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PS News presents reports on recent College activities and a selection of announcements, events and initiatives in the wider education community that will be of interest to our members.

Student winners

Essay contest

Katija Bonin, Caryn Ceolin and Maria Anillo gained top ranking in the 2005 PREP WRITE™ Essay Contest, winning \$250 each with an equal donation awarded to their participating schools.

Elementary and secondary students across the GTA drew on personal experiences, current events, history and literature to reflect on the statement, "Your attitude almost always determines your altitude in life."

One winner and two honourable mentions were selected in each grade category.

GRADE 5/6 - Katija Bonin, a home-schooled student in Mississauga, exemplified the faith of holocaust survivors. Honourable mentions were awarded to Samantha Alessi of St. John Bosco Catholic School in Oshawa and Sona Rai of Darcel Avenue Senior Public School in Mississauga.

GRADE 7/8 - Caryn Ceolin of Our Lady of Peace Catholic School in Maple reflected on the positive attitudes of Canadian settlers, gun-control activist Louise Russo and children's rights advocate Craig Kielburger. Honourable mentions went to William McMillan of Hillfield-Strathallan College in Hamilton and Michele Speyer of United Synagogue Day School (Bayview Campus) in Toronto.

GRADE 9/10 - Maria Anillo of Bishop Allen Academy in Toronto used Terry Fox's survival, Steve Nash's selfless nature and Ebenezer Scrooge's coldness to highlight her feelings. Honourable mentions went to Lisa Indris of Bishop Allen Academy and Heliya Ziai of La Citadelle International Academy of Arts & Science in Toronto.

This year marks the first of what is to be an annual event. For information or to view winning essays, visit <http://www.prepskills.com/>.

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