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BCPS students honored for Rotary Club 4-Way Test wins

Loch Raven High student to represent Hunt Valley club at district conference

TOWSON – The winners of the 2019 4-Way Test ethics program, in which 15 Baltimore County public schools participated this year, were honored at an awards ceremony at Hereford High School. The May 8 event was hosted by the Rotary Club of Hunt Valley and the James W. Houck Foundation, Inc., and featured special guests County Executive John Olszewski, Jr., and Debbie Phelps, executive director of The Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools.

The 4-Way Test, which has been the guiding principle of Rotary International since 1942, asks its members to consider four questions when making any decision: *Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

Participating students were encouraged to express their thoughts about the 4-Way Test, with cash prize incentives for the top three finishers in each grade or school. Elementary school students were asked to develop posters, middle school students wrote essays, and high school students wrote speeches as part of their public speaking courses. In addition, the top three speeches by high school students were awarded additional prizes.

As the first-place winner at the high school level, Loch Raven High School student Anni Zhang represented Hunt Valley Rotary Club at the district semifinals on May 18 in Glen Burnie. Finishing among the final 4 at the district semifinals, Zhang will now compete for prize money at the District 7620 Conference on June 22 in Frederick.

The complete list of BCPS honorees follows:

OVERALL HIGH SCHOOL FINALISTS *(in alpha order by school)*

Charlie Cavoto, Dulaney High School
Rory West (filling in for Angela Ceron-Mendoza), Franklin High School
Ellie Fritsch, Hereford High School
Annie Zhang, Loch Raven High

HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS

ORATORICAL

Dulaney High School

Sam Wynkoop, Principal – Jason Bowman, English Department Chair

1st Place – Charlie Cavoto
2nd Place – Haris Muzaffar
3rd Place – Evie McKenny

Hereford High School

Louis Jira, Principal – Tracy Hanley, English Department Chair

1st Place – Ellie Fritsch
2nd Place – Maddy Wilkinson
3rd Place – Chris Gotteib

Loch Raven High School

Janine Holmes, Principal – Kelly Dursa, English Department Chair

1st Place – Anni Zhang
2nd Place – Sarah Stevens
3rd Place – Supriya (Ritu) Chimire

Franklin High School

Kimberly Willard, Assistant Principal – Karen O’Connor, English Department Chair

1st Place – Angela Ceron-Mendoza
2nd Place – Rory West
3rd Place – Shivam Rami

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINNERS

Cockeysville Middle School

Deborah Magness, Principal – Kristi Rizzo, Language Arts Department Chair

Grade 6

1st Place – Rishit Mohla
2nd Place – Alyssa Snyder
3rd Place – Vedika Bajpai

Grade 7

- 1st Place – Rebecca Liao
- 2nd Place – Luna Miranda
- 3rd Place – Addy Schulze

Grade 8

- 1st Place – Maryam Henley

Hereford Middle School

Julie Dellone, Principal – Kathy Steinwedel, English Department Chair

Grade 6

- 1st Place – Kobi Herb
- 2nd Place – Abbie Parker
- 3rd Place – Kiana Eshaghi

Grade 7

- 1st Place – Isabel Larichiuta
- 2nd Place – Ethan DeCamp
- 3rd Place – Mia DiAngelo

Grade 8

- 1st Place – Logan Chalk
- 2nd Place – Selena Raymundo
- 3rd Place – Aniya Alvarado

Ridgely Middle School

Sue Truesdell, Principal – Michaela Koch, ELA Chair

Sixth Grade

- 1st Place – Vivian Rolker

Seventh Grade

- 1st Place – Lauren Shafer
- 2nd Place – Mingni Dong
- 3rd Place – Kelley May

Eighth Grade

- 1st Place – Luca Fairbank

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINNERS

Fifth District Elementary School

Paul Scott, Principal – Angela Lancione, School Counselor

Third Grade

- 1st Place – Caroline Dudderar
- 2nd Place – Nina Wiggins
- 3rd Place – Nathaniel Alvarado

Fourth Grade

- 1st Place – Tattiana Ngunju
- 2nd Place – Penny Long
- 3rd Place – Ian Smith

Fifth Grade

- 1st Place – CJ Harvey
- 2nd Place – Michaela Sinclair
- 3rd Place – Andrew Galkin

Padonia International Elementary School

Dan Pizzo, Principal – Ashley Jackson, School Counselor

Third Grade

- 1st Place – Ayouba Omar Farook
- 2nd Place – Autumn Conyers
- 3rd Place – Puru Raghav

Fourth Grade

- 1st Place – Kimaya Sharma
- 2nd Place – Nithilan Mythu
- 3rd Place – Angie Maradiaga

Fifth Grade

- 1st Place – Vidit Kamboj
- 2nd Place – Shareen Tarigonda
- 3rd Place – Donald Evans

Mays Chapel Elementary School

Stephen Coco, Principal – Lori Counsell, School Counselor

Third Grade

- 1st Place – Nethra Baalamurugan
- 2nd Place – Samarth Gomatam
- 3rd Place – Arianna Counsell

Fourth Grade

- 1st Place – Nadia Smith
- 2nd Place – Narah Kang
- 3rd Place – Ben Gilmer

Fifth Grade

- 1st Place – Maddy Hahn
- 2nd Place – Heidi Greten
- 3rd Place – Michelle Okolo-I

Pinewood Elementary School

Tricia Reuter, Principal – Kristen Matthew, School Counselor

Third Grade

- 1st Place – Aarya Godse
- 2nd Place – Mia Roberts
- 3rd Place – Peter Dowling

Fourth Grade

- 1st Place – Gloria Jin & Tanvi Kashyap
- 2nd Place – Jaeger Willis Hepp
- 3rd Place – Amara Cobb

Fifth Grade

- 1st Place – Mischa Desai
- 2nd Place – Natalya Sabirzhanova
- 3rd Place – Tamia Edwards

Pot Spring Elementary School

Jane Martin, Principal – Fifi Kutson, School Counselor

Third Grade

- 1st Place – Seema Gurung
- 2nd Place – Bryce Mikles
- 3rd Place – Stella SanMateo

Fourth Grade

- 1st Place – Neha Paraniyam & Kathy Alas-Serrano
- 2nd Place – Joi Davis
- 3rd Place – Dalia Sara & Olivia Cosette

Fifth Grade

- 1st Place – Josh Alvardado
- 2nd Place – Dylan Mayne
- 3rd Place – Julia Hartnett & Emma Bailey

Prettyboy Elementary School

Nicole Norris, Principal – Amanda Pappas, School Counselor

Third Grade

1st Place – Esme Kurtz
2nd Place – Grace Stewart
3rd Place – Beatrice Sweenie & Kaylee Rodriguez

Fourth Grade

1st Place – Emmy Walton & Tessa Brinton
2nd Place – Anna Homa & Georgia Brown
3rd Place – Eliana Beck & Kaelyn Bray

Fifth Grade

1st Place – Megan Bealefeld
2nd Place – Trenton Collins
3rd Place – Gracie Berquist & Bella DeSantis

Sparks Elementary School

Ken Dunaway, Principal – Berna Oates, School Counselor

Third Grade

1st Place – Alyzah Mumaw
2nd Place – Penny Jones
3rd Place – Kendall Moroney

Fourth Grade

1st Place – Dagny McGuire
2nd Place – Meghna Annachi
3rd Place – Sadie Melvin

Fifth Grade

1st Place – Jane Steller
2nd Place – Eva Hottenstein
3rd Place – Anvita Senthilmurugan

Warren Elementary School

Lisa Dingle, Principal – Laura Sherline, School Counselor

Third Grade

1st Place – Conner O'Leary & Elizabeth Campanella
2nd Place – Lily Marcus & Julianna Nutter
3rd Place – Laila Masri

Fourth Grade

1st Place – Madison Schupple, Avery Lenca, & Dimetrios Lymperis
2nd Place – Ainsley Petroski & Kayla Hall
3rd Place – Kenneth Soriana

Fifth Grade

1st Place – Kaelin Gilliam
2nd Place – Sophia Triantafilos, Alleen Yu, Hayden Imbriale, & Macy Erdman
3rd Place – Nasya Croft & Makayla Collins

The Four-Way Test competition is an annual project of the Hunt Valley Rotary Club. It originated in 1968 by the late James W. Houck, Sr., a member of Hunt Valley Rotary and the former Timonium Rotary.

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