

## **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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**      **Nicolas Joseph**, Queens Village, NY  
Grade 8, Age 13; Preparatory Academy for Writers, Springfield Gardens  
Teacher Sponsor: Ms. Tello  
Poem: "I Am"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

• **QUEENS**

**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**