



Inaugural Kidsbridge Creative Character Education Youth Competition – WINNERS for 2015

ABOUT THE 2015 COMPETITION

The theme for this inaugural competition was: ***How to be an UPstander / What Being an UPstander Means to Me.***

Congratulations to all youth who submitted entries! There were 800 in all, prompting Kidsbridge to expand the competition by splitting elementary school into two age groups: 2nd & 3rd and 4th & 5th. All the entries were fantastic and inspired! The names, school districts and cities of the winners by category appear below. At the 2015 Walk, first, second, third and honorable mention winners were acknowledged in a formal ceremony, with each receiving a goodie bag and certificate. In each age category, win, place and show also received gift cards.

Winning submissions were posted in “The Gallery” at the Walk for all to see. Some winning submissions have been posted on the Kidsbridge website and YouTube channel as well. Thank you to all our winners, and the teachers/parents who nominated them!

ESSAY WINNERS

1st place

2nd/3rd grade: Haille Blenman (University Elem., Irvington)

4th/5th grade: Samantha Petroski (Dogwood Hill, Oakland)

Middle School: Isabella Lopez (Memorial Middle, Point Pleasant)

2nd place

2nd/3rd grade: Rishivarshil Nelakurti (Indiana Ave. School #18, Iselin)

4th/5th grade: Kate Kampner (Jefferson Elem., Maplewood)

Middle School: Anna Dowling (Memorial Middle, Point Pleasant)

3rd place

2nd/3rd grade: Chinmay Sagar (Indiana Ave. School #18, Iselin)

4th/5th grade: Megan Folina (Dogwood Hill, Oakland)

Middle School: Ali'yah Johnson (Cherry Hill Regional School, Cherry Hill)

Honorable Mention

2nd/3rd grade: Jean-Michel Elloameh (Calabro Salvadore Elem. School, Hoboken) & Abby Maglietta (Ocean City Primary School, Ocean City)

4th/5th grade: Harnoor Grover (Dogwood Hill, Oakland)

Middle School: Isabelle Peng (Carl Sandburg Middle, Old Bridge), & Hana Ahmed (Thomas R. Grover Middle, West Windsor Township)

POSTER WINNERS

1st place

2nd/3rd grade: Harrison Wortley & Takami Yamagishi (Coleman School, Glen Rock)

4th/5th grade: Helena Rashid (Kisthardt Elem., Trenton)

Middle School: Jennifer Ruiz (Ann Street School, Newark)

2nd place

2nd/3rd grade: David Tran (John F. Kennedy School, Plainfield)

4th/5th grade: Jazel Campomanes (Lincoln School, Nutley)

Middle School: Tatyana Richardson (Wildwood High, Wildwood)

3rd place

2nd/3rd grade: Anushka Sawant (Brooks Crossing Elem., Monmouth Junction)

4th/5th grade: Daniela Mejia (Florence Ave Middle, Irvington)

Middle School: Jessica Noguera (Carl Sandburg Middle, Old Bridge)

Honorable Mention

2nd/3rd grade: Evie and Noah Hu (Coleman School, Glen Rock)

4th/5th grade: Alina Toor & Mashel Khan (Brooks Crossing Elem., Monmouth Junction) & Trinity Clacken (School Eleven, Clifton)

Middle School: Monika Chaudhari (Carl Sandburg Middle, Old Bridge)

PSA WINNERS (Middle School only)

1st place

Thomas Murray, PJ Brendel, Jordan Marabello, Scott Mayers (Cranbury Middle, Cranbury)

2nd place

Joey Farrell, Aidan Francfort & Brian Johansson (Readington Middle, Whitehouse Station)

3rd place

Amber Hesse, Hannah Osbahr & Riddhi Vyas (Carl Sandburg Middle, Old Bridge)

Honorable Mention

Jack Nothnagel, Jacob Romanek & James Suggitt (Readington Middle, Whitehouse Station)

Honorable Mention

Hannah Algieri, Ava Bacik, Mia Eltholtz & Emily Smyth (Spring Garden School, Nutley)