
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



FOR INFORMATION CALL

September 7, 2016

Ald. Milele A. Coggs
(414) 286-2994

Scholarship winner reflects on the importance of education, personal growth for freedom

A graduate of Rufus King High School has earned a scholarship as the winner of the 8th annual **Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest**, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs announced today.

Selected from entries sent to the Alderwoman's office, the winner is **Ayanna Ellzey**, a first year college student majoring in chemistry pre-med at Xavier University of Louisiana. She is also a former member of the City of Milwaukee Youth Council.

Alderwoman Coggs said the winning essay incorporated a reflection on the need for lifelong education and self-evaluation. "Ayanna is the product of a family and community focused on how education and self-improvement opens doors and strengthens one's hold on freedom," Ald. Coggs said.

In her essay, Ms. Ellzey wrote: "Education and constant self-evaluation and revolution are the only ways to prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world. Self-evaluation is the key for anything to truly become progressive."

Ms. Ellzey will receive a \$500 scholarship award.