



Sacramento Chapter Award Winners 2010-2025

2025

National Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Mark Haney – Allegiant Giving

Karla Sedgwick – Blue Star Moms

Steve Watters – First Step Communities

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Mykenzie Holyoak, Sean Colaljo, Elizabeth Hansen, Saraswathi Murugan, Valereya Kuchiyeva, Sarah Truong, Juana Samarkandy, Ryder Nowakowski, April Wright, Owen Auld-Susott, Kennedy Keil, Emilio Lopez

Teacher of the Year: Scott Dawes

Mock Article Five 1st Place Champions from Love of Learning High School

Levi Soper, Tyson Tidwell, Margaret Thomas, Jackson Hunt

Mock Article Five 2nd Place Champions from Love of Learning High School

Blake Anderson, Grant Hughes, Parker Jones, Sterling Soulier

Constitution Bowl Winners from Love of Learning High School:

Coen Sinclair, Margaret Thomas, Ronan Lowry

Constitution Bowl Winners from Love of Learning Middle School:

Regan Anderson, Abigail Tidwell, Natalie Johnson

Chapter Essay Contest Winners High School:

1st Elise Brubaker, 2nd Madison Lor, 3rd Jason Cardanini

Chapter Essay Contest Winners Middle School:

1st Spencer Jones, 2nd Lily Anderson, 3rd Regan Anderson

Chapter Essay Contest Winners Elementary School:

1st Franco Josef Salcedo, 2nd Lola Taylor, 3rd Nora Jones

Senior Scholarship Winners:

2024

National Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Denise Wiest-Hoffman

Sandy Bassett – Auburn Interfaith Food Closet

Pastor Andrey Chiley – Assistance to the Ukrainian Refugees

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Marianne Benson, Miley Zierman, Vibha Doddipalle, Sofia Juarez, Alyssa Price, Mayank Shekhar, Evelyn Tree, Madylin Webster

Teacher of the Year: Sarah Gillette



Constitution Bowl Winners from Love of Learning High School:

Levi Soper, Tyson Tidwell, Noah Wilson

Constitution Bowl Winners from Love of Learning Middle School:

Grant Hughes, Blake Anderson, Sterling Soulier, Parker Jones

Senior Scholarships:

Mayank Shekhar, Kaycee Carter, Daniella Lanev, Lilia Ramey, Danial Malji, Vibha Doddipalle, Sophia Bowen

Chapter Essay Contest Winners:

Elementary School - 1st Juana Samarkandy, 2nd Soham Patel, 3rd Sarah Truong

Middle School: - 1st Chase Elmer, 2nd Linus Bryant

High School - 1st Andrew Camacho, 2nd Saraswathi Murugan, 3rd Sean Colajo

2023

National Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Nancy Gianni "GiGi's Playhouse"

Virgil Atkinson

Mackenzie Buchanan – Military Essay

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

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

Chapter Essay Contest Winners:

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 receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

A.J. Baime – Public Communications

Michael Gordon "Kids Helping Kids"

Scott and Jacquie Flanagan "Compassion Planet"

Julie Nakayama "Julie's Purse Project"

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Emma Scoggins, Colter Peterson, Macy Zierman, Kyara Hernandez, Ally Wright, Kathryn Smith, Abigail Wriston and Isabella Benson

Teacher of the Year: Mark Freestone

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Constitution Bowl Winners from Lincoln High School:

Melissa McKeon, Reagan Caudle, Jacob Hendrickson, Bronwen Thomas & Advisor Angie Gardner

Chapter Essay Contest Winners:

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 Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Lauren and Nathan Irizarry "Without a Roof"
Mackenzie Buchanan "Military Essay"

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Olivia Chambers, Izabella Zhang, Maryn Benzel, Sowmya Gudapati
Ghazal Madaeni, Alison Wright and David Zeibert

Chapter Essay Contest Winners:

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 Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Karen Wilkes "Days for Girls"
Donna Eckwortzel "Hearts Landing Ranch"

Hero Award Recipients

Bob Bryce
Diane Nicholas "Kindred Spirits Fawn Rescue"

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

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 Contest 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 Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Gina Warren "Neighborhood Wellness Foundation"
Kaye Allen "Piece and Comfort Quilts"

Lisa Peat "The Taylor House"

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National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Truman Casady, Quincee Carter, Parker Fellows, Millie Hinson, Paige Matthews, Patrick Young, William Frisby, Destiny Everett, Julia Nead, Jason Tso

Chapter Essay Contest 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 Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

The Gathering Inn

Opening Doors

Wood Angels

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

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

2017

National Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Richard Munsch

Stand Down Association of Sacramento

Stand Up Placer

Dennis Holland

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

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

2015/2016

Leavey Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education Recipients

Danny Lulla

Sandi Morgan

National Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Amaya Weiss – “Hopes Closet”

Alek Skarlatos

Spencer Stone

Anthony Sadler

Dale Carlsen

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

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



2014

National Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Jason Dauenhauer

Jeff Bailey

Tyson Maytanés

Rick Jennings

Hero Award Recipients

Abi Crouch and Sarah Kolbe "A Heart to Hold"

Lisa Culp "Women's Empowerment"

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the 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 Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Chad Posner

Alfred Brown

Mustard Seed School

Vicki Zito "Run for Courage"

Alan H. Rowe

Hero Award Recipients

Joyce Raley Teel

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

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

2012

Leavey Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education Recipient:

Ann Marie Kennedy "Eat From The Garden" – National Leavey Award

National Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Dean Forman – George Washington Honor Medal

Eppie Johnson – George Washington Honor Medal

Donja Garvey – "My Mothers Voice" George Washington Honor Medal

Hero Award Recipients

Cal Setzer

Kathleen Berry & Nancy Fellmeth "F.E.A.T."

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Amanda Bassett, Jennifer Tran, Jamie McKay, Khang Lai, Alexandria Henry, Eric Joglekar, Madelyn Brabon, Megan Bradbury



2011

National Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Michael Wright
Jeri Clinger "Galena Street East"
Richard Clinger "Galena Street East"
Richard Denison
John Hooten
Pride Industries
Jerry Dodge
Brian Matthews
Grant High School - "Eat From the Garden" - School
Merl O. Resler - Military Essay

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Moosa Zaidi, Jacklyn Trentman, Haroon Zaidi, Nicole Paige, Walker Knauss

2010

National Award Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Captain Chesley B. Sullenberger (US Airways)
Ed Seaman - Educator
ConSource (Constitutional Sources Project)
Kim Box - "Pathways to Prevention"
Michael Alberghini
Bradley Gunter

National Youth Essay Winners receiving the George Washington Honor Medal:

Samantha McKenzie, Matthew Hodgson