Kentucky
Coordinator: Emily Sampson

Morgan Zumbiel
Notre Dame Academy
Park Hills, Kentucky
Coordinator: Emily Sampson

Louisiana
First Place
Anna Nesterova
Baton Rouge Magnet High School
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Coordinator: Irina Nesterova

Honorable Mentions
Henry Schneider
The Episcopal School
of Acadia
Broussard, Louisiana
Coordinator: Garrett Rosen

Alyn Wallace
Baton Rouge Magnet High School
New Orleans, Louisiana
Coordinator: Garrett Rosen

Maine
First Place
Laura Henny
Scarborough High School
Scarborough, Maine
Coordinator: Mary Wheeler

Maryland
First Place
Edward Benjamin Fineran
Montgomery Blair High School
Silver Spring, Maryland
Coordinator: Paul Moose

Honorable Mention
Autumn Weyant
Williamsport High School
Williamsport, Maryland
Coordinator: Lance Schlosser
Massachusetts
First Place
Chris Champa
Belmont Hill School
Belmont, Massachusetts
Coordinator: Juliette Zener

Honorable Mentions
Evan Eyuboglu
Belmont Hill School
Belmont, Massachusetts
Coordinator: Juliette Zener

Andrew Toksoz-Exley
Brookline High School
Brookline, Massachusetts
Coordinator: Christopher Hug

Michigan
First Place
Brian Kuang
Canton High School
Canton, Michigan
Coordinator: Patrick Ignagni

Honorable Mentions
Ali Hakim
Detroit Country Day School
Beverly Hills, Michigan
Coordinator: Donald Corwin

Neha Nayak
Detroit Country Day School
Beverly Hills, Michigan
Coordinator: Donald Corwin

Minnesota
First Place
Emma Crane
Elk River High School
Elk River, Minnesota
Coordinator: Denise Green

Honorable Mentions
Jordan Haack
Elk River High School
Elk River, Minnesota
Coordinator: Denise Green

Emily Sederstrom
Elk River High School
Elk River, Minnesota
Coordinator: Denise Green

Missouri
First Place
Ashwin Govindan
Ladue Horton Watkins High School
St. Louis, Missouri
Coordinator: Eric Hahn

Honorable Mentions
Samuel Oh
John Burroughs School
St. Louis, Missouri
Coordinator: Kenneth Oh

Thomas Sarsfield
Pattonville High School
Maryland Heights, Missouri
Coordinator: Lori Cole

Nebraska
First Place
Jennifer Peterson
Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart
Omaha, Nebraska
Coordinator: Donna Harrison

Honorable Mention
Mary Bridges
Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart
Omaha, Nebraska
Coordinator: Donna Harrison

Nevada
First Place
Evan Gong
Homeschool
Henderson, Nevada
Coordinator: Carol Turner
Honorable Mention
Natasha Culbreth
Homeschool
Henderson, Nevada
Coordinator: Deborah McGill

New Hampshire
First Place
Sun Woo Lee
St. Paul's School
Concord, New Hampshire
Coordinator: Sharon Kim

Honorable Mention
Connor Sakati
Alvirne High School
Hudson, New Hampshire
Coordinator: M. Jeffrey DiPrizito

New Jersey
First Place
Jackson Min
PA Homeschoolers AP
Online Classes
Wyckoff, New Jersey
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Honorable Mentions
Alyssa Jackson
PA Homeschoolers AP
Online Classes
Holmdel, New Jersey
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Rita Wang
John P. Stevens High School
Edison, New Jersey
Coordinator: Gaolin Qiao

New Mexico
First Place
Joshua Valdez
Digital Arts and Technology Academy
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Coordinator: Edward Gonzalez

New York
First Place
Aaron Smithson
Trinity School
New York, New York
Coordinator: Susan Kang

Honorable Mentions
Yunhee Hyun
Hunter College High School
New York, New York
Coordinator: Sue Park

Billy Jepma
PA Homeschoolers AP
Online Classes
Clayton, New York
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

North Carolina
First Place
Thomas Kennedy
Chapel Hill High School
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Coordinator: Joseph Kennedy

Honorable Mention
Bailey Schultz
Cardinal Gibbons High School
Raleigh, North Carolina
Coordinator: Pamela Heyl

Ohio
First Place
Richard Hwang
Hwang Academy
Athens, Ohio
Coordinator: Binming Hwang

Honorable Mentions
Maria Trixia Pie Apiado
Kettering Fairmont High School
Kettering, Ohio
Coordinator: Tiffany Lobertini

Sharonya Vadakattu
Dublin Jerome High School
Dublin, Ohio
Coordinator: Jyothi Vadakattu
Oklahoma
First Place
Rachel Higgins
*Silo School*
Durant, Oklahoma
Coordinator: Debra Higgins

Honorable Mention
Brian Bond
*Summit Christian Academy*
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Coordinator: Shawn Smith

Oregon
First Place
Eleanor Solomon
*Riverdale High School*
Portland, Oregon
Coordinator: Laura Pridmore-Brown

Honorable Mentions
Ben Richmond
*Riverdale High School*
Portland, Oregon
Coordinator: Laura Pridmore-Brown

Grant Roulier
*Riverdale High School*
Portland, Oregon
Coordinator: Laura Pridmore-Brown

Overseas Schools
First Place
Sarah Moy de Vitry
*PA Homeschoolers AP Online Classes*
Vandoeuvres, Switzerland
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Honorable Mentions
Prashanth Ramakrishna
*Shanghai American School Pudong*
Shanghai, China
Coordinator: Ramakrishna Srinivasan

Jose Trejos
*The Country Day School*
Escazu, Costa Rica
Coordinator: Anna Oliveras

Pennsylvania
First Place
Olivia Zarrelli
*Bethlehem Catholic High School*
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Coordinator: Robert Gowell

Honorable Mentions
Lauren Russo
*Bethlehem Catholic High School*
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Coordinator: Robert Gowell

Victoria Teosne
*Bethlehem Catholic High School*
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Coordinator: Robert Gowell

South Carolina
First Place
Eric R. Ladson
*Summerville High School*
Summerville, South Carolina
Coordinator: Eric H. Ladson

South Dakota
First Place
Lane Haskell
*St. Thomas More High School*
Rapid City, South Dakota
Coordinator: Ann Trucano

Honorable Mentions
Moira Duffy
*St. Thomas More High School*
Rapid City, South Dakota
Coordinator: Ann Trucano

Nicholas Sieger
*St. Thomas More High School*
Rapid City, South Dakota
Coordinator: Ann Trucano
Tennessee
First Place
Scott Button  
*Signal Mountain High School*
Signal Mountain, Tennessee  
Coordinator: Steven Redman

Honorable Mentions
Najia Humayun  
*Girls Preparatory School*
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Coordinator: Kathleen Berotti

Abby Jansen  
*Girls Preparatory School*
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
Coordinator: Kathleen Berotti

Texas
First Place
Julia Myers  
*PA Homeschoolers AP Online Class*
Southlake, Texas  
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Honorable Mentions
Annette Droddy  
*Homeschool*
Hemphill, Texas  
Coordinator: Diane Droddy

Abigail Mills  
*PA Homeschoolers AP Online Class*
Garland, Texas  
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

US Territory - Puerto Rico
First Place
Andrea Perez  
*Academia del Perpetuo Socorro*
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Coordinator: Marie Gillette

Utah
First Place
Alexandra Allen  
*Springville High School*
Springville, Utah  
Coordinator: Ryan Steward

Honorable Mentions
Anne Saunders  
*Homeschool*
Cedar Valley, Utah  
Coordinator: Shane Tanner

Vermont
First Place
Abigail Millard  
*Windsor High School*
Windsor, Vermont  
Coordinator: Stanley Spencer

Honorable Mentions
Valerie Koch  
*Mount Mansfield Union High School*
Jericho, Vermont  
Coordinator: Eric Small

Asher Lehrer-Small  
*Mount Mansfield Union High School*
Jericho, Vermont  
Coordinator: Eric Small

Virginia
First Place
Emily Schaal  
*Herndon High School*
Herndon, Virginia  
Coordinator: Miriam Loebman

Honorable Mentions
Emily Cox  
*W.T. Woodson High School*
Fairfax, Virginia  
Coordinator: Wendy Cox
Antonio Rosales  
*P.A Homeschoolers AP Online Class*  
Lovettesville, Virginia  
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

**Washington**  
**First Place**  
Grace Dai  
*Hanford High School*  
Richland, Washington  
Coordinator: Ziyu Dai

**Honorable Mention**  
Bryn Hines  
*Lewis and Clark High School*  
Spokane, Washington  
Coordinator: Jennifer Showalter

**West Virginia**  
**First Place**  
Katie Zucker  
*P.A Homeschoolers AP Online Class*  
Morgantown, West Virginia  
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

**Honorable Mention**  
Katie Smith  
*Linsly School*  
Wheeling, West Virginia  
Coordinator: William Brubaker

**Wisconsin**  
**First Place**  
Nathan Cho  
*Neenah High School*  
Neenah, Wisconsin  
Coordinator: Sue Peterson

**Honorable Mentions**  
Zoe Drews  
*Milwaukee High School of the Arts*  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Coordinator: Katherine Katter

**Wyoming**  
**First Place**  
Walter Thulin  
*Jackson Hole Community School*  
Jackson, Wyoming  
Coordinator: Christian Burch