



EDUCATE
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Award Winners for Sacramento Chapter 2010 – 2023

2023

National Award Winners:

Nancy Gianni “GiGi’s Playhouse – George Washington Honor Medal for Adult Community

Virgil Atkinson – George Washington Honor Medal for Adult Community

Macke3nzie Buchanan – George Washington Honor Medal for Military Essay

National Youth Essay Winner receiving George Washington Honor Medals: Michael Chepurny, Chase Elmer, Scarlett Crutchfield, Ethan Orr, Grace Fellows, Dhriti Jagadish and Tanner Wright

Teacher of the Year: Angie Gardner

Constitution Bowl Winners from Lincoln High School: Nivedha Aravindmali., Bradley Klippel and Adrian Deveza

Mock Article V Competition: Grant Hughes, Blake Anderson, Levi Soper and Sterling Soulier

Hero of the Year: Sean Jensen

Elementary School

1st Miley Zierman, 2nd Marianne Benson, 3rd Kamden Danielson

Middle School:

1st Grant Wilson, 2nd Ava Wilson, 3rd Chase Elmer

High School

1st Kendyl Meeks, 2nd Sofia Juarez, 3rd Mayank Shekhar

2022

National Award Winners:

A.J. Baime – George Washington Honor Medal for Public Communications

Michael Gordon “Kids Helping Kids” – George Washington Honor Medal

Scott and Jacquie Flanagan “Compassion Planet” – George Washington Honor Medal

Julie Nakayama “Julie’s Purse Project” – George Washington Honor Medal

National Youth Essay Winner receiving George Washington Honor Medals: Emma Scoggins, Colter Peterson, Macy Zierman, Kyara Hernandez, Ally Wright, Kathryn Smith, Abigail Wriston and Isabella Benson

Teacher of the Year: Mark Freestone

Constitution Bowl Winners from Lincoln High School: Melissa McKeon, Reagan Caudle, Jacob Hendrickson, Bronwen Thomas & Advisor Angie Gardner

Elementary School

1st Chase Elmer, 2nd Michael Chepurny, 3rd Susanna Hope DiSilvestro

Middle School:

1st Hannah Jensen, 2nd Scarlett Crutchfield, 3rd Sophie Parnis

High School

1st Dhriti Jagadish , 2nd Tanner Wright, 3rd Elizabeth Francois

2021

National Winners

Lauren and Nathan Irizarry “Without a Roof” - George Washington Honor Medal

Mackenzie Buchanan “Military Essay” – George Washington Honor Medal

National Youth Essay Winners – George Washington Honor Medal:

Olivia Chambers, Izabella Zhang, Maryn Benzel, Sowmya Gudapati

Ghazal Madaeni, Alison Wright and David Zeibert

Chapter Essay Contest:

Middle School: 1st Macy Zierman, 2nd Veronica Volosenko, 3rd Hannah Jensen

Elementary School: 1st Colter Peterson, 2nd Emma Scoggins, 3rd Kyara Hernandez

High School: 1st Isabella Benson, 2nd Abigail Wriston, 3rd Kathryn Smith

2020

National Winners:

Karen Wilkes “Days for Girls” – George Washington Honor Medal

Donna Eckwortzel “Hearts Landing Ranch” – George Washington Honor Medal

Hero Award

Bob Bryce

Diane Nicholas ”Kindred Spirits Fawn Rescue”

National Youth Essay Contest receiving George Washington Honor Medals: Ty Boatman,

Jessica Franco, Gavin Brunette, Annie Trentman, Sarai Coria, Zach Wright, Emerson Ford,

Kathleen Rodda

Constitution Bowl Winners: David Zeibert, Megan Stengle, Cesar Aguire, Eugene Tai

Chapter Essay Winners:

High School – Sowmya Gudapati, Alison Wright, David Zeibert

5th/6th Grade – Izabelle Zhang, Landen Didrikson, Elise Marziale

3rd/4th Grade – Olivia Chambers, Abigail Kutsar, Hailey Peterson

2019

National Awards

Gina Warren “Neighborhood Wellness Foundation – George Washington Honor Medal

Kaye Allen “Piece and Comfort Quilts” – George Washington Honor Medal

Lisa Peat “The Taylor House” – George Washington Honor Medal

National Youth Essay Contest- George Washington Honor Medals:

Truman Casady, Quincee Carter, Parker Fellows, Millie Hinson, Paige Matthews, Patrick

Young, William Frisby, Destiny Everett, Julia Nead, Jason Tso

Chapter Essay Winners:

High School – Annie Trentman, Jensen Cook, Nathan Stewart Junior High School – Tess

Hydrick, Suzanne Dow, Gavin Brunette

Elementary School – Micah Hindman, Mariah Bragg, Priscilla Brasher

2018

National Awards

The Gathering Inn – George Washington Honor Medal

Opening Doors – George Washington Honor Medal

Wood Angels – George Washington Honor Medal

National Youth Essay Contest- George Washington Honor Medals:

Laura Berthelsen, Peter Liu, Engelberta Yue, Mahek Pandya, Luke Sheppard, Joshua Yeargin, Lily Norris

2017

National Awards

Richard Munsch – George Washington Honor Medal

Stand Down Association of Sacramento – George Washington Honor medal

Stand Up Placer – George Washington Honor Medal

Dennis Holland – George Washington Honor Medal

National Youth Essay Winners- George Washington Honor Medal:

Carly Shaffer, Abigail Brown, Emma Jeppson, Jane Miller, Jack Scaglione

2015/2016

National Leavey Award

Danny Lulla – National Leavey Award

Sandi Morgan – National Leavey Award

National Awards

Amaya Weiss – “Hopes Closet” George Washington Honor Medal

Alek Skarlatos – George Washington Honor Medal

Spencer Stone – George Washington Honor Medal

Anthony Sadler – George Washington Honor Medal

Dale Carlsen – George Washington Honor Medal

National Youth Essay Contest - George Washington Honor Medal:

Kevin Chang, Katelyn Hall, Jordan Harris, Jamie McKay, Emily Walter, Ellie Womeldorf

2014

National Awards

Jason Dauenhauer – George Washington Honor Medal

Jeff Bailey – George Washington Honor Medal

Tyson Maytanés – George Washington Honor Medal,

Rick Jennings – George Washington Honor Medal

Hero Awards

Abi Crouch and Sarah Kolbe “A Heart to Hold” – Hero Award

Lisa Culp “Women’s Empowerment” – Hero Award

National Youth Essay Contest- George Washington Honor Medal:

Nicole Zuvela, Joey Hearld, Ethan Bruckler, Rachel Milligan, Tanner Boatman, Brad Pickett, Emily Lenzinger, Aubrey Holt, Matthew Smith, Julie Berthelen

2013

National Awards

Chad Posner – George Washington Honor Medal
Alfred Brown – George Washington Honor Medal
Mustard Seed School – George Washington Honor Medal
Vicki Zito “Run for Courage” – George Washington Honor Medal
Alan H. Rowe – George Washington Honor Medal

Hero Award

Joyce Raley Teel – Hero Award

National Essay Contest Winners- George Washington Honor Medal:

Miriam Flinders, Nathan Folkman, Bradley Miller, Sam Neptune, Jade Tso, Christina Weist, Roger Yu

2012

National Leavey Award

Ann Marie Kennedy “Eat From The Garden” – National Leavey Award

National Awards

Dean Forman – George Washington Honor Medal
Eppie Johnson – George Washington Honor Medal
Donja Garvey – “My Mothers Voice” George Washington Honor Medal

Hero Awards

Cal Setzer – Hero Award
Kathleen Berry & Nancy Fellmeth “F.E.A.T.– Hero Award
National Essay Contest Winners - George Washington Honor Medal:
Amanda Bassett, Jennifer Tran, Jamie McKay, Khang Lai, Alexandria Henry, Eric Joglekar, Madelyn Brabon, Megan Bradbury

2011

National Awards

Michael Wright – George Washington Honor Medal
Jeri Clinger “Galena Street East” – George Washington Honor Medal
Richard Clinger “Galena Street East” – George Washington Honor Medal
Richard Denison – George Washington Honor Medal
John Hooten – George Washington Honor Medal
Pride Industries – George Washington Meritorious Honor Medal
Jerry Dodge – George Washington Honor Medal
Brian Matthews – George Washington Honor medal
Grant High School “Eat From the Garden” – George Washington Honor Medal (school entry)
Merl O. Resler – George Washington Honor Medal (Military entry)

National Youth Essay Contest- George Washington Honor Medal: Moosa Zaidi, Jacklyn Trentman, Haroon Zaidi, Nicole Paige, Walker Knauss

2010

National Awards

Captain Chesley B. Sullenberger (US Airways) – George Washington Honor Medal

Ed Seaman – George Washington Honor Medal (Teacher entry)
ConSource (Constitutional Sources Project) – George Washington Honor Medal
Kim Box – “Pathways to Prevention” George Washington Honor Medal
Michael Alberghini – George Washington Honor Medal
Bradley Gunter – George Washington Honor Medal
National Youth Essay Contest receiving George Washington Honor Medal: Samantha
McKenzie, Matthew Hodgson