FAIR HOUSING CONTEST
50 YEARS: CONTINUE THE DREAM OF FAIR HOUSING
Office of Equal Opportunity Announces 2018 Fair Housing Student Poster and Essay Winners

In celebration of April being Fair Housing Month, the Palm Beach County Office of Equal Opportunity, the Realtors® Association of the Palm Beaches & Greater Fort Lauderdale and the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County announce the winners of their annual poster and essay contest. This year’s theme recognized the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act of 1968 and was titled, “50 Years: Continue the Dream of Fair Housing.”

The goal of the contest is to raise public awareness of enactment of the federal Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, familial status, disability, national origin, and gender, and to encourage fair housing opportunities for all citizens.

In addition, Palm Beach County’s Fair Housing Ordinance prohibits discrimination based upon sexual orientation, age, marital status and gender identity or expression. Here are this year’s winners:

**Elementary School Poster Contest Winners:**
- First Place ($100 gift card): Layla Boyd, Discovery Key Elementary
- Second Place ($50 gift card): Kiera Fritz, Discovery Key Elementary
- Third Place ($25 gift card): Kayla Cavallo, Jerry Thomas Elementary

**Middle School Poster Contest Winners:**
- First Place ($100 gift card): Sara Grant, Bak Middle School of the Arts
- Second Place ($50 gift card): Zoleecia Newell, Renaissance Charter
- Third Place ($25 gift card): Dafne Cruz, Palm Springs Middle School

**High School Essay Winners:**
- First Place (tablet): Dylan Balkaran, Royal Palm Beach High School
- Second Place ($50 gift card): Alyssa Van Wert, William T. Dwyer High School
- Third Place ($25 gift card): Michael Flynn, Cardinal Newman High School

Contest winners will receive prizes at a reception on April 18 at the Realtors® Association of the Palm Beaches & Greater Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach. For more information, please visit [www.pbcgov.com/equalopportunity](http://www.pbcgov.com/equalopportunity).

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