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Utah Winners of Martin Luther King Essay, Video Contest Named

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Office to Education today announced the winners of the state’s 32nd annual Martin Luther King Jr. essay and video contest. Secondary school students from throughout the state are annually invited to submit essay or video entrees based on civil rights themes to the contest which is judged by volunteers from the Utah State Office of Education and school districts.

Essay and video contest winners selected by junior high and senior high group grade levels (seven through 12) receive \$100. The grand prize winners for junior high (grades seven through nine) and senior high school (grades 10 through 12) win \$200. In addition, grand prize winners at the senior high level receive scholarships to Camp Anytown. The students will also be honored with a luncheon on Feb. 12 at the Utah State Office of Education in Salt Lake City. There were 696 essay entries and 15 video entries in 2015-2016.

The 2016 essay grand prize winners are:

- Cameron Rose of Canyon View Jr. High in Alpine School District.

- Raelynne Robinson of American Fork High School in Alpine School District.

The 2016 essay individual winners are:

- Joshua Bowen of Syracuse Arts Academy Charter School.
- Sophie Downey of Canyon View Jr. High School in Alpine School District.
- Zhaohua Chunyu of American Fork High School in Alpine School District.
- Deanna Nguyen of Corner Canyon High School in Canyons School District.

The 2016 video grand prize winners are:

- Cassadi Christensen of Corner Canyon High School in Canyon School District.
- Clayton Holdstock of Stansbury High School in Tooele School District.

The 2016 video individual winners are:

- Alan Joshua Humphreys, Camilla M. Morgan, Sadie Stone and Elizabeth Tervort of American Leadership Academy Charter School.
- Noah Bybee of Syracuse Arts Academy Charter School.
- Spencer Durrant, Everett Petersen, Brandon Brunner and Jonathan Evans of Woods Cross High School in Davis School District.
- Aaron Hancock and Randy Steadman of Stansbury High School in Tooele School District.

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