

AACEAINC POETRY CONTEST 2010-2011

-Foreword-

AACEAINC wishes to acknowledge and praise all contestants and make community aware of the following important information about our Contest.

First, the assessment process was undertaken by an esteemed panel of 7 judges; and the assessment of contestants applied an accepted rubric utilized in national competition. AACEAINC designs activities to be challenging allowing youngsters to be exposed to accepted rules, protocol, and proven assessments. This enhances students' ability to pursue a myriad of academic and scholarly activities on a national level, which AACEAINC encourages poetry contestants to confidently pursue.

Young scholars presented poems that range from the richness of African-American and Caribbean cultural heritage, to black pride, to diseases that kill us, to violence prevention, and to the indignities of living on the street. These young people were powerful! Although a city-wide competition, entrants who answered the call were representative of public, parochial, and charter school and reside in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

For your edification, we invite you to see the attached listing of young scholars that entered a most competitive endeavor. They are a wonderful testament to what they have achieved, their schools, teacher-sponsors, families and communities. Regardless of how each finished, we applaud their creativity, artistic expression, and fine effort. Each of our "Meritorious Contestants" has received a Certificate of Participation. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners received their prizes at AACEAINC's Black History Month Celebration, "An Afternoon of Jazz, Gospel, Poetry & Empowerment", where they also had the opportunity to share their poem with the audience. The event was hosted at the Harvest Room of Jamaica, NY on Saturday, February 5, 2011 between the hours of 2-6:00 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners and All Participants Follow

ACEAINC POETRY CONTEST 2010-2011 WINNERS OF ALL DIVISIONS

Elementary School Division Grades 2-5

- 1st Place** **Elizabeth Griffith**, Brooklyn, NY.
Grade 5, Age 11; Granville T. Woods P.S. 335, Brooklyn
Teacher Sponsor: Ms. Tinglin
Poem: "The Life Struggles of New York City"
- 2nd Place** **Ekemini Nkanta**, Far Rockaway, NY
Grade 5, Age 10; Goldie Maple Academy P.S. 333, Far Rockaway
Teacher Sponsor: Ms. Ganci
Poem: "A Shade of Brown"
- 3rd Place** **Jahneal Francis**, Far Rockaway, NY
Grade 4, Age 9; Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School, Far Rockaway
Teacher Sponsor: Ms. Laurent and Ms. Bailey
Poem: "Believer"

Middle School Division Grades 6-8

- 1st Place** **Nasaan Coor**, Laurelton, NY
Grade 6, Age 11; Eagle Academy III Charter School, Springfield Gardens
Teacher Sponsor: Ms. Cofer
Poem: "A Beat Without Soul"
- 2nd Place** **Nicolas Joseph**, Queens Village, NY
Grade 8, Age 13; Preparatory Academy for Writers, Springfield Gardens
Teacher Sponsor: Ms. Tello
Poem: "I Am"
- 3rd Place** **Teanna Williamson**, Queens Village, NY
Grade 8, Age 13; I.S. 109, Queens Village
Teacher Sponsor: Ms. Yeboah
Poem: "Black Pride"

High School Division Grades 9-12 and GED

- 1st Place** **Jahnya Barnett**, Far Rockaway, NY
Grade 12, Age 17; Beach Channel H.S., Rockaway Park
Teacher Sponsor: Ms. Hutchinson
Poem: "My flaws are the Best part of me"
- 2nd Place** **Jamal Anderson**, Flushing, NY
Grade 12, Age 17; St. John's Preparatory High School, Astoria
Teacher-Sponsor: Ms. Curcio
Poem: "A Trini Christmas in Brooklyn"
- 3rd Place** **Sophie Uwechue**, St. Albans, NY
Grade 10, Age 15; Benjamin N. Cardozo High School, Bayside
Teacher Sponsor: Ms. Eligon-Jones
Poem: "The me I am"

AACEAINC POETRY CONTEST 2010-2011 MERITORIOUS CONTESTANTS
Elementary, Middle, and High School Divisions

Elementary School Division Grades 2-5

• **BROOKLYN**

Granville T. Woods P.S. 335—all entries from Grade 5

1. Krisian Gomez, Age 10; “Stop the Violence”, Ms. N. Campbell, Sponsor
2. Michael Peters, Age 10; “The Dream”, Ms. N. Campbell, Sponsor
3. Dayvon White, Age 10; “Education is Important”, Ms. N. Campbell, Sponsor
4. Gevanni Gordon, Age 10; “Marching”, Mrs. C. Scott and Ms. F. Tavera, Sponsors
5. Shania Roseborough, Age 10; “Learning”, Mrs. C. Scott and Ms. F. Tavera, Sponsors
6. EShauna Stevens, Age 10; “Flying High”, Mrs. C. Scott and Ms. F. Tavera, Sponsors
7. Diamond Edwards, Age 10; “What does it mean to be young gifted and black?”, Ms. Tinglin, Sponsor
8. **Elizabeth Griffith**, Age 11; “The Life Struggles of New York City”, Ms. Tinglin, Sponsor,
FIRST PLACE WINNER
9. Jada Lebell, Age 10; “My Grandmother is My Hero”, Ms. Tinglin, Sponsor
10. Joy Morast, Age 10; “My Dreams!!!!”, Ms. Tinglin, Sponsor

• **QUEENS**

P.S./I.S. 156Q The Laurelton School

11. Jaron Charles, Grade: 5 Age 10; “I am History”, Ms. Gorman, Sponsor

P.S. 183Q-- all entries from Grade 5

12. Terrelle Brown, Age 12; “What I want to be”, Mrs. McAloon, Sponsor
13. Medeana Dixon, Age 10; “When I Grow Up”, Mrs. McAloon, Sponsor
14. Kianna Martin, Age 10; “A Wonderful Woman to Me”, Mrs. McAloon, Sponsor
15. Makayia Remon, Age 10; “What I want to be”, Mrs. McAloon, Sponsor
16. Camila Remache, Age 10; “A Shining Bright Light”, Mrs. McAloon, Sponsor
17. Aiesha Richards, Age 11; “Silence”, Mrs. McAloon, Sponsor
18. Mamadou S. Sow, Age 11; “My True Self”, Mrs. McAloon, Sponsor

P.S. 333 Goldie Maple Academy

19. **Ekemini Nkanta**, Grade: 5 Age 10; “A Shade of Brown”, Ms. M. Ganci, Sponsor
SECOND PLACE WINNER

Peninsula Preparatory Academy Charter School

20. Adeola Adeleye, Grade: 5 Age 10; “Reaching Further”, Rachele Laurent and Shalanda Bailey, Sponsors
21. Latavia Cave, Grade: 4 Age 9; “A Helping Hand”, Rachele Laurent and Shalanda Bailey, Sponsors
22. **Jahneal L. Francis**, Grade: 4 Age 9; “Believer”, Rachele Laurent and Shalanda Bailey, Sponsors
THIRD PLACE WINNER
23. Simone Griffith, Grade: 5 Age 10; “We Are All Special”, Rachele Laurent & Shalanda Bailey, Sponsors
24. Joshua Joda, Grade: 5 Age 10; “Being My best”, Rachele Laurent and Shalanda Bailey, Sponsors
25. Amenaghawon Omorogieva, G: 5 A:10; “Blacks Reach for the Stars” R. Laurent & S. Bailey, Sponsors
26. Ian Perry, Grade: 4 Age 9; “The Strong Will Rise”, Rachele Laurent and Shalanda Bailey, Sponsors

26 Entries from Elementary School

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Middle School Division Grades 6-8

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Channel View School for Research 262Q

27. Sherae Thompson, Grade: 6 Age 11; "Diabetes", Barbara Mannion, Sponsor

Eagle Academy III Charter School

28. Nassan Coor, Grade: 6 Age 11; "A Beat Without Soul", Mrs. Cofer, Sponsor

FIRST PLACE WINNER

I.S. 109

29. Teanna Williamson, Grade: 8 Age 13; "Black Pride", Ms. Yeboah, Sponsor

THIRD PLACE WINNER

I.S. 192 The Renaissance School

30. Jaleel Braithwaite, Grade: 8 Age 12; "Young, Black and Powerful", Ms. Georges, Sponsor

31. Jessica Pitts, Grade: 7 Age 12; "Where I'm Going", Mrs. Ruggiero, Sponsor

Preparatory Academy for Writers

32. Nicolas Joseph, Grade: 8 Age 13; "I AM", Mrs. Stephanie Tello, Sponsor

SECOND PLACE WINNER

6 Entries from Middle School

High School Division Grades 9-12 and GED

• **BROOKLYN**

High School for Civil Rights

33. Jaleesa Vincent, Grade:10 Age 15;"Young Gifted and Black", Mrs. Moore & Ms. Angus, Sponsors

• **QUEENS**

Beach Channel High School

34. Jahnya Barnett, Grade: 12 Age 17; "My flaws are the Best part of me", Ms. Hutchinson, Sponsor

FIRST PLACE WINNER

Benjamin N. Cardozo High School

35. Sophie Uwechue, Grade: 10 Age 15; "The me I am", Mrs. Eligon-Jones, Sponsor

THIRD PLACE WINNER

Francis Lewis High School

36. Alexis Atkinson, "My Skin", Mr. Tizol, Sponsor

St. John's Preparatory High School

37. Jamal Anderson, Grade: 12 Age 17; "A Trini Christmas in Brooklyn", Mrs. Curcio, Sponsor

SECOND PLACE WINNER

38. Janelle DaSilva, Grade: 12 Age 17; "Black Minority", Mrs. Curcio, Sponsor

39. Carla Davis, Grade: 12 Age 17; "Black Pride", Mrs. Curcio, Sponsor

40. Laurence S. Tillus, G:12 Age17;"What it means to be young, black, and gifted", Mrs. Curcio, Sponsor

8 Entries from High School