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Black History Month Essay Awards Winners



First Place Winners from left to right: Howard Daley, Spring Lake Elementary; Hunter Colburn, Citrus Elementary; Sarika Hardeen, Maxey Elementary; Caleb Heard, Overall Winner, Ocoee Elementary; Tina Lu, Clarcona Elementary; Maximilian May, Thornebrooke Elementary and Aaron Davison, Ocoee High School.

Ocoee, Florida – The City of Ocoee’s Human Relations Diversity Board recently hosted its 6th Annual Black History Month Essay Awards Ceremony at City Hall.

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Nearly 100 family members were in attendance to hear students recite their award-winning essays. The theme for the essay competition was "The March Goes On".

Congratulations to Caleb Heard, a fifth grader from Ocoee Elementary School, who was the Overall Winner. Caleb beat out 160 other students representing Citrus, Clarcona, Maxey, Ocoee, Spring Lake, Thornebrooke and Whispering Oak Elementary Schools. For his efforts, he received an \$80 Barnes & Noble gift card. First place winners received a \$40 Barnes & Noble gift card. Second place winners received a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card. Third place winners received a \$20 Barnes & Noble gift card. The honorable mentions were also in attendance and received certificates of achievement as did the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

The event was taped live on Ocoee TV, Channel 200, Bright House Cable. The essay ceremony is airing on Ocoee TV on these days and times:

11:30am	Mondays & Fridays
10:00pm	Mondays & Fridays
11:30am	Wednesdays & Fridays
12:00pm	Saturdays & Sundays

For information on the City of Ocoee's Human Relations Diversity Board, visit http://www.ocoee.org/Departments/Clerk/Board_HRDB.htm or call 407-905-3100.