STUDENT CONTEST SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT

RICHMOND
A month-long contest invites students to submit ideas for new historical markers highlighting African American contributions to the Commonwealth.

"Black history is American history," said Gov. Ralph Northam (D-Va.). "But for too long, we have told an inaccurate and simplified version of that history that did not include everyone. This competition is one new way to help tell a more true and inclusive story of our shared past. It means teaching history that accurately reflects the full spectrum of stories and experiences."

Nominate your idea at Richmond.gov/BlackHistory to submit your ideas as part of the Richmond Black History Month Initiative.

Norfolk Kicks Off 2020 Census Awareness With P-zazz

NORFOLK
Waterside was the site of a grand event announcing the City of Norfolk's participation in making sure the 2020 Census count reflects the true number and demographics of the city.

Speaking to a diverse crowd assembled for an array of entertainment and speeches, Mayor Kenneth Alexander stressed the importance of every single person being counted. He noted Norfolk could lose $20,000 for every person living in the city who is not counted. The count starts April 1st.

The Census is taken every 10 years and its data help to fund federal programs such as public housing, public safety, school meal programs and Medicaid.

Area Students Win In Norfolk Sister City’s 2020 Young Artist Showcase

NORFOLK
On Thursday January 3rd Norfolk Sister City Association, as a part of Sister Cities International, held the Young Artist Showcase Reception at the Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Center of Hampton Roads. During the reception the student winners from our area whose artwork will be advancing in the competition were announced. One hundred and thirty-seven submissions were received from all five Norfolk Public Schools high schools:

1st Place - Brenda H. Andrews, Dr. Jeneane Adams-Gaston, and Kim Brown
2nd Place - Alexanders Davenport, Garcbey High School, 3rd Place - Alaves Lovick, Booker T. Washington High School. The following students won awards in 2D artwork: 1st Place - Natalie Eden, Lake Taylor High School, 2nd Place - Amanda Newell, Booker T. Washington High School, 3rd Place - Brittany Clark, Norview Middle School; Honorable Mention - Donna Mack, Norview High School.

The first-place winners will have their work sent to Sister Cities International in Washington.
Tickets on Sale Prize
Get your ticket by February 14, 2020 for a chance to win a Hampton Roads Norfolk Tides sports and family package, courtesy of Max Media.

Ticket Outlet: Southern Bank, Value City Furniture

Get Tickets dreamhome.org
800-592-1585

Area Students Win In Norfolk Sister City’s 2020 Young Artist Showcase

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On Thursday January 31st Norfolk Sister City Association, as a part of Sister Cities International, held the Young Artist Showcase Reception at the Salvation Army Roy and Jean Kroc Center of Hampton Roads. During the reception the student winners from our area whose artwork will be advancing in the competition were announced. One hundred and eighty-seven submissions were received from all five Norfolk Public Schools high schools and seven middle schools.

For the competition, students ages 13-18 could enter either a 2D artwork piece or a photography submission. Three categories were judged separately, and winners were chosen from both. This year’s theme is One World, Out of Many, We are One.

The 2020 winners for Photography were:
1st Place – Caroline Ervin, Gosby High School.
2nd Place – Alexandra Davosport, Granby High School.
3rd Place – Alana Lovich, Booker T. Washington High School.

The following students won awards in 2D artwork:
1st Place – Natasha Dulan, Lake Taylor High School.
2nd Place – Amanda Newell, Booker T. Washington High School.
3rd Place – Brittany Chalk, Norview Middle School.
Honorable Mention – Deon Mack, Norview High School.

The first-place winners will have their work sent to Sister Cities International in Washington, DC for the next round of judging. The grand prize winner receives $1,000 cash prize.

The contest was judged by Dr. Christy Frederick, Norfolk State University. Hampton Roads Ventures provided a grant that covered the cost of the exhibit and funding for prizes. For more information about Norfolk Sister City Association, visit www.norfolksistercities.org

Nansemond-Suffolk NAACP Freedom Fund To Commemorate 53 Years

SUFFOLK
On February 16th, the 53rd Nansemond-Suffolk NAACP Annual Freedom Fund will take place at the Temple Bethel at 3 p.m. The event will recognize outstanding citizens from Suffolk, and surrounding communities. The featured speaker is D. Ponsee Rivers with Pootbe Marketing Group who will speak about entrepreneurship in the 21st century. Honorees include:

- Brooke Mills (Emerging Leader), Mr. Larry Brinkley (Small Minority-Owned Business), Dr. Cynthia Burwell (Norfolk State University, Minority Health Innovations), Ms. Valerie Boykins (Public Service Pioneer), Mrs. Janet Chalde (Small Minority-Owned Business), Grendeline T. Booze, and Mr. Julius E. McCollough (Musical Arts Legacy) Dr. Casey Davis (Medical Innovations), Ms. Lowell Dow (Health Disparities Pioneer), Mr. and Mrs. Ricardo Frost (Technology Innovation), Ms. Ida McKenney (Civic Leader Pioneer), the Honorable Lu Ward (Small Minority-Owned Business), Nansemond-Hake of Wight Sandby School Union (Historical Legacy)

Tickets are available at (757) 744-2705, or contact@gmail.com, or (757) 744-6962. Donation is $50/person.