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Freedom Essay Scholarship

Ald. Coggs Announces Winners In 2nd Year of Contest

This summer, Ald. Milele A. Coggs offered college-bound students a chance to help pay for their education in exchange for their statement on what the concept “freedom” means to them. This year’s 2nd Annual Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest winners were announced today by the Alderwoman’s office.

Ms. Anelia Patterson and Mr. Anthony Kazee submitted the required information and wrote essays of 1,000 words or less addressing what freedom means. Patterson is a student at Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and Kazee attends Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama.

Ald. Coggs said, “The celebration and recognition of the struggle for freedom is one that can not be forgotten and these two young people were able to convey that fact and had great suggestions on how other young people could contribute to society to help combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today.”

The contest, which has become an annual event, opened early this summer and candidates were solicited from recent high school graduates who are residents of the 6th District. Each student will receive a \$500 award for their essay.

"It is my sincere hope that at some point all those who seek higher education and are willing to work hard for the opportunity have it; this scholarship is one small way that I have found to contribute to such opportunities," Ald. Coggs said.