

Chicago Public Schools, American Bottling Company and Roosevelt University

2009 Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Competition

Open to all students, grades 9-12. Essays are due at your school by September 30, 2009

Win a Computer - Digital Camera - Scholarship!

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Prizes:

For Students:

- **Grand Prizes:** Four (4) laptop computers and printers awarded to each of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students responsible for the top essay in their grade level.
- **Second Place Prizes:** Four (4) digital cameras and photo printers awarded to each of the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students responsible for the second place essay in their grade level.
- **Scholarships:** A \$5,000 Roosevelt University scholarship will be awarded to each of the Grand Prize winning students. Recipients will hold rights to their scholarships until they graduate high school. Students using the scholarship must meet Roosevelt University admission criteria.

For Teachers/Staff:

- Four (4) \$500 cash prizes awarded for professional development for teachers/staff at the four schools with the highest rate of participation.
- Eight (8) \$100 gift cards awarded to monitoring teachers of the grand prize and second place winners

The winners, their families and school representatives will be invited to an awards banquet.

Rules:

- Grades 9-10: essay length 500-600 words. Grades 11-12: essay length 600-700 words.
- A completed Entry Form must accompany **each** submitted essay.
- Submissions must be anonymous; **essays with the student's name or the school's name written on them will be disqualified.** All identifying information must be on the Entry Form and **stapled** to the essay, not written on the essay itself. (See Entry Form below.)
- Essays typed on a computer must be in a 12-point font size and font must be easy to read (no bold fonts).
- Handwritten essays must be legible, on plain white or lined paper, either printed or in cursive.
- The title of the essay must be written at the top of the first page.
- Essays will be judged on originality and creativity, cultural knowledge and research, organizational structure and clarity, as well as spelling and grammar. Essays will not be returned to the schools and it is suggested that students and schools each keep a copy.
- **Give your essay to the competition coordinator at your school no later than September 30, 2009.** The school will select the best essay from each grade level to be entered in the competition for judging.
- The decisions of the judges are final. Essays will not be returned to the schools.
- Questions? Ask your school competition coordinator or contact Babette Klein at bsklein@cps.k12.il.us or 773-553-2859.

The topic for all essays is: **What event or person in Hispanic history has most influenced or inspired you or modern society and why?**

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Entry Form (Cut and attach to your essay. Please print clearly!)

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What event or person in Hispanic history has most influenced or inspired you or modern society and why?

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Print Student's Name _____ Tel. # _____

Print School's Name _____ Grade _____

Print Teacher's Name _____

I understand that the prizes will be distributed as stated on the Information for Students sheet:

Student's Signature _____