



National Peace Essay Contest

First Place and Honorable Mention Winners

2013-2014

Alabama

First Place

Savannah Rigby
PA 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

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

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

California

First Place

Emily Armbruster
PA 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
PA 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

Hawaii

First Place

Matthew McArthur

Tolani High School
Honolulu, Hawaii
Coordinator: John Bickel

Honorable Mentions

Brittany Amano

Tolani High School
Honolulu, Hawaii
Coordinator: John Bickel

Luc Lavatai

Tolani High School
Honolulu, Hawaii
Coordinator: John Bickel

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

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

Sumner Academy
Kansas City, Kansas
Coordinator: Tamra Miller

Kentucky

First Place

Hannah Good

Notre Dame Academy
Park Hills, Kentucky
Coordinator: Emily Sampson

Honorable Mentions

Hannah Ziegelmeier

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 Acadiana*
Broussard, Louisiana
Coordinator: Garrett Rosen

Alyn Wallace

Benjamin Franklin High School
New Orleans, Louisiana
Coordinator: Beatrice Flair

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 Mention

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
Windsor High School
Windsor, Vermont
Coordinator: Stanley Spencer

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

Virginia

First Place

Emily Schaal
Herndon High School
Hendron, Virginia
Coordinator: Miriam Loebman

Honorable Mentions

Emily Cox
W.T. Woodson High School
Fairfax, Virginia
Coordinator: Wendy Cox

Antonio Rosales
PA Homeschoolers AP
Online Class
Lovettesville, Virginia
Coordinator: Maya Inspektor

Anthony Mensah
St. Lawrence Seminary
High School
Mount Calvary, Wisconsin
Coordinator: Jeffrey Krieg

Washington

First Place

Grace Dai
Hanford High School
Richland, Washington
Coordinator: Ziyu Dai

Wyoming

First Place

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

Honorable Mention

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

West Virginia

First Place

Katie Zucker
PA 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